



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting February 8, 2017
Approved by the Board on March 8, 2017

I. WELCOMING REMARKS (Owen Smith)

A. Call to order & Flag Salute (Owen Smith – President)

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles. President Owen Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04 p. m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

B. Roll Call (Joe Hoffman – Secretary)

Secretary Joseph Hoffman called the roll. Sixteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call: Colette Amin (Alternate for Tucker Carney), Jeffry Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Philip Farha, Michael Genewick, Phivan Ha (Alternate for Karen Gilman), Sue Horwitz (Alternate for Steven Senigram), Joseph Hoffman (Secretary), Max Kirkham (Alternate for Nancy Kim), Bobbie Kumetz, Frances McFall, Caroline Moser, Owen Smith (President), Julie Stromberg, Greg Wittmann and James Wolf (Vice-President). Barbara Savage arrived later. Five Board Members were absent and not represented by an Alternate: Scott Appel, Charles D’Atri, John Gresham and John Winther. The GWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 3/5 of the 21 currently filled Board Seats, or 13 Members (see <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlta=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes. All 21 of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Three Alternate Seats were vacant [Hancock Park; Education; and Religion]; to apply see www.GWNC.org.] Also attended: approximately 22 Stakeholders and guests.

II. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Representatives from government offices and community-based organizations).

A. CD4 Update (Daniel Park/Nikki Ezhari)

Daniel Park, Neighborhood Advocate for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (213-485-3337; Daniel.Park@LACity.org; <http://CD4.LACity.org>), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

B. CD5 Update (John Darnell)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VIII. D.*] John Darnell, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (310-289-0353; John.Darnell@LACity.org; www.lacity.org/council/cd5), reported that the Melrose Business Improvement District meets second Fridays. The Rosewood and La Brea stoplight is being designed.

C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

Hebel Rodriguez, LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 213.473.0476; mobile/text phone 213.793.0715; 35738@LAPD.LACity.org; www.LAPDWilshire.com), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

D. Metro

Ned Racine, Metro Senior Construction Relations Officer (cell 213.479.7884, RacineN@metro.net; 24-hour information 213.922.6934; Bus Rapid Transit 24-hour hotline 213.922.2500+1; PurpleLineExt@metro.net; www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt; www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt; www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt), and Billy Parent, Metro Design Builder, reported on jet grouting from Wilshire Blvd. from Norton to Manhattan Pl. and described decking work. The DOT approves all traffic measures.

E. Other local government representatives

There were no other reports at this time.

III. CITY BUDGET and NC BUDGET ADVOCATES (Discussion and possible Board action) (Jack Humphreville).

A. DWP Report

Mr. Humphreville reported that “drought conditions” were extended by the State Water Board, despite recent rains.

B. Budget Advocate Report

Mr. Humphreville reported that the City has an \$85 million shortfall and that union labor contracts expiring in 2018 are beginning to be negotiated.

Board Member Tucker Carney arrived at this time, replacing his alternate Colette Amin, keeping 16 Board Members (or their Alternate(s) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

Also, LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] met; City Clerk Holly Wolcott spoke.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

Ms. Amin encouraged appointing a Film Liaison and adding a FilmLA link to the website.

Board Member Barbara Savage arrived at this time (7:22), making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

Sara Hernandez, 34th Congressional District Candidate, describe issues and her background. There will be a special election April 4th. Mark Herd, City Council District Five candidate [VoteHerd2017.com], introduced himself and described his background.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Board Action)

A. Review and adoption of January 11, 2017 Minutes (Joe Hoffman).

MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its January 11, 2017 General Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with all 17 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- B. Report, from the ad hoc committee on the NPG awards, including, but not limited to, the evaluation of candidate(s) for the grant(s). Committee Members are Frances McFall, Colette Amin, Nancy Kim, Julie Stromberg, Patti Carroll, Philip Farha, Barbara Savage, Tucker Carney, and Karen Gilman.

Ms. Stromberg reported that the Committee met. She requested that the Board confirm that funding was available to be granted and in what amount.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Alternate Board Member Vacancies. Eligible for nominations of qualified candidates, to be submitted to the Board for approval: Hancock Park; Education; and Religion.

Mr. Smith noted the vacancies.

- B. Board Member and Alternate Training Requirements. All board members and alternates must complete ethics and funding training in order to vote on funding motions before the board. The training courses and instructions can be found at <http://empowerla.org/boardmembers/>. The following Board Members and Alternates are shown, by DONE, as NOT having completed the trainings noted below and are NOT eligible to vote on financial matters: Cox – Ethics; Mintz – Ethics & Funding; Morgens – Ethics; Rosales – Ethics & Funding; and Szentgyorgyi – Ethics & Funding.

Mr. Smith noted the above.

- C. Code of Conduct Policy – All Board Members and Alternates are required to read and sign the Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct Policy (online version at <http://empowerla.org/code-ofconduct/>) within 30 days of their election or appointment.

Members who have not yet completed the Code of Conduct include:

Mr. Hoffman confirmed that “everyone is up to date.”

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT (Discussion and Board Action, as noted) (Patti Carroll)

- A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for January 2017 (Discussion and Board action).

1/3 Public Storage - Storage rental \$117

1/6 Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF \$280

1/6 Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF \$400

1/6 Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF \$400

1/9 Staples - Office Supplies \$53.27

1/9 Larchmont Chronicle - Jan Ad \$340

1/9 Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF \$400

1/9 Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF \$400

1/13 San Wilshire - board meeting handouts \$13.08

1/17 Wilshire United - LUC September \$150

1/17 Ebell - Board Meeting Rent, Jan Meeting \$350

1/25 San Wilshire - LUC Handouts \$18.64

1/26 Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF \$360.

1/26 Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF \$400

1/26 Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF \$400

1/26 Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF \$400

1/26 Lloyd Staffing - Minutes Writer - DL \$122.27

Ms. Carroll distributed copies of and reviewed the GWNC “January 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report”; year-to-date “Budget vs Actual”; and “12/31/16 – 01/31/17” UnionBank “Statement of Accounts.”

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2017.

DISCUSSION: Some “Admin” is from as far back as October. The Board allocated around \$400 per week for an administrator.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, Farha, Genewick, Ha, Hoffman, Horwitz, Kirkham, Kumetz, McFall, Moser, Savage, Smith, Stromberg, Wittmann and Wolf); zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Approval of individual expenses listed in the January 2017 MER (Discussion and Board Action). See above.

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Hoffman): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the individual expenditures it made in January 2017.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, Farha, Genewick, Ha, Hoffman, Horwitz, Kirkham, Kumetz, McFall, Moser, Savage, Smith, Stromberg, Wittmann and Wolf); zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. Review January 2017 Board Expenses that will show up on the February 2017 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion only no Board Action necessary).

Public storage \$117

Lloyd Staffing - Minutes writer DL \$102.96

Lloyd Staffing – TBD

Larchmont Chronicle - Feb ad \$340

Ebell - Feb Board meeting \$350

Artisanal Brewers - Homeless Count \$5

UMC - LUC - October \$150

UMC - LUC - Nov - \$150

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

D. Pre-Approval of Upcoming Board Expenses (Discussion and Board Action.)

No non-recurring expenses at this time.

E. Review and update of General Treasury information and DONE update.

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above. The Fiscal Year is from July 1st to June 30th. The City may allocate an additional \$5,000 to the GWNC.

VIII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Board Action as noted) (Joe Hoffman).

A. Update on the February 4, 2017 meeting (Joe Hoffman).

Mr. Hoffman reported on the Committee meeting.

B. 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count (Joe Hoffman). Report on the Homeless Count. Special thanks to Paige Reilly of Artisanal Brewers Collective for the use of their space and setup assistance, La Brea Bakery for the use of their parking, Nikki Ezhari and CD4 for arranging tables and chairs, and the volunteers for participating.

Mr. Hoffman reported that the Count “went very well . . . we had over 50 volunteers.” The results will be available around May or June.

C. Co-sponsorship of Measure S Forum with Mid-City West CC (Discussion and Board Action) (Joe Hoffman). The Mid-City West Community Council will be presenting a forum on Measure S on February 21, 2017 at 7pm at the National Council of Jewish Women, 543 N. Fairfax Ave. The co-sponsorship would include sharing the cost of an ad in the Beverly Press, placement in the Larchmont Buzz and possibly a boosted Facebook ad. Amount not to exceed \$300.

Mr. Hoffman reported that the Forum date was moved to February 28th. Funding would be for marketing, such as in the Larchmont Buzz and Facebook ads and, though \$300 was allocated, only \$5 was spent.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will follow its Outreach Committee recommendation and allocate an amount not to exceed \$300 for marketing and outreach costs for the forum on Measure S on February 28, 2017 at 7pm at the National Council of Jewish Women, 543 N. Fairfax Ave.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, Farha, Ha, Hoffman, Horwitz, Kirkham, Kumetz, McFall, Moser, Smith, Stromberg, Wittmann and Wolf); zero opposed; two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Genewick and Savage).

D. Next Outreach Committee meeting: March 4, 2017 at 9am at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd.

Mr. Hoffman noted the above.

IX. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg).

A. Report on the Monday, February 6, 2017 meeting (Julie Stromberg)

Ms. Stromberg reported on the Committee meeting. She noted street repairs the Committee submitted that the City will make. After her Sustainability Committee report, she reported on a “road diet” unanimously requested by the Mid-City West Community Council but not supported by the Miracle Mile Residents Association.

B. The Next Transportation Committee Meeting: Monday March 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.; Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., 90004.

Ms. Stromberg reported that the Committee next will meet in April, not March.

X. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg, Barbara Savage).

A. Report on possible upcoming topics for next Sustainability meeting

Ms. Stromberg indicated that there were no topics at this time.

B. Next Sustainability meeting: Tuesday March 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.; Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., 90004.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

XI. NEW BUSINESS (matters not previously identified for future consideration and action).

Ms. McFall was concerned about speeding police pursuits of suspects. Mr. Hoffman described the Mayor's "Purposeful Aging" Liaison request, for which Ms. Horwitz volunteered. The Film Liaison position was volunteered for by Ms. Amin, Mr. Kirkham and Ms. Kumetz.

XII. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Jim Wolf) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted).

Mr. Farha noted that the Committee Meeting "started outside on the steps" because the door was locked.

A. Brookside HPOZ Committee (Philip Farha) (Discussion and Board Action) After a lengthy discussion the LUC voted to recommend that the GWNC support the HPOZ process as presented by the Brookside Committee for the HPOZ. The vote was 9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained. Proposed motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the Brookside HPOZ Committee's moving forward with the HPOZ process.

Mr. Farha noted the above. Mr. Smith noted that the Committee "is almost 40 years old." He expressed opposition to a new Committee. Ms. Stromberg gave supporting arguments.

Board Member Frances McFall left at this time (8:38), making 16 Board Members (or their Alternate(s) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

Mr. Smith believed that petitions did not represent the Committee and that the 30 residents at the Land Use Committee meeting did not represent the 800 Brookside residents. Danny Gibson, of the HPOZ Board, spoke. There was extensive discussion.

MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Ms. Stromberg): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will support the Brookside Committee for the HPOZ moving forward with the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) process.

MOTION FAILED by a hand vote with six in favor; six opposed; four abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes).

Board Member Owen Smith left at this time (9:01), making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

There was discussion of having the Land Use Committee and/or the Board reconsider related votes and address possible conflict of interest issues.

Board Member Greg Wittmann left at this time (9:08), making 14 Board Members (or their Alternate(s) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

There was further discussion on issue meanings, who represents Brookside, and Motions.

MOTION to RECONSIDER (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will reconsider supporting the Brookside Committee for the HPOZ moving forward with the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) process.

MOTION to RECONSIDER PASSED by a hand vote with 13 in favor; one opposed; zero abstained.

MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Ms. Stromberg): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council does not oppose Brookside residents moving forward with the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) process.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 13 in favor; one opposed; zero abstained.

B. Update on R1 Variation Zones (Karen Gilman)

No update was given at this time.

C. Possible agenda items for upcoming meetings:

- i. 647 N. Beachwood Drive/5570 W. Melrose Ave -- (Discussion and Possible Action) New Construction for use and maintenance of a 52 -unit mixed use building with 5,500 sq. ft. of commercial, utilizing two on-menu incentives for FAR and averaging, and one off-menu incentive for height. a request to permit the construction of the building utilizing a 35% Density Bonus and AB 744 Parking Option and setting aside 15% of units for Very Low Income Households, qualifying for three incentives. DIR-2016-4316-DB
- ii. 3607 W. Olympic Blvd. - (Lazlo Faerstain) Application for a Tentative Tract Map to build a 6- unit Small Lot Subdivision project.
- iii. 612 S. Norton and 4055 W. Wilshire Blvd. - Updates on plans for townhouses and condominiums
- iv. 7000-7024 W. Melrose Ave - Density bonus with on-menu incentives for a 40-unit, 2-story residential development.
- v. 743 S. Gramercy Drive - (Discussion and Possible Action) (Sara Lee, Julia Lee, David Park) Applicant requests a 35% density bonus with 2 on-menu incentives to construct 15,390 sf, 75' 6" in height, 21-unit, 6 story residential apartments over one level used for automated parking, lobby, and community space and two levels of subterranean parking. Of the 21 units, 18 will be market rate and 3 units (20%) set aside for low income. Two Bonmenu incentives requested are: (1) side yard reduction to 8' in lieu of required 10' (2) FAR increase from allowed 3:1 to 4:05:1. Priority housing project. DIR-2016-3615-DB
- vi. 850 S. LaBrea Ave -- Mixed use Project with Retail and 40 apartment units (Farzad Halavi) DIR-2016-4580-DB, ENV-2016-4544-EAF
- vii. 3977 W. 6th Street – A CUB to permit the on-site sale of beer and wine in conjunction a 1,310 sq. ft. restaurant accommodating 66 seats and having the hours of operation from 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight daily. (Alex Woo) ZA-2016-4579-CUB, ENV-2016-4580-CE
- viii. 4907 W. Rosewood Ave – Demolish 2 single family residents to construct a 25 unit apartment building. (Don Tolentino). DIR-2016-4774-DB, ENV-2016-4775-EAF
- ix. 5820 W. Melrose Ave – Conditional Use Permit the sale and dispensing of a full-line of alcohol beverages in a 3,946 sq. ft. restaurant. (Steve Kim) ZA2016-4900-CUB, ENV-2016-4901-CE.
- x. 141 N. Western Ave – Conditional Use permit to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site and off-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 1,400 sq.

- ft. restaurant with 16 indoor seats and proposed 26 outdoor seats. (Dante Charleston) ZA2016- 4757-CUB, ENV-20164758-CE.
- xi. 800 S. LaBrea Ave – Tenant improvement to existing vacant tire store auto repair to construct a multiple small vendor market hall and microbrewery. (Margaret Taylor) ZA-2017-30-CUB, ENV-2017-31-EAF
- xii. 838 N. Mansfield Ave – Converting existing apartments to condominiums. (Ben Safyari), ZA-2017-52-ZA-ZAA.
- xiii. 633 S. LaBrea Ave – Project is in Mid-Cities West Community Council but they have requested GWNC input and requested LUC February meeting.
- xiv. 500 S. Manhattan Place – A Density Bonus for 3 on-menu affordable housing incentives for the construction of a 32 unit apartment building. (Eric Lieberman). DIR-2017-181-DB, ENV-2017-182-EAF.
- xv. 600 S. LaBrea Ave – 1st floor change of use to Restaurant with on-site sale of full line of alcohol and a microbrewery. (Margaret Taylor). ZA-2017-113-ZV-CUB.
- xvi. 700 S. Manhattan Place – New 7-story mixed use housing development with 160-units (13 affordable and 47 market rate) and 10,282 S. F. of commercial retail. (Andy Willroot). VTT-74758.
- xvii. 4737 Elmwood Ave. – 5-unit Small Lot Subdivision 1800 sq. ft. each. Vesting tentative tract map 12-28 five (5) small lots/encroachment of 15' into an existing 30' building line. ZA-2016-4260-ZAA, ENV-2016-4259-EAF, ZA-2016-4260-BL, VTT-74646-SL.
- xviii. Protected Tree Code Amendment – CPC-2016-4520-CA, ENV-2016-4521-EAF
The above was noted.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

XIV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests or Motions at this time.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next meeting - Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Hoffman declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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