I. WELCOMING REMARKS:
   A. Call to order (Owen Smith – President)
      A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council ("GWNC") Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles. President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

   B. Flag Salute (Frances McFall)
      The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frances McFall.

   C. Roll Call (Joe Hoffman – Secretary)
      The Secretary called the roll. Twelve of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call, which is not a quorum: Jeffry Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Philip Farha, John Gresham, Joseph Hoffman (Secretary), Max Kirkham, Frances McFall, Caroline Moser, Owen Smith (President), Julie Stromberg, Colin Turner (Alternate for Bobbie Kumetz) and John Winther. Five Board Members arrived later: Charles D’Atri, Michael Genewick, Karen Gilman, Tucker Carney and Greg Wittmann. Scott Appel, Barbara Savage, Steven Senigram and James Wolf (Vice-President) were absent and not represented by an Alternate. 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/bj3apxs3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dltf=SU4 6--), so at this time the Board could only take public comments, could not have any official discussions, and could not make any Motions or take any votes. All 21 of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Three Alternate Seats were vacant (Area 3; Business; Education; and Religion) (see below Item #V. B.). To apply see www.GWNC.org. Also attended: 13 Stakeholders and guests.

II. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Representatives from government offices and community-based organizations).
   A. CD4 Update (Catherine Landers)

      [This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #II. B.] Board Member Tucker Carney arrived at this time (7:16), making 16 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

      Catherine Landers, Senior Deputy for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (323-957-6415; Catherine.Landers@LACity.org; http://CD4.LACity.org), reported that utility
box decorating location ideas are sought. CD4’s Discretionary Fund Task Force needs volunteers. “Continental crosswalks” will be installed at seven local intersections; they provide more space between stopped vehicles and crosswalks.

B. CD5 Update (Robert Oliver)
Robert Oliver, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (323-866-1828; Robert.Oliver@LACity.org; www.lacity.org/council/cd5), reported that many Stakeholders were concerned regarding cut-through traffic, especially due to Internet instructions. CD5 is working on it.

*Board Member Charles D’Atri arrived at this time (7:06), making 13 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13). Now the Board could take binding votes on Agendized Items.*

Mr. Oliver encouraged contacting him if trash pickup is a problem. The senior center at 6310 San Vicente will move to a three-story location at 330 Fairfax at Beverly.

*Board Members Karen Gilman (7:09) and Mike Genewick (7:13) arrived at this time, making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).*

Mr. Oliver reported that Councilman Koretz was willing to make a City Council Motion if trash pickup doesn’t soon improve.

C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers / CPAB (Frank Rosato)
[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #IV.] Dave Cordova, LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 213.473.0476; mobile/text phone 213-793-0650; 31646@LAPD.LACity.org; www.LAPDWilshire.com), reported that “last year” there was a “10% increase . . . in crime . . . in Wilshire Division.” Ten more Officers were hired to patrol the Division. The biggest problem is property crimes. Burglar alarms are helpful before and during crimes; security cameras are helpful “after the fact.” Hebél Rodriguez, LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 213.473.0476; mobile/text phone 213.793.0715; 35738@LAPD.LACity.org; www.LAPDWilshire.com), reported that most burglars enter at the rear; he urged to “get a secondary camera” to install there.

*Board Member Greg Wittmann arrived at this time (7:16), making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).*

Officer Rodriguez will research whether part of Bronson Avenue is in the Wilshire Division and whether the Division will offer a workshop on criminal activity recognition.

D. Metro (Ned Racine)
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), could not attend and there was no report at this time.
E. Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment (John Darnell)
John Darnell, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; John.Darnell@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

F. Other local government representatives
Ms. Stromberg reported on behalf of Fernando Morales, Sr. Field Rep. for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Sheila Kuehl (213-379-2807; FMorales@bos.LACounty.gov), regarding recent legislation, programs and services for homelessness, affordable housing, public health, domestic violence prevention and transportation.

III. CITY BUDGET and NC BUDGET ADVOCATES (Discussion and possible Board action) (Jack Humphreville)
A. DWP Report
Mr. Humphreville was not present and there was no report.

Copies were distributed of “Early White Paper Recommendations” from the Budget Advocates [www.ncbala.com].

MOTION (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Hoffman): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council endorses the thrust of the early recommendations made in the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates’ White Paper, namely that—
§ The City not enter into new labor contracts that increase the gap between the City’s revenues and costs;
§ That the City improve the transparency surrounding major budget issues, including pension plans and vital infrastructure, by whatever means might be appropriate and effective, including open town hall meetings and the establishment of an independent Office of Transparency and Accountability as articulated by the LA 2020 Commission;
§ That the City meaningfully involve the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates in the budget process, including the review of budgeting for City departments, the development of new revenue resources, and recommendations for cost savings and economies;
§ That the City develop a ten-year overall financial plan that addresses the closing of the City’s structural budget deficits while remediating the long-term deficiencies in the City’s good repair of its streets and other infrastructure;
§ That the City fully analyze the City’s underfunded pension plans and develop and implement a plan to eliminate unfunded pension liabilities in a timely manner;
§ That the benchmark the efficiency of targeted services delivery, such as by outsourcing an appropriate percentage of street and sidewalk repair work so as to compare with the costs of delivery by City forces;
§ That the City develop a plan to implement the City Administrative Officer’s recommendation to build a reserve fund at least equal to 10% of total revenues;
§ That the City develop and fund a comprehensive emergency and disaster preparedness plan for the City, its neighborhoods and its districts;
§ That the City create and fill the position of a City Manager or Chief Operating Officer to better oversee, coordinate and manage City operations;
§ That the City develop coherent strategies and plans to address critical public infrastructure needs, such as financing the expansion of the Convention Center, the revitalization of the Los Angeles River, achieving stormwater system compliance with system compliance with the Clean Water Act, and the modernization of the City’s Management Information Systems.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; zero opposed; two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes).

C. LANCC Report
Mr. Humphreville was not present and there was no report regarding the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition [LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org].

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #V.] Copies were distributed of a flier for the Coalition to Preserve LA [2PreserveLA@gmail.com]’s January 21st 10:30-2:30 land use and transportation workshops. The Coalition’s Jorge Castenada spoke.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Board Action)
A. Review and adoption of and December 13, 2017 Minutes

MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its December 13, 2017 General Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

B. Alternate Board Member Vacancies. Eligible for nominations of qualified candidates, to be submitted to the Board for approval: Area 3; Business; Education; and Religion
Mr. Smith noted the above.

C. 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: Mintz – Ethics & Funding; Morgens – Ethics; Rosales – Ethics & Funding; and John Gresham - Ethics
Mr. Smith noted the above.
D. 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-of-conduct/) within 30 days of their election or appointment. Mr. Smith noted the above.

VI. **TREASURER’S REPORT** (Discussion and Board Action, as noted) (Patti Carroll)

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

- 12/2/17 Public Storage – Nov $129.00
- 12/13/17 San Wilshire - Copies Board Meeting $37.33
- 12/19/17 San Wilshire - Copies LUC Meeting $34.42
- 12/21/17 Lloyd Staffing Admin 9/18–9/24 9/25–10/1 $640.00
- 12/21/17 Lloyd Staffing Admin 9/4–9/10 9/11–9/17 $640.00
- 12/21/17 Lloyd Staffing Minutes $141.57
- 12/21/17 Lloyd Staffing Minutes $283.14
- 12/21/17 Larchmont Chronicle Nov & Dec $640.00

Copies were distributed of and Ms. Carroll reviewed the GWNC December 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report; statements and receipts.

*Board Member John Gresham left at this time (7:52), making 16 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).*

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

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Carroll noted that the Larchmont Chronicle amount was $680, not $640.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Hoffman, Kirkham, McFall, Moser, Smith, Stromberg, Turner, Winther and Wittmann); zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

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

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Hoffman, Kirkham, McFall, Moser, Smith, Stromberg, Turner, Winther and Wittmann); zero opposed; zero abstained.
C. Review November 2017 Board Expenses that will show up on the January 2018 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion only, no Board Action necessary)
12/20 Ebell - Nov Board Rental Venue $350
12/20 Ebell - Dec Board Rental Venue $350
1/4/18 Hope Lutheran Church - LUC Nov $135
1/4/18 Hope Lutheran Church - LUC Dec $135
Lloyd Staffing TBD
Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

D. Pre-Approval of Upcoming Board Expenses (Discussion and Board Action).
2018 Homeless Count Deployment site (rental & snacks) $300
Larchmont Chronicle increase $358/ month
Larchmont Buzz: Business card ad (4 mos @ $150/mo.) up to $600
Ms. Carroll noted the above.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council pre-approves the upcoming expenses indicated by its Treasurer.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Hoffman, Kirkham, McFall, Moser, Smith, Stromberg, Turner, Winther and Wittmann); zero opposed; zero abstained.

E. Review and update of General Treasury information and DONE update
Ms. Carroll reported that the City wants volunteers to discuss Neighborhood Councils funding equity. Mr. Carpenter volunteered. Mr. Hoffman will email information.

VII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action as noted) (Joe Hoffman)
A. Review of January 6, 2018 Outreach Meeting.
Mr. Hoffman reported that the Committee discussed sponsoring an emergency preparedness event.

B. 2018 LAHSA Homeless Count (Discussion and Possible Action) (Joe Hoffman). January 25, 2018 at 8pm., (NOTE: New Location) Hope Lutheran Church, Community Meeting Room, 6720 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90038. Volunteers may sign-up online at: http://www.theycountwillyou.org/greaterwilshire18. We are still looking for help with donations of food and beverages for volunteers that evening. Copies were distributed of an event flier. Mr. Hoffman reported on the above. Mr. Farha and Mr. Kirkham volunteered. People 18 and over can do the counting; people 16 or 17 can help behind the scenes. Donations are sought of food and drinks for volunteers; Mr. Hoffman indicated that expenses are tax deductible.

C. Next Outreach Committee meeting: February 3, 2018, at 9am at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd.
Mr. Hoffman noted the above.
VIII. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Julie Stromberg)

A. Report from December 18, 2017 Committee Meeting.
   i. Designation of Melrose and La Brea Aves. as Historic Pink's Square. Proposed Motion:
      That the GWNC Board support the designation of Melrose and La Brea Aves. as Historic Pink's Square. Proposed Motion: That the GWNC Board support the implementation of pink crosswalks at the intersection of Melrose and La Brea Aves. in conjunction with the designation of this intersection as Historic Pink's Square.

MOTION #1 (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the designation of Melrose and La Brea Aves. as Historic Pink's Square.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

MOTION #2 (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the implementation of pink crosswalks at the intersection of Melrose and La Brea Aves. in conjunction with the designation of this intersection as Historic Pink's Square.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Stromberg said “these crosswalks are in really bad shape” and the street markings are “faded.”

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Ms. Moser): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adds the following wording to the Motion: “only in conjunction with continental crosswalk zebra striping.”

AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

ii. Support Request for a Crosswalk at Beverly Blvd. and N. Orange Dr. Proposed Motion: That the GWNC [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will submit a letter to LADOT and Council District 5 supporting the pending request for a crosswalk at Beverly Blvd. and N. Orange Dr. (LADOT Request No. 71276).

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting. Next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting T.B.D. due to the February 2018 meeting date conflicting with a holiday. Ms. Stromberg noted the above.
IX. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Julie Stromberg)

A. Report from December 12, 2017 GWNC Sustainability Committee Meeting and Update on GWNC Sustainability Committee Projects. GWNC Sustainability Committee voted to meet every two months instead of quarterly. Upcoming GWNC Sustainability Committee projects include first Green Fair/Festival in March 2018, Tree Planting with KYCC Spring 2018, Second Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour in Summer 2018, and more!

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

B. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting with Featured Presentation by Climate Resolve. Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2017, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004. Meeting will feature a presentation by Climate Resolve on local climate change impacts, and energy and water-related solutions for homeowners and businesses in Los Angeles.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

X. AD HOC COMMITTEES (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSES GRANT COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg). The GWNC will be awarding up to two grants, with a maximum award of $1,000 each, for the 2017-2018 GWNC NPG Awards. Applications are due on Friday, March 23, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. (PST). Applicant requirements detailed at http://www.greaterwilshire.org. The finalists will be voted on at the GWNC April 2018 Board meeting. Visit: http://www.greaterwilshire.org for applicant requirements, application, and to learn more, or email NPG@greaterwilshire.org.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

B. BYLAWS COMMITTEE (Caroline Labiner-Moser). Scheduling of first meeting and confirmation of committee members.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #XI.] Ms. Moser announced that the Bylaws Committee will meet January 15th.

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

A. GWNC Crime Town Hall. (Discussion and Possible Action) (Julie Stromberg). In response to the recent uptick in crime in the Greater Wilshire area, GWNC Board Member Julie Stromberg, Neighborhood Watch Crime & Safety & Emergency Preparedness Chairs Frank & Tammy Rosato, and Miracle Mile Residential Association Safety Committee Co-Chair Kari Garcia will present on how residents can organize their neighborhoods to help deter crime and protect themselves. A representative from LAPD will also be invited to attend. Subject to venue availability, the GWNC Crime Town Hall will be held in February 2018 at the Ebell of Los Angeles or will take place at the March 2018 GWNC Board Meeting. Proposed Motion: That the GWNC [see the below Motion].

Ms. Stromberg announced that the Town Hall will discuss security measures and more.
MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will sponsor a Crime Town Hall in February or March 2018 at The Ebell of Los Angeles.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

XII. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Caroline Labiner-Moser)  
[The following sub-section first paragraphs are copied from the Agenda.]
A. 855 S. Citrus Ave: Hostel being operated illegally. Owner of property at 849 S. Citrus Ave Stephen Alexander presented evidence to the committee and was given several options for pursuing enforcement actions.
Ms. Moser noted the above. No Motion was made or vote taken.

B. 5122 W. Maplewood Ave: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Steven Scheibe). Demolition of 1 single family residence and 1 duplex for new construction of a 5 story, 24 residential unit building, setting aside 2 Extremely Low-Income units and 31 on-site parking spaces. DIR-2017-4551-TOC, ENV-2017-4552-EAF. The Land Use Committee voted 10-0-0 to oppose the project as presented. Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Hoffman): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the project at 5122 W. Maplewood Ave until applicant returns with additional information requested by the LUC Committee.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. Brookside and Sycamore Square Neighborhood Conservation Zone Change Ordinances: (Report, Discussion and Possible Action) (Conrad Starr). Zone change to R1 Variation Zone, CPC-2017-4556-ZC, ENV-2017-4557-EAF. Hearing was concurrent with the LUC meeting. Possible Motion if warranted.
Ms. Moser noted the above. Copies were distributed of a letter to the City Planning Dept. from Conrad Starr, President, Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association (SSNA). Mr. Starr reported that the SSNA “unanimously voted to support” the change.

MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Ms. Moser): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [JH/CM CONFIRM MOTION WORDING: ___] supports the R1 Variation Zone changes in the Brookside and Sycamore Square Neighborhood Conservation Zone Change Ordinances.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

D. LACMA DEIR Review: The team from LACMA lead by René Schillaci presented the proposed museum project. Report on the presentation. (Caroline Labiner Moser). No motion made, and no vote taken.
Ms. Moser noted the above.
E. Possible agenda items for upcoming meetings:
  i. 250 N. Wilton Place. Applicant Representative presented the project to Create 5 - Small Lots for single family residential purposes. Each residence will have its own attached garage. VTT-77081-SL, ENV-2017-3703-EAF. No Motion was made and vote was taken. Hearing date will probably be scheduled for February 2018.
  ii. 5212 W. Melrose Ave: Repurposing of 10,045 sq. ft. building for a new boutique hotel use, consisting of up to 18 guest rooms, with a small hotel lobby. Requested entitlements: 1. Conditional use permit to allow a hotel within 500 feet of any A or RE zone; 2. Zone variance to allow the maintenance of the existing driveway width of 8’ 9” feet to serve the hotel use in lieu of the required 10 feet; 3. A zoning administrator adjustment to allow parking stackers within the required rear yard setback. ZA-2017-3165-CU-ZV-ZAA, ENV-2017-3166-EAF.
  iii. 952 S. Citrus Ave: Zone Change to a R1 Variation Zone. CPC-20174556-ZC, ENV-2017-4557-EAF,
  iv. 6703 Melrose Ave: Conditional Use to permit on-site sale and dispensing of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the operation of a proposed restaurant facility. ZA-2017-4602-PAB, ENV-2017-4603-CE.
  v. 946 S. Norton Ave: Conditional Use Permit for a Parking Lot in the R1-1 zone to be used as parking for an adjacent commercial business.ZA-2017-3955-CU, ENV-2017-3956-CE.
  vi. 947 S. Norton Ave: Conditional Use Permit for a Parking Lot in the R1-1 zone to be used as parking for an adjacent commercial business.
  vii. 5040 Wilshire Blvd: Conditional use Permit for sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption. Present use is with alcohol and no change is requested. Hours of operation will remain the same. ZA-2017-4809-CUB, ENV-2017-4510-CE.

Ms. Moser noted the above.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

There were no Board Member comments, announcements or reports at this time.

XIV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No other requests were made.

Next meeting – February 14, 2018.

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. D’Atri).

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Levin, Minutes Writer
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