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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, August 9, 2017
7 p.m.

The Ebell of Los Angeles
743 S. Lucerne Boulevard
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The Neighborhood Council system enables civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, made up of volunteer stakeholders who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities and bringing government closer to us.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS:

- A. Call to order (Owen Smith – President)
- B. Flag Salute (Frances McFall)
- C. Roll Call (Joe Hoffman – Secretary)

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

- A. CD4 Update (Catherine Landers)
- B. CD5 Update (Robert Oliver)
- C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers / CPAB (Frank Rosato)
- D. Metro (Ned Racine)
- E. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (John Darnell)
- F. Other local government representatives

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

- A. DWP Report
- B. Budget Advocate Report:
- C. LANCC Report

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s jurisdiction (up to 2 minutes per speaker; speakers are requested to fill out speaker cards)

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Board Action)

- A. Review and adoption of July 12, 2017 minutes (Joe Hoffman)
- B. Date change for October 11, 2017 meeting
Due to a conflict with the Jewish holiday, the Greater Wilshire NC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at the usual time and location. Please update your calendars.

VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- A. Introduction, Approval, Installation of New Board Alternate – (Discussion and Board Action).
Tess Paige – Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews
Neighborhood Council Oath of Office:
“I pledge to represent the Greater Wilshire NC with dignity, integrity and pride. I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own. I will respect, value and consider everyone’s opinion. I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it. To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.”
- B. Alternate Board Member Vacancies. Eligible for nominations of qualified candidates, to be submitted to the Board for approval:
 - Education
 - Religion
 - Area 3 Alternate
- 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
 - Savage - Ethics
- 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. Members who have not yet completed the Code of Conduct include:

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

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

7/4	Public Storage -	\$129
7/12	San Wilshire - Board Handouts -	\$40.05
7/25	San Wilshire - LUC Handouts -	\$17.66
- B. Approval of individual expenses listed in the July 2017 MER (Discussion and Board Action)
See above
- C. Review July 2017 Board Expenses that will show up on the August 2017 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion only, no Board Action necessary)

Larchmont Chronicle, July	\$340
Lloyds Staffing, SF - 6/11	\$400
Lloyds Staffing, SF - 6/18	\$400
Lloyds Staffing, SF - 6/25	\$400
Lloyds Staffing, SF - 7/2	\$400
Lloyds Staffing, DL - 6/27- LUC	\$154.44
Lloyds Staffing, DL - 6/14 & 6/13 - Board and Sustainability	\$225.23
Lloyds Staffing, DL - 5/23 - LUC and Sustainability	\$173.75
Ebell Rent, July – Board meeting	\$350
UMC Rent LUC, July meeting	\$150

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

Larchmont Chronicle Aug -	\$340
Public Storage – Aug	\$129
Ebell Aug	\$350
Lloyds Staffing -	TBD
Sans Wilshire, photocopies -	TBD
UMC Rent LUC , Aug	\$150
Larchmont Family Fair	\$350

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

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

A. Update on the August 5, 2017 meeting.

B. Citizen Recognition Awards

The Greater Wilshire NC seeks nominees for its Citizen Recognition Program. Details at:
<http://greaterwilshire.org/citizen-recognition-program/>

C. Allocation of Advertising Funds to boost Facebook coverage

Proposed motion: The the Greater Wilshire NC allocate up to \$20 month from existing Outreach Advertising budget for boosting select posts on Facebook to exponentially increase our reach.

D. Next Outreach Committee meeting:

September 2, 2017 at 9am at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd.

IX. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg)

A. Safe Sidewalks LA - EIR Notice of Preparation & Initial Study Release;

B. Safe Sidewalks LA - Update on Program and Increase in Rebate Cap;

C. Next GWNC Transportation Committee will be on Monday, August 21, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at Marlborough School, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

X. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Board Action) (Julie Stromberg, Barbara Savage)

A. Update on GWNC "Green Fest" 2017;

B. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004.

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

XII. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Jim Wolf)

A. 3377 W. Olympic Blvd. (Discussion and Possible Action) (Kate Hennigan)

Eldercare facility with Alzheimer’s memory care, professional medical office, restaurant, retail.

Eldercare Facility Unified Permit for an eldercare facility with 146 residential units, including 24

memory care rooms, medical professional office and /or retail, and restaurant use. REQUEST: Site Plan Review for an eldercare facility with more than 50 new residential units. REQUEST: Removal of outdated Building on Gramercy Drive. Applicant was asked to bring outreach information to the LUC APCC-2017-569, ENV-2017-570. The Land Use Committee voted 9-0-0 to oppose the project for various reasons: Height limits; no notice to 2 adjacent neighbors; building lines; and retail.

Proposed motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the project at 3377 W. Olympic Blvd. as presented by the applicant.

- B. 5226 W. Melrose Avenue** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Ariel Gutierrez) Zone Variance to allow a 370-sq. ft. spray booth within an existing auto body repair facility in the C2 zone. Present use Auto Body Shop with a Spray Booth. Proposed use, (No Change) Auto Body Shop with a Spray Booth. ZA-2017-2354-ZV, ENV-2017-2355-EAF. The applicant did not appear and the committee voted unanimously to oppose the application.

Proposed motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the application for a zone variance at 5226 W. Melrose Ave. until presented by the applicant.

4749 W. Elmwood Ave. (Discussion and Possible Action) (Matthew Hayden)

Demolition of an existing single-family dwelling and construction, use, and maintenance of new 14-unit apartment building, including 1 unit (10%) for very low-income households, approximately 45-feet. Pursuant to: LAMC 12.22 a 25, approval of affordable housing incentives for DB as follows: parking option # 1; off-menu incentive-12-foot front yard; off-menu incentive-1 compact stall in lieu of a standard stall. CPC-2017-2121-DB, ENV-2017-2122-EAF. The Land Use Committee voted 9, 0, 0 to oppose the project as the developer did not appear.

Proposed motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the project 4749 W. Elmwood Ave. until presented by the applicant.

- C. 5058 W. Maplewood Ave** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Hamid Dehghan)

Demolition of an existing single-family dwelling and construction of a new 13-unit residential apartment building with (1) very low income affordable unit. DIR-2017-2437-DB, ENV-2017-2438-EAF. The Land Use Committee voted 9-0-0 to oppose the project as presented.

Proposed motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the project at 5058 W. Maplewood Ave. as presented.

- D. 324-326 S. St. Andrews Place** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Joseph Pascoguin)

Change of use of 2 existing storage rooms into 2 studio units, to total 23 dwelling units Also changing 3 existing guest rooms into new studio units. Units will total 26 dwelling units. (Present number of units is 21). ZA-2017-534-ZV. The Land Use Committee voted unanimously to oppose the zone variance to change the required density and the change of use of two storage rooms to studio units as the applicant had already made the changes to the building and was seeking permission after the fact.

Proposed motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the zone variance and change of use application for **324-326 S. St. Andrews Place**.

- E.** Next Land Use Committee meeting: August 22, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

- F.** Possible agenda items for upcoming meetings:

i. **Updates to General Plan, Community Plans, and NC Participation**

City Hall is conducting closed door meetings regarding the updates of the General Plan and Community Plans. When they are open meetings, they are at City Hall during the day which makes it very difficult for public participation. The coalition is asking for open meetings and that they be held on weeknights or weekends so the public can participate in these meetings that are going to impact the future of the City. The Chair appointed a committee to study the issues.

- ii. **3869-3879 Wilshire Blvd/626-664 S. St. Andrews Place:** 16 – Story, 196 – Unit Building with 5 levels of parking

- iii. **985-991 3rd Ave.:** Applicant is requesting Vesting Tentative Tract for 6 single-family lots in

accordance with the Ordinance on a 7,982.3 sq. ft. parcel of land in the C2.1 zone.

- iv. A proposed amendment to LAMC concerning location restrictions and limited immunity from enforcement of specific City prohibitions relating to commercial Cannabis Activity. CPC-2017-2260-CA, ENV-2017-2261-EAF.
- v. **703 N. McCadden Place:** Modification of the approved Preliminary Parcel Map to allow a 20% reduction in the rear and side yards. AA-2016-1963-PMLA-M1.
- vi. **407 S Sycamore Ave:** La Brea Hancock New Q Condition CPC-2017-2533-ZC. ENV-2017-2534-ND
- vii. **848 N. June St:** Application for new Multi-Family Zones – South Hollywood, CPC-2017-2604-ZC
- viii. **429 N. Western Ave.:** Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for a restaurant/karaoke studio with hours of operation from 11:00 am to 2:00pm. ZA-2017-2730-CUB, ENV-2731-CE

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

- A. **Congress of Neighborhoods** (Colette Amin)
- B. **Film Liaison report** (Colette Amin)
- C. **Homeless Liaison** (Joe Hoffman)

XIV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting - Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Items in italics above are unconfirmed and may be tabled until a later meeting.

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