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*GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL*

Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 13, 2017
7 p.m.

The Ebell of Los Angeles
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Los Angeles, CA 90005

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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 and 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 and July 12, 2017 and August 9, 2017 minutes (Joe Hoffman)
- B. Possible date or venue change for October Board Meeting (Joe Hoffman)

VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- A. Alternate Board Member Vacancies. Eligible for nominations of qualified candidates, to be submitted to the Board for approval:

- Education
- Religion

- 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:

- Mintz – Ethics & Funding
- Morgens – Ethics
- Rosales – Ethics & Funding
- Paige – Ethics & Funding

- 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-of-conduct/>) within 30 days of their election or appointment.

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

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

8/9	San Wilshire	\$34.06
8/22	Ebell August	\$350.00
8/22	San Wilshire LUC	\$30.90
8/29	Lloyd Staffing (admin \$320 / Minutes LUC \$128.70)	\$448.70
8/29	Lloyd Staffing Minutes 8/13 Board	\$148.01
8/29	Lloyd Staffing Admin 7/9	\$320.00
8/29	Lloyd Staffing Admin 7/23	\$320.00
8/29	Lloyd Staffing Admin 7/16	\$320.00
8/31	Larchmont Chronicle August	\$340.00

- B. Approval of individual expenses listed in the August 2017 MER (Discussion and Board Action)

See above

- C. Review August 2017 Board Expenses that will show up on the September 2017 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion only, no Board Action necessary)
- D. Pre-Approval of Upcoming Board Expenses (Discussion and Board Action)
- E. Review and update of General Treasury information and DONE update

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

- A. The September 2, 2017 Outreach Meeting was cancelled due to the Holiday.
- B. Citizen Recognition Awards

Honoring Holly Holyk of Windsor Village.

C. Next Outreach Committee meeting:

October 7, 2017 at 9am at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd.

IX. **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg)**

A. Report on the August 21, 2017 Transportation Meeting

B. Discussion Possible Motion on Submitting Comment on City of Los Angeles' Bureau of Engineering's Sidewalk Program Initial Study. (Julie Stromberg)

Discussion on Sidewalk Program Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report and Initial Study. GWNC Transportation Committee recommends that the GWNC Board submit comments on the Initial Study stating the following: "No healthy trees should be removed for the Sidewalk Repair Program Environmental Impact Report is complete and all appropriate mitigation measures have been identified."

Proposed Motion: The GWNC Board will submit comments on the Bureau of Engineering's Sidewalk Repair Program Initial Study stating the following: "No healthy trees should be removed for the Sidewalk Repair Program until the Environmental Impact Report is complete and all appropriate mitigation measures have been identified."

C. Next GWNC Transportation Committee will be on Monday, October 20, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at Marlborough School, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

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

A. Report on the September 12, 2017 meeting.

B. Discussion, Planning, Update, and Possible Motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Green Fair/Festival. (Julie Stromberg and Barbara Savage)

Discussion on hosting a **Fair/Festival** at Los Angeles High Memorial Library Park in conjunction with LA High Memorial Library and co-sponsored by Koreatown Youth and Community Center.

C. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Supporting Community Forest Advisory Committee's Comment Letter on Sidewalk Program Initial Study. (Julie Stromberg)

Discussion on Sidewalk Program Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report and Initial Study and supporting Community Forest Advisory Committee's Comment Letter on the Initial Study.

D. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Supporting Assembly Bill-1000. (Julie Stromberg)

Discussion on AB-1000 introduced by Assembly Member Laura Friedman and how the GWNC can support AB-1000.

E. Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 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)**

A. Breakfast Program on Homelessness (Discussion and Possible Action) (Julie Stromberg)

GWNC to Support The Ebell of Los Angeles' October 26, 2017 Breakfast Program on Homelessness in an amount not to exceed \$250. (Julie Stromberg). The Ebell of Los Angeles will be hosting a breakfast program on homelessness on October 26, 2017, which will feature a panel of speakers who will discuss the state of homelessness on the local, county, and state-wide levels, and actions stakeholders can take to address the issue.

Proposed Motion: The Greater Wilshire NC allocate up to \$250 to support the Ebell's Breakfast Program on Homelessness.

B. 2018 LAHSA Homeless Count Opt-in Agreement for Neighborhood Councils (Discussion and Possible Action) (Joe Hoffman)

As in years past, the Opt-in Agreement covers the GWNC's responsibility to provide a deployment site on the evening of the count, a deployment site coordinator, volunteer recruitment, and snacks/beverages for the volunteers. Opt-in agreements provided by DONE allow for either a 1-year or 3-year commitment. An allocation of up to \$400 is requested which is the same as for 2017.

Proposed Motion: The Greater Wilshire NC agrees to the terms of the 2018 Los Angeles Homeless Count Opt-in Agreement and allocates up to \$400 for deployment site rental and operations.

XII. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Jim Wolf)

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

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. APCC-2017-569, ENV-2017-570. The Land Use Committee previously voted 9-0-0 to oppose the project for various reasons: Height limits; no notice to 2 adjacent neighbors; building lines; and retail.

Ms. Hennigan requested and the Committee agreed to continue this item for the developer to get more neighbor input and make changes. No Motion was made or vote taken. No Hearing date is scheduled.

B. 985-991 3rd Ave formerly 3607 Olympic Blvd. (Discussion and Possible Action)

Applicant is requesting a Vesting Tentative Tract for 6 single-family lots in accordance with the SLS Ordinance on a 7,982 sq. ft. parcel of land in the C2.1 zone. VTT-73951-SL. ENV-2015-4443-EAF. Applicant failed to appear and the Committee voted unanimously to oppose the project.

Proposed motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the application for a zone variance at 985-991 3rd Ave. until presented by the applicant.

C. 5058 W. Maplewood Ave (Discussion and Possible Action)

Demolition of an existing single-family dwelling and construction of a new 13-unit residential apartment building with one (1) very low income affordable unit. DIR-2017-2437-DB. ENV-2017-2438-EAF. The committee voted unanimously to support the application.

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

D. 4749 W. Elmwood Ave. (Discussion and Possible Action)

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

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

E. Updates to General Plan, Community Plans, and NC Participation (Discussion and Possible Action).

Follow up discussion and proposed resolution to the GWNC Board regarding the transparency of and community involvement in the various working groups of the General and Community Plan updates. There was extensive discussion of the General and Community Plans updates process. Motion (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Perfitt): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee recommends that the GWNC Board approve the following draft Resolution as a basis for the updates to the General and Community Plans: Meeting information and transparency.

Proposed Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council requests the following as a basis for the updates to the General and Community Plans:

Regarding meeting information and transparency:

1. Publish a clear mission statement for each Working Group.
2. Provide detailed minutes, transcripts, or audio/video recordings of all Working Group meetings to the public in a timely manner.
3. In addition to meeting minutes, provide copies of documents, maps, etc. so that the public can judge the effects of zoning changes in their neighborhoods.
4. Allow for periodic or milestone public meetings of the Working Groups during evening or weekend hours to allow community input.

Regarding changes to the General and Community Plans:

1. Consider the cumulative effects of up-zoning on the local infrastructure (water, sewer, power, traffic, etc.) and provide detailed analysis.
2. Incentive bonuses and spot zoning should be limited by structuring the underlying zoning to match the current and projected growth patterns.

F. Possible agenda items for upcoming meetings:

- i. **3869-3879 Wilshire Blvd/626-664 S. St. Andrews Place:** 16 – Story, 196 – Unit Building with 5 levels of parking. CPC-2016-1495-ZC, VTT-74257-CN
- 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. **Proposed Permanent Supportive Housing Ordinance:** Draft ordinance would establish a set of standardized criteria and definitions for PSH and remove regulatory barriers that impair the construction of new supportive housing.
- iv. A proposed amendment to LAMC concerning. 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. Homelessness Liaison** (Joe Hoffman)

XIV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting - TBD

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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- Via e-mail (send a subscription request to admin@greaterwilshire.org)
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