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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 14, 2018
7 p.m.

The Ebell of Los Angeles (Art Salon)
743 S. Lucerne Boulevard
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)

- 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 the January 10, 2018 minutes

VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

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

- Area 3
- Business
- Education
- Religion

B. Introduction, Approval, Installation of New Board Alternate – (Discussion and Board Action).

Tammy Rosato – Area 6 – La Brea-Hancock

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.”

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
- Bobbie Kumetz – 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.

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

A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for January 2018 (Discussion and Board action)

1/2/18 - Public Storage – Dec 2017	\$129
1/5/18 - Hope Lutheran Church - November Land Use Meeting	\$135
1/5/18 - Hope Lutheran Church - December Land Use Meeting	\$135
1/10/18 - Lloyd Staffing - Minutes DL LUC 12/18-12/2	\$109.40
1/10/18 - Lloyd Staffing - Minutes DL	
Sustainability Cmte. & Board 12/12-12/14, 12/13-12/17	\$225.23
1/10/18 - Lloyd Staffing Minutes DL LUC 11/28-11/30	\$136.99
1/10/18 - San Wilshire - copies Board Meeting	\$83.22
1/10/18 - Ebell - January Board Meeting	\$350
1/20/18 - Hope Lutheran Church – January 2018 Land Use Meeting	\$135

1/23/18 - San Wilshire - copies Land Use Cmte	\$38.70
1/25/18 - Village Mail Call - Annual Mail box fee	\$400
1/09/18 - Facebook - Oct 6-Oct 9, 2017 panel discussion	\$10
1/20/18 - Hope Lutheran Church - Homeless Count	\$200
1/22/18 - Banners.com - Outreach - Yoga in the Park banners	\$53.70
1/25/18 - Smart and Final - Food for Homeless count volunteers	\$78.58
1/25/18 - Next Day Flyers - Business Cards	\$54.54
1/31/18 - Facebook Ad for Homeless Count -	\$20.00

- B.** Approval of individual expenses listed in the January 2018 MER (Discussion and Board Action)
See above
- C.** Review January 2018 Board Expenses that will show up on the February 2018 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion only, no Board Action necessary)
Larchmont Chronicle - January 2018 \$358
- D.** Pre-Approval of Upcoming Board Expenses (Discussion and Board Action)
Upcoming expenses shown under individual committee reports.
- E.** Review and update of General Treasury information and DONE update

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

- A.** The February 3, 2018 Outreach Meeting Report.
- B. Nomination and election of Tess Paige as new Outreach Committee Chair**
- C. Earthquake Preparedness Event (Conrad Starr)**
The Outreach Committee is planning an Earthquake Preparedness event proposed for April 7, 2018 to be held at John Burroughs Middle School. The event will include: presentation in the auditorium by a panel of speakers from various agencies and earthquake preparedness/emergency response experts with an opportunity for community questions; followed by break-out sessions that may include basic first-aid, preparing your own emergency kits, organizing in your community, etc.; and governmental and other agencies, as well as vendors, to provide information and relevant products.
Proposed Motion: That the Greater Wilshire NC allocate up to \$1,000 for marketing, venue, and support costs for an April 7, 2018 Earthquake Preparedness Event at the John Burroughs Middle School with outreach to surrounding communities.
- D.** Next Outreach Committee meeting:
March 3, 2018, at 9am at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd.

IX. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action, as noted) (Julie Stromberg)

- A. Updates from December 18, 2017 Committee Meeting Action Items.** (Julie Stromberg)
Updates on GWNC positions statement regarding designation of historic Pink's Square and crosswalk at Beverly Blvd. and N. Orange Drive.
- B. Supporting GWNC Area 8 (Melrose) Requests for Stop Signs at (1) W. Willoughby Ave. & Citrus Ave., and (2) W. Willoughby Ave. & Sycamore Ave. (Discussion and Possible Motion)** (Philip Farha)
Area 8 (Melrose) is requesting the support of the GWNC in having stop signs added on (1) W. Willoughby Ave. & Citrus Ave. (LADOT Request No. 91432), and (2) W. Willoughby Ave. and Sycamore Ave. (LADOT Request No. 95401). There are two pending requests for these stop signs. The Area 8 community is requesting the stop signs for safety purposes given at least three accidents involving pedestrians in the last 4 months.
- C. Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting.** The GWNC February Transportation Committee meeting was cancelled due to the date of the meeting conflicting with a holiday. The next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be on Monday, April 16, 2018, 7:00 p.m., at Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004.

X. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action, as noted) (Julie Stromberg)

A. GWNC Sustainability Committee projects:

First Green Fair/Festival in March 2018, Tree Planting with KYCC Spring 2018, Second Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour in Summer 2018, and more!

Proposed Motion: GWNC to host its first Green Fair on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

B. GWNC Drafting a Resolution Urging LA City Council to Act on Climate Change. (Discussion and Possible Motion) (Julie Stromberg and Dan Kegel)

Many cities across the country are proactively addressing the issue of climate change. GWNC Sustainability Committee recommends that the GWNC Board draft a resolution urging city council to act on climate change by adopting key parts of the new state energy code early.

C. GWNC Drafting a Community Impact Statement on Council File No. 18-0002-S7. (Discussion and Possible Motion) (Dan Kegel)

On January 26, 2018, Councilmembers Blumenfeld and Huizar passed a Resolution that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2017-18 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION to California Public Utilities Commission Resolution G-3536, and any other similar legislative or administrative provisions that would impose an unplanned moratorium on new gas service connections to customers in the City of Los Angeles. GWNC Sustainability Committee recommends that the GWNC Board draft a community impact statement supporting Council File No. 18-002-S7.

D. Drafting a Community Impact Statement on Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfeld's Motion 18-0054. (Discussion and Possible Motion) (Julie Stromberg and Dan Kegel)

Motion requests that the City of Los Angeles explore the establishment of a Climate Energy Mobilization Department, direct the Planning Department to report back on opportunities for radical greenhouse gas emissions reductions and carbon drawdown and removal opportunities through the City's General Plan and Community Plan updates, etc. Motion referred to the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee. GWNC Sustainability Committee recommends that the GWNC Board draft a community impact statement supporting Motion 18-0054.

E. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting with Featured Presentation by Climate Resolve.

Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2017, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

XI. AD HOC COMMITTEES GWNC (Discussion and Possible Action, as noted)

A. Update on GWNC Neighborhood Purposes Grants. (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

B. BYLAWS COMMITTEE: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Caroline Labiner Moser)

Two meetings by the committee have resulted in the following recommendation regarding changes to our voting procedure to allow for greater stakeholder representation in special interest categories. This change would not affect current voting requirements for any of the Geographic Area, Renters, or Business Representatives' seats.

Proposed Motion: That the Greater Wilshire NC allow for an additional vote by stakeholders, without additional documentation, for only the following special interest seats: At-large,

Education, Non-profit, and Religion, for a total of up to three possible votes. No other voting requirements would change. Final wording is pending approval of our legal counsel and the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment.

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

XII. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Caroline Labiner Moser)

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 Line on Gramercy Drive. Review the status and de-brief after the hearing on 1-16-2018. APCC-2017-569-BL-ELD-SPR, ENV-2017-570-EAF

B. 250 N. Wilton Place: (Discussion and Possible Action)

Applicant proposes to create new 5-small lots for single family residential purposes. Each residence will have its own attached garage. VTT-77081-SL, ENV-2017-3703-EAF. The Land Use Committee suggested that the applicants do more neighborhood outreach and return to the committee in February since they don't expect a hearing until March. No motion was made, and no vote taken. Please see letter from applicant's representative.

Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the project at 250 N. Wilton Place because the applicant's decision not to returns as agreed upon with outreach efforts requested by the LUC Committee.

C. 545 S Gramercy Place: (Discussion and Possible Action)

Zone variance for office use on the first floor and residential use for an existing 2-story building in an R4-2 zone. Building shall be owner-occupied. GWNC board voted against the original LUC recommendation to support the application due to new information provided at the April 2017 Board meeting. ZA-2016-4911-ZV, ENV-2016-4912-EAF. The Land Use Committee voted 7-0-1 to oppose the variance based on the new information provided by neighbors.

Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the request for a zone variance for a proposed office use on first floor and residential at 545 S. Gramercy Place.

D. 6703 – 6709 W. Melrose Ave and 701 N. Citrus Ave: (Discussion and Possible Action)

Conditional use - to permit sale and dispensing of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with the operation of a proposed restaurant facility. Proposed interior remodel, new roof and +/- 629-sf addition to an existing +/- 3,509-sf restaurant, for a total of +/- 4,138 sf. ZA-2017-4602-PAB, ENV-2017-4603-CE. The Land Use Committee voted 9-0-0 to support the application as presented.

Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the CUP for sale and dispensing of alcoholic beverages on-site in conjunction with the operation of a proposed restaurant facility at 6703 -6709 W. Melrose Ave and 701 N. Citrus Ave as presented.

E. 5040 Wilshire Blvd. (Discussion and Possible Action)

Sushi Eyaki, Inc. 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-2017-4810-CE. The Land Use Committee voted 8-0-0 to support the project as presented.

Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the CUP to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing restaurant with proposed hours of operation from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., daily at 5040 Wilshire Blvd as presented.

F. 643 N. Rossmore Ave.

The is considering application for a CUP permit to convert this duplex property to a boutique hotel. On Monday 1/15/18 the Hancock Park Homeowners Association Board met with Mr. No and his wife and heard their idea for building a hotel (32 rooms) on the property. The HPHA Board voted unanimously against the proposal and use, which would require a CUP. No application has been filed as yet, therefore no motion was made and no vote was taken.

G. 5122 W. Maplewood Ave. (Discussion and Possible Action)

Demolition of 1 Single Family residence and 1 Duplex for new construction of 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. As this was a by-right project, there was no motion made.

H. 946 S. Norton Ave. (Discussion and Possible Action)

Pursuant to LAMC section 12.24-W, 37, a conditional use permit for a public parking lot in the R1-1 zone to be used as parking for an adjacent commercial business. The Board voted 4-8-3 at the November 2017 meeting against supporting the CUP for a public parking lot at 946 S. Norton Ave in the R1-1 zone to be used as parking for an adjacent commercial business. ZA-2017-3955-CU, ENV-2017-3956-CE. LUC advised that applicant should contact HPOZ committee and affected neighborhood residents before returning to the LUC. No motion was made, and no vote taken.

I. 947 S. Norton Ave. (Discussion and Possible Action)

Application is for conditional use permit for a public parking lot in the R1-1 zone to be used as parking for an adjacent commercial business. ZA-2017-4917-CU, ENV-2017-4918-CE. The applicant did not have proper notice of documentation necessary for the Land Use Committee to take a vote. No motion was made, and no vote taken.

J. 4827 W. Oakwood Ave. (Discussion and Possible Action)

Preliminary Parcel Map for a Small Lot Subdivision. Demo a Single-Family Residence to construct a 4-Unit SLS. AA-2017-5342-PMLA-SL, ENV-2017-5343-CE. The Land Use Committee Voted 8-0-0 to oppose the project as presented.

Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the project at 4827 W. Oakwood Ave until applicant returns with additional information requested by the LUC Committee.

K. Possible agenda items for upcoming meetings:

- i. **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.
- ii. **706 N. Citrus Ave:** Umeda Restaurant (Christine Rivera)
- iii. **5730 W. Melrose Ave:** Osteria Mamma (Lee Rabun)

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

A. 2018 LAHSA Homeless Count: Report (Joe Hoffman)

B. Possible interest in writing a book about the neighborhoods in GWNC (Scott Appel)

XIV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Next meeting – Wednesday, March 14, 2018
- B. Adjournment

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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- The community bulletin board at the Bricks & Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd., 90004
- Via e-mail (send a subscription request to admin@greaterwilshire.org)
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