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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 9, 2018
7:00 p.m.

The Ebell of Los Angeles – Theater
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 (Rob Fisher)
- B. CD5 Update (Robert Oliver)
- C. State Senator Ben Allen (Allison Towle)
- D. LAPD Senior Lead Officers
- E. Metro (Ned Racine)
- F. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (John Darnell)
- G. 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 April 11, 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 – Country Club Heights
- Business
- Education
- Renters
- 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
- Bobbie Kumetz – Ethics
- Kathleen Mulligan – Ethics
- James C. Wolf – Ethics
- Caroline Labiner-Moser – Ethics

- 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 April 2018 (Discussion and Board action)

4/2/18 - Public Storage	April	\$129.00
4/11/18 - San Wilshire	Board Handouts	\$64.96
4/16/18 - Lloyd Staffing	- Minutes DL LUC 3/26-4/1	\$148.01
4/16/18 - Lloyd Staffing	- Minutes DL 3/14-3/16	\$83.66
4/16/18 - Lloyd Staffing	- Admin SF 1/29-2/12	\$660.00
4/16/18 - Lloyd Staffing	- Minutes DL LUC 2/26-3/4	\$141.57
4/14/18 - Lloyd Staffing	- Minutes DL Sustain, Board 2/12-2/18	\$283.14
4/24/18 - San Wilshire	- LUC Handouts	\$44.47
4/26/18 - Lloyd Staffing	- Admin SF 2/26-3/25	\$960.00
4/26/18 - Lloyd Staffing	- Minutes DL Board, Sustain 4/09-4/15	\$225.24

- B. Approval of individual expenses listed in the April 2018 MER (Discussion and Board Action)
See above

- C. Review April 2018 Board Expenses that will show up on the June 2018 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion only, no Board Action necessary)

Larchmont Chronicle – April 2018	\$358
Ebell – April Board meeting	\$350
Lloyd Staffing TBD	

D. Approval of end-of-year Budget Expenditures (Discussion and Board Action)

Office supplies	
Business cards	
GWNC Info Card (reprint order) #1000 5x7	\$150
Pre-purchase of advertising (Buzz and/or Chronicle)	
Wilton Islands Maintenance	

E. Approval of Additional Funding for Congress of Neighborhoods and Budget Advocates from 2017-18 Budget (Discussion and Board Action)

Suggested Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports additional funding from its 2017-18 funds for:

LA Congress of Neighborhoods 2018 event in the amount of:

\$1000 \$500 \$250 *Other Amount \$ _____

and/or

LA Congress of Neighborhoods – Networking/EmpowerLA Awards event in the amount of:

\$1000 \$500 \$250 *Other Amount \$ _____

and/or

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates in the amount of:

\$1000 \$500 \$250 *Other Amount \$ _____

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

Deadline for check requests: June 1, 2018

Deadline for credit card payments: June 20, 2018

VIII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action as noted) (Tess Paige).

A. The May 5, 2018 Outreach Meeting Report.

B. Update on Earthquake Preparedness Event.

C. Next Outreach Committee meeting: June 2, 2018, at 9am at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd.

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

A. Updates on Committee Meeting Action Items. (Julie Stromberg)

B. Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be on Monday, Monday, July 16, 7:00 p.m., at Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004.

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

A. Report from April 10, 2018 GWNC Sustainability Committee Meeting and Update on GWNC Sustainability Committee Projects. (Julie Stromberg)

B. GWNC Sustainability Committee Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour:

Saturday, June 2, 9 am to 2 pm, LA High Memorial Library Park, 4625 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019. This year’s Garden Tour will feature gardens in Wilshire Park, Brookside, Sycamore Square, and Fremont Place.

C. Upcoming Sustainability Committee. Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2017, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

XI. **AD HOC COMMITTEES GWNC (Discussion and Possible Action)**

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

A. **Sober Living Homes and Detox Centers** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Judy Han- Gregory and Michael Stokes)

Recommendation to support the motion by Councilmember Koretz (CF #17-1426) to review mitigation of impacts of all kinds of group homes via a Community Impact Statement.

Proposed Motion: The Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the motion of Councilmember Koretz dated December 13, 2017, instructing the City Attorney and Chief Legislative Analyst to review the legislative and regulatory opportunities the City may have for mitigating the impacts of all kinds of group homes on surrounding neighborhoods and communities, including a thorough review of such efforts undertaken in other jurisdictions, and to report back to the City Council with analysis, options and recommendations.

XIII. **LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Caroline Labiner-Moser)**

A. **326 S. Larchmont Blvd. The Jane Club:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (John Rissier)

Jane Club, a business, attempting to open at 326 S. Larchmont. Blvd. Issue is commercial use of a property in the R1-1 zone.

B. **4827 W. Oakwood Ave:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Kenneth Ree, King Woods).

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 applicants provided the documentation on their outreach and The LUC voted to support the project.

Proposed Motion: The LUC recommends that the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the Preliminary Parcel Map for a Small Lot Subdivision at 4827 W. Oakwood Ave.

C. **4817 W. Elmwood Ave:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Jack Moses)

Construction of 2 new duplex buildings, each with an enclosed 2 car garage. The front building will be set back 15-feet in lieu of the required 30- foot setback established through building line ordinance # 46358, to allow a driveway for the 4 garages. ZA-2018-1173-ZAA, ENV-2018-1174-CE. The Committee voted to support the project.

Proposed Motion: The LUC recommends that the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the proposed 15-foot front yard setback in lieu of the required 30 foot setback at 4817 W. Elmwood Ave.

D. **4653, 4653 ½, 4655, 4657 Beverly Blvd:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Tari Kuvhengahwa, Eddie Navarrette)

A CUB to allow the Zone Change for the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 2,322 sq. ft. restaurant with 48 indoor seats and with hours of operation from 8:00 am to 1:00 am daily. ZA-2018-1943 CUB, ENV-2018-1944-CE. The Committee voted to oppose the project because the presenters did not appear.

Proposed Motion: The LUC recommends that the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the application at 4653, 4653 ½, 4655, 4657 Beverly Blvd. until presented by the applicant.

E. **Brookside Proposed Zone Change:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Samantha Karim and Jan Wieringa)

Lengthy neighborhood discussion on the pros and cons of the R1-V3-RG vs the R1-R3-RG or the split version proposals. After failing to support the single R1-V3-RG zone on a tie vote, the committee voted to support the two variation zones, as recommended by the Planning Commission, by a narrow margin.

Proposed Motion: The LUC recommends that the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the two separate R1 variation zones for Brookside.

F. **The next Land Use Committee meeting will be May 22, 2018 at Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave, the Collins Room, 200-D, Los Angeles, CA 90004.**

G. 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. **3323 W. Olympic Blvd. & 975-987 S. Manhattan Pl** (Kevin Reed and Dominic Hong)
7-story residential building w/ 95 apartments, 2 levels of subterranean parking w/ 162 parking stalls. Total gross building square footage = 123,445 sq. ft. Building height 95' CPC-2018-656-DB-SPR, ENV-2018-657-EAF. Density Bonus Review. The Manhattan Project I.
- iii. **3323 W. Olympic Blvd & 970-996 S. Manhattan Place:** (Kevin Reed and Dominic Hong)
7-story mixed use building w/ 114 apartments and 3,550 sq. ft. of retail (hours of operation 9am to 9 pm) fronting Olympic Blvd., with 2 levels of subterranean parking w/ 216 parking stalls. Total gross building square footage = 159,186 sq. ft. Building height 95' CPC-2018-617-DB-SPR, ENV-2018-618-EAF. Density Bonus Site Plan Review. The Manhattan Project II.
- iv. **5784 Melrose Ave:** 7-Eleven Store (Adan Madrid) Requesting to contact us at a later date.
- v. **856-870 S. Gramercy Drive:** (Joseph Mayberg, Daniel Ahadian)
Demo 3 single family residences and a small child care to construct a 6-story, 53-unit multi-family project over 1-level of subterranean parking.
- vi. Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council/Proposed Wilshire Center Bangladesh Neighborhood Council: (Information only) Possible impact on GWNC borders.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/LIAISON REPORT

XV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Next meeting – June 12, 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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