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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 12, 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 (Jeff Carpenter – Acting 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. LAPD Senior Lead Officers
- D. Metro (Ned Racine)
- E. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (John Darnell)
- F. Other local government representatives
- G. LAPD (Sgt. Lara) The extended hour law (to 4 am) and Over the Counter CUPS.
- H. Lime E-Scooters, dockless mobility devices including electric bikes and scooters: (Steven Sharp of Public Affairs Firm Kindel Gagan).
The City of Los Angeles is planning to implement a framework for dockless mobility options - including scooters and bikes Kindel Gagan wants to hear your thoughts about how we can be good partners in your neighborhood.

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 August 8, 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
- Area 12 – Western-Wilton
- Business
- 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:

- Hanne Mintz – Ethics & Funding
- Adam Morgens – Ethics
- Kathleen Mulligan – Ethics
- James C. Wolf – Ethics
- Charles D’Atri - Ethics
- Sue Horowitz – Ethics
- Kimberly Nortman – 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)

- D. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for August 2018 (Discussion and Board action)

8/1/18 Facebook Drought Tolerant Garden Tour	\$30
8/2/18 Public Storage	\$146.00
8/8/18 San Wilshire Outreach Hard Facts on Soft Stories	\$76.30
8/8/18 San Wilshire Board Copies	\$59.13
8/27/18 Facebook Ad Hard Facts on Soft stotie	\$50
8/28/18 San Wilshire LUC	\$54.77

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

- F. Review o July and August 2018 Board Expenses that will show up on the September 2018 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion only, no Board Action necessary)

Ebell \$350.00 Board Room Rental x2 July & August
Larchmont Chronicle \$358.00 x2 July & August

G. . Update on re-integrating \$1500 escrow funds into GWNC budget. Possible board action.

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

A. **The September 8, 2018 Outreach Meeting Report.**

B. **Request for nominations for the Citizen Recognition Program.**

C. **Budget for GWNC Promotional items for Larchmont Family Fair and future outreach events. (Pens, Key Chains, Refrigerator Magnets, Doggie Bags)**

Proposed Motion: That the GWNC Board approve up to Up to \$500.00 to cover Outreach Committee supplies to be used as giveaways at events at which GWNC is represented.

D. **Next Outreach Committee meeting:** October 6, 2018, at 9am at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd.

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

A. **Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting.** The next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be on Monday, October 15, 2018, 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. **Upcoming GWNC Sustainability Committee Projects. (Julie Stromberg)** GWNC to host a rain barrel workshop with Rain Barrels, Intl. on Saturday, October 27, 2018, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Memorial L.A. High Library, 4625 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019. Please RSVP at sustainability@greaterwilshire.org. The GWNC Sustainability Committee is looking to recognize a "Green" Business in the Greater Wilshire area. For more information and to nominate a Green Business, please see <http://www.greaterwilshire.org>, or email sustainability@greaterwilshire.org.

B. **Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Supporting the Community Forest Advisory Committee's (CFAC) Request for Citywide Tree Removal Notification System Accessible to the Public.** (Julie Stromberg) supports the Community Forest Advisory Committee's request to the Mayor's Office and the Urban Forestry Division (UFD) for an opt-in notification system for all tree removals in the City of Los Angeles that would be accessible to the public, and will write a letter to the Mayor's Office and the UFD with a copy to the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment to that effect.

C. **Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Supporting the Community Forest Advisory Committee's (CFAC) Request to the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) to Change BSS' Policies and Procedures Regarding Bees and Bee Hives in Street Trees.** (Julie Stromberg)

Proposed MOTION: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the Community Forest Advisory Committee's request to the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) regarding changing BSS' policies and procedures regarding bees and bee hives in street trees, and will write a letter to BSS to that effect.

D. **Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting.** Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

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

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

A. 250 N. Wilton Place: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Greg Wittman)

Proposing to create new 5-small lots for single family residential purposes. Each residence will have attached garages. VTT-77081-SL, ENV-2017-3703-CE. THE LUC did not successfully put forward a detailed motion and given the complexity of the issues involved , will continue to follow the project. Hearings and approvals by the City have been put off to a later date

Proposed Motion: The Land Use Committee recommends that the GWNC Board Oppose this project as currently presented

B. 985-991 3rd Avenue: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Laszlo Faerstain, Michael Ko, Irina

Tudorache) Demolition of an existing SFD for new construction, use and maintenance of a 6-story 51-unit apartments with 11 units set aside for low income. Requested entitlement: Pursuant to LAMC 12.22.a31, applicant request approval for the construction of a tier 2 TOC development. A 6-story Utilizing TOC base incentives: 1. FAR. 2. Density. 3. Parking reduction and two additional incentives: 1. Yard reduction to RAS 3 standards, 2. Tier 2 Transitional Height Option. DIR-2018-2234-TOC. Returned to LUC on 8-28-2018 and it was noted that no outreach was done and that the recommendation to oppose from the August 8, 2018 Board Meeting to oppose stands.

No motion made. No Vote taken.

C. 3323 W. Olympic Blvd. & 975-987 S. Manhattan Pl (Kevin Read 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. Presenter possible changes. No motion made, and no vote taken. Applicant will continue to work with the Council Office and will return with further updates.

D. 3323 W. Olympic Blvd & 970-996 S. Manhattan Pl. (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. No motion made and no vote taken. Applicant will continue to work with the Council Office and will return with further updates.

E. 5784 Melrose Ave: 7-Eleven Store (Adan Madrid) A 7-11 Convenience Store – no alcohol will be sold. The LUC voted 8/0/0 to oppose the project until outreach to Larchmont Village Association and Hancock Park Neighborhood Association.

Proposed Motion: The LUC recommends that the GWNC Board oppose the project as presented, and that the 7-11 Representative meet with the Larchmont Village Association and Hancock Park Neighborhood Association and the Christ the King Church.

F. 644 Irving Blvd and 4155 Wilshire Blvd. (Pastor Jung Oh Kim) Property has been illegally used as a parking lot. There are two curb cuts, one on Bronson Ave and one on Wilshire Blvd. with driveways and illegal fencing. The LUC voted 8/0/0 to support a motion.

Proposed Motion: The GWNC LUC recommends that the GWNC Board instruct the owner of the property that the two curb cuts one on Bronson Ave and one on Wilshire Blvd. with driveways and illegal fencing be restored to their original condition and the property be used in accordance with building and zoning codes.

G. 845 S. St Andrews Place: (Discussion and Possible Action) (SaHar Khazani). Demolition of a school to build a 6 story 25-unit apartment building. TOC. DIR-2018-3524-TOC, ENV-2018-3525-EAF. The LUC voted 8/0/0 to oppose the project as the applicant had asked last month to present this month and had confirmed before the agenda was published. Notified after the agenda was published that they would not attend.

Proposed Motion: The GWNC LUC recommends that the GWNC Board oppose the project due to failure to appear after confirming.

H. 5123 W. Clinton Ave: (Gavin McKiernan) Present use: Duplex. One Lot Subdivision into two

Condominiums. Project is already under construction. Preliminary parcel map pursuant to section 17.50 For condo purpose to create two condo units. AA-2018-2625- PMLA-CN, ENV-2018-2626-CE. The LUC voted 8/0/0 to oppose the project.

Proposed Motion: The GWNC LUC recommends that the GWNC Board oppose the project at 5123 W. Clinton Ave. as presented.

I. Regarding unpermitted taking of mature City parkway trees (Discussion for future action) (Jeffrey Carpenter, Julie Stromberg, Greg Wittmann)

Draft Working Language/In Progress: The GWNC respectfully requests that the City Attorney's Office and the City Administrative Officer, after appropriate analyses, prepare a set of actions for the City to take that would effectively: appropriate analyses, prepare a set of actions for the City to take that would effectively:

- 1) Establish financial and other penalties for the unapproved or unpermitted taking of City parkway trees that are demonstrably sufficient to both deter these actions as well as to support the costs of enforcement, prosecution, and full restitution;
- 2) Establish a staff unit in the City Attorney's Office charged with the swift and effective prosecution of illegal taking or damaging of City tree assets and the recovery of restitution;
- 3) Establish one or more immediate reporting and response mechanisms whereby those that discover the potentially unpermitted destruction of a City tree in progress might be able to intervene and possibly deter the further immediate destruction of City assets;
- 4) Provide for an ensured funding resource for the establishment and operation of the above measures and the adoption of appropriate budget actions.

J. 117 N. Manhattan Place: Committee Member Rory Cunningham presented a drawing of the project as built and a drawing of the project with the modifications that were agreed upon between the applicant, Taik Kim, and the LUC but the applicant built the original plan not the one agreed upon.

K. The next Land Use Committee meeting will be September 25, 2018 at Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave, the Collins Room, 200-D, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

L. Possible agenda items for upcoming meetings:

i. 474 N. Western Avenue: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Kevin Franklin). A CUN to allow sale/dispensing of beer and wine for onsite consumption in conjunction with an existing 1535 sq. ft. Restaurant w/44seats and 218 sq. ft. patio w/14 seats. Hours 11 am to 12 am Mon – Wed and 11 am to 1 am Thursday – Sunday om a C2-1 zone. ZA-2018-3156- CUB, ENV-2018-3157-CE.

ii. 4749 N. Elmwood Ave: (Don Tolentino) Notice of Proposed Demolition per LAMC effective January 10, 2018 that requires that the LADBS notify, by mail, the Council District Office of the site regarding the Proposed Demolition of a building or structure. Demoliion Pre-inspection Application No. 18019-10000-03932.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/LIAISON REPORT

A. Resilience Liaison Report Discussion and Possible Action (Conrad Starr):

Proposed Motion: That the GWNC file a Community Impact Statement in support of Councilmember Bumenfield's motion (attached here for a pilot program in CD3 that could be replicated throughout the City that would require:

1. the LA Fire Department [to] report on their CERT supply cache pilot and the necessary maintenance and replenishment of supplies within 60 days *and*
2. the Fire Department, Emergency Management Department and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, with the assistance of the General Services
3. Department and Recreation and Parks, [to]report within 60 days on the creation of a pilot program to place cache units at City facilities within the boundaries of each Neighborhood Council in Council District 3. This report should provide options for Neighborhood Councils to purchase the caches, and possible metrics on determining the success of a pilot.

XIV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Next meeting – October 10 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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