



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council General Meeting
May 11, 2016
MINUTES
Approved by the committee on June 8, 2016

I. WELCOMING REMARKS & SEATING OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

A. Call to order & Flag Salute (Owen Smith – Acting President)

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles. President Owen Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

B. Board Roll call (Jeff Carpenter – Acting Secretary)

Secretary Joseph Hoffman called the roll. Sixteen of the 20 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Tucker Carney, Jeffry Carpenter, Charles D’Atri, Cam Davis, Philip Farha, Karen Gilman, John Gresham, Joseph Hoffman, Nancy Kim, Frances McFall, Caroline Moser, Steven Senigram, Owen Smith, Julie Stromberg, Greg Wittmann and James Wolf. Patricia Carroll, Michael Genewick and Barbara Savage arrived later. John Winther was absent and not represented by an Alternate. The GWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 3/5 of the 19 currently filled Board Seats, or 11 Members present (see <http://greaterwilshire.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/GreaterWilshireBylawsApproved2014.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. Twenty of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board and some Alternate Seats were vacant (see below Item #s V. A. and B.). Also attending: approximately 28 Stakeholders and guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. Seating of New Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board Members and Alternates

1. Administer Neighborhood Council Oath of Office.

Ivan Spiegel, Independent Election Administrator (IEA), led the new Board in reading the Oath aloud

“I pledge to represent the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council 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.”

He reminded that Board Members must complete the Ethics Training and the Funding Training and sign the Code of Conduct, and update the Board Roster with DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment.

2. Election of Officers:

Mr. Spiegel conducted the Election of Officers

Board Members Mike Genewick and Patricia Carroll arrived at these times (7:05 and 7:08), making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 11).

Mr. Spiegel read aloud, in turn, each Officers' responsibilities.

- a. President: Ms. Carroll nominated Owen Smith. There were no other nominees. The Board APPROVED Owen Smith as President by affirmation.
- b. Vice-President: Mr. Smith nominated James Wolf. There were no other nominees. The Board APPROVED James Wolf as Vice-President by affirmation.
- c. Secretary: Mr. Gresham nominated Joseph Hoffman; Ms. Stromberg nominated Karen Gilman, who declined. There were no other nominees. The Board APPROVED Joseph Hoffman as Secretary by affirmation.
- d. Treasurer: Ms. McFall nominated Patricia Carroll as Treasurer. There were no other nominees. The Board APPROVED Patricia Carroll as Treasurer by affirmation.

3. Sign up for Committees: Land Use, Outreach, Transportation, Sustainability.

- a. Land Use: Mr. Smith nominated James Wolf as Chair. There were no other nominees. The Board APPROVED James Wolf as the Land Use Committee Chair with no opposition.
- b. Outreach: Mr. Smith nominated Barbara Savage (who later declined); Colette Amin nominated Nancy Kim; and Ms. Stromberg nominated Joseph Hoffman. Mr. Smith called for a secret written ballot. [*The result is below.*]
- c. Transportation: Mr. Smith nominated Julie Stromberg as Chair. There were no other nominees. The Board APPROVED Julie Stromberg as the Transportation Committee Chair with no opposition.
- d. Sustainability: Mr. Smith nominated Julie Stromberg as Chair. There were no other nominees. The Board APPROVED Julie Stromberg as the Sustainability Committee Chair with no opposition.

Board Member Barbara Savage arrived at 7:16, making 19 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 11). Barbara Savage withdrew her name from the seat of Outreach Chairperson.

- e. Outreach: Mr. Smith announced that Joseph Hoffman received the most votes as the Outreach Committee Chair.

4. **DONE Orientation for New and Returning Board Members.**

No DONE representative was present and no Orientation was given.

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

A. CD4 Update (Daniel Park)

Daniel Park, Neighborhood Advocate for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (213-485-3337; Daniel.Park@LACity.org; <http://CD4.LACity.org>), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

B. CD5 Update (John Darnell)

John Darnell, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (310-289-0353; John.Darnell@LACity.org; www.lacity.org/council/cd5), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

Hebel Rodriguez, LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 213.473.0476; mobile/text phone 213.793.0715; 35738@LAPD.LACity.org; www.LAPDWilshire.com), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

D. Other local government representatives

Great Streets Presentation (Nikki Ezhari and Lilly O'Brien)

Ms. Ezhari presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. O'Brien-Kovari regarding the Western Ave. Great Streets Program. Heather Rabun displayed copies of murals to be installed and encouraged helping beautify the Nat King Cole Post Office and planting trees. Other things planned for the street are: 7 Crosswalks for pedestrian safety, Beautification of the general appearance of the street and epoxy protective coating on the murals to enable cleaning of graffiti. Asked for volunteers

- E. Melissa Ramoso, Legislative Assistant for U.S. 33rd District of California Congressman Ted Lieu (323-651-1040; Melissa.Ramoso@mail.house.gov; <https://lieu.house.gov>), offered help regarding mail delivery issues such as theft. Other things the Congressman is working on and with are: Department of Veteran's Affairs, he has helped some of the 4,600 homeless veterans find homes, getting the lead out of water and superbug outbreak.

- F. Michael Cortez, Metro Construction Relations Officer, East Segment (direct 323.900.2145; CortezMic@metro.net; 24-hour information 213.922.6934; Bus Rapid Transit 24-hour hotline 213.922.2500+1; PurpleLineExt@metro.net; www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt; www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt; www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt), introduced new staff member he will be assisting on community outreach and he described piling work on Wilshire from Detroit to Orange. There will be "intermittent closures . . . it continues throughout the Summer . . . decking will start in June . . . over 22 weekends" including "lane reductions." There will be 3

phases – Phase 1 will be about 3 weekends (Detroit to La Brea), Phase 2 also about 3 weekends (La Brea intersection) and Phase 3 about 16 weekends (La Brea to Orange). Billy Parent answered the question from the April meeting re; the depth of the drilling for jet grouting. 10- 20 feet

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

Stakeholder Mary Ann Biewener noted a May 16th Paramount Pictures Master Plan Hearing. She described supergraphics that would be “lit 20 hours a day” on the proposed tall building. Other concerns include building heights – 200 Feet, traffic gate and traffic.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

A. Review and Adoption of March 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes (Secretary). (No quorum to approve at April meeting.)

MOTION (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its March 9, 2016 General Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote; zero opposed; one abstained (Moser).

B. Review and Adoption of April 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes (Secretary).

MOTION (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its April 13, 2016 General Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote; zero opposed; one abstained (Moser).

V. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

A. Board Vacancies - Seat open for volunteer nominations of qualified candidates.
Education

See above Item #I. C. [To apply see <http://greaterwilshire.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/GreaterWilshireBylawsApproved2014.pdf>]

B. Alternate Board Members still needed for: Area 1 – Brookside Area 3 – Country Club Heights; Area 4 – Fremont Place Area 5 – Hancock Park; Area 8 – Melrose Area 12 – Western-Wilton; Area 13 – Wilshire Park; Area 14 – Windsor Square; Area 15 – Windsor Village; Business; Education; and Religion Alternate.

Mr. Smith noted the above. Mr. Farha indicated that Jeff McManus is interested in being his Alternate.

C. Ethics & Funding Training reminder. All Board Members and alternates must complete ethics training in order to vote on funding Motions before the Board. The course is available online at <http://empowerla.org>. Then go to Self-Serve and click on the icons for each of the trainings, submit them on line for signature. Be sure to forward your certificate of completion to rosters@empowerla.org admin@greaterwilshire.org and to

secretary@greaterwilshire.org. In addition to Ethics training, all Board Members and alternates are also REQUIRED to take the Funding and the Code of Conduct training. All three training courses can be accessed at the same site. Be sure to submit your completion forms (included in the training) to register your attendance. Board Members and alternates MUST complete Ethics and Funding trainings to be eligible to vote on funding-related matters. 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: Carney – Ethics & Funding; Carroll – Ethics; D’Atri – Ethics; Ha – Ethics & Funding; Horwitz – Ethics & Funding; Hunter – Ethics & Funding; Jewett – Ethics & Funding; Kim – Ethics & Funding; Kirkham – Ethics & Funding; Morgens – Ethics, Funding; Rosales – Ethics & Funding; Senigram – Ethics & Funding

Mr. Smith noted the above.

D. Code of Conduct Forms – In addition to the Ethics and Funding trainings all Board Members and Alternates are required to read the new Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct Policy (online version at <http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/>). New Members who have not yet completed the Code of Conduct include: Carney; Ha; Horwitz; Hunter; Jewett; Kim; Kirkham; Rosales; and Senigram.

Mr. Smith noted the above.

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

A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports for March and April 2016 (Discussion and Board action). (Patti Carroll).

March 2016 Expenditures. Review of Expenditures presented at April 2016 meeting Please see handouts. (Board Action)

April 2016 Expenditures. Please see handouts. (Board Action)
Ms. Carroll reviewed March expenses.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. Genewick): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2016.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Davis, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Kim, McFall, Moser, Savage, Senigram, Smith, Stromberg, Wittmann and Wolf); zero opposed, zero abstained. Five (Carney, Carroll, D’Atri; Kim and Senigram) were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

[The below was addressed after Item #VI. C.]

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Farha): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for April 2016.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Davis, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Kim, McFall, Moser, Savage, Senigram, Smith, Stromberg, Wittmann and Wolf); zero opposed, zero abstained. Five (Carney, Carroll, D’Atri; Kim and Senigram) were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

B. Approval of Individual Expenses listed in the Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs) for March and April. (Discussion and Board action). (Patti Carroll).

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the individual expenditures it made in March 2016 that will show up on the April 2016 Monthly Expense Report.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Davis, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Kim, McFall, Moser, Savage, Senigram, Smith, Stromberg, Wittmann and Wolf); zero opposed, zero abstained. Five (Carney, Carroll, D’Atri; Kim and Senigram) were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Farha): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the individual expenditures it made in April 2016.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Davis, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Kim, McFall, Moser, Savage, Senigram, Smith, Stromberg, Wittmann and Wolf); zero opposed, zero abstained. Five (Carney, Carroll, D’Atri; Kim and Senigram) were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

C. Review of April Paid Expenses that will show up on the May 2016 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion only; no Board action necessary) (Patti Carroll). Please see handouts.

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

D. Pre-Approval of Upcoming Board Expenses (Discussion and Board Action) (Patti Carroll). Please see handouts.

- a. **FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Ms. Stromberg): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will allocate \$250 to the Congress of Neighborhood Councils and \$250 to the Budget Advocates.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Davis, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Kim, McFall, Moser, Savage, Senigram, Smith, Stromberg, Wittmann and Wolf); zero opposed, zero

abstained. Five (Carney, Carroll, D'Atri; Kim and Senigram) were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

- b. **FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Ms. Stromberg): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will re-allocate \$26 from the Budget category Operations to category Public Storage, for May and June increased rent @ \$13.00 per month.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D'Atri, Davis, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Kim, McFall, Moser, Savage, Senigram, Smith, Stromberg, Wittmann and Wolf); zero opposed, zero abstained. Five (Carney, Carroll, D'Atri; Kim and Senigram) were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

E. Approval of Board Member Reimbursements (Discussion and Board Action) (Patti Carroll).

No Reimbursements this month. No action required

F. Review of Election Expenses. Please see handouts.

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

1. Update on MER filings and account access
2. End-of-fiscal-year considerations
 - a. Approval of moving up to \$5,000 to escrow account for 2018 elections
 - b. Approval of expenditure up \$2,500 for purchase of office supplies and equipment
 - c. Approval of \$600 additional advertising in the Larchmont Buzz (by adding a weekly ad during the weeks of GWNC Board meetings in the Morning Buzz e-mail feed, in addition to the \$1800 already approved for a business-card-sized website ad)

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Farha): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will re-allocate \$600 to the Larchmont Buzz for email feed placement in the week before each month’s GWNC Board Meeting and \$5000 into an election escrow account established by DONE for the 2018 elections.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D'Atri, Davis, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Kim, McFall, Moser, Savage, Senigram, Smith, Stromberg, Wittmann and Wolf); zero opposed, zero abstained. Five (Carney, Carroll, D'Atri; Kim and Senigram) were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

- d. Approval of funding up to \$5,000 in Neighborhood Purpose Grants, if funds available.

Ms. Carroll, Ms. Gilman, Ms. Kim and Ms. Stromberg will convene an ad hoc Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) Committee to make recommendations to the Board.

Ms. Carroll described and there was discussion of possible re-allocations for remaining Fiscal Year [ending June 30th] funding. Ms. Carroll, Ms. Gilman, Ms. Kim and Ms. Stromberg will convene an ad hoc Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) Committee to make recommendations to the Board.

- e. Discussion and approval of other possible uses for surplus funds by the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Carroll described and there was discussion of possible re-allocations for remaining Fiscal Year [ending June 30th] funding.

VII. LADWP UPDATE (Discussion and Board Action) (Jack Humphreville).

DWP Reform. The City of Los Angeles is considering a ballot measure to change how the Department of Water and Power is governed (Council File #16-0093). These proposals include changes to the Board, increasing the Board's independence, creating a paid staff for the Board, giving DWP more hiring freedom including possible removal from civil service, and authorizing the transfer of funds from the power system to the city at a fixed level. Consider taking a position on one or more parts of this proposal, and then filing a Community Impact Statement to convey the content of the Motions to the city.

Motion #1 / Governance Committee. [See the below Motion.]

Motion # 2 / Recommendations. [See the below Motion.]

MOTION 1. (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council calls on the City Council to follow the recommendation in the charter mandated Industrial, Economic and Administrative Survey to form “a committee to examine governance reforms for the Department with the explicit task of reporting its findings and recommending a measure for the 2017 ballot.” This Governance Committee should be involved in drafting any memorandums and other information from the beginning and include at least two members from the Neighborhood Councils who are familiar with the operations and finances of DWP. The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council recommends that there be a robust and transparent discussion and debate before any measure is placed on the ballot for voter approval or rejection.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with all 19 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Davis, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Kim, McFall, Moser, Savage, Senigram, Smith, Stromberg, Wittmann and Wolf); zero opposed; zero abstained.

MOTION 2. (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Davis): In a joint meeting on April 2, 2016, the DWP MOU Oversight Committee and the DWP (Advocacy) Committee approved the following motion concerning the reform and restructure of our Department of Water and Power. The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the recommendations of the DWP MOU Oversight Committee and the DWP (Advocacy) Committee regarding the reform and restructure of the Department of Water and Power. We support a fiduciary Board of Commissioners consisting of seven (7) qualified

members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, serving staggered terms who may not be removed except for cause. We oppose a full, time, paid Board of Commissioners. However, Commissioners would be entitled to reasonable per diem fees. The Board would appoint the General Manager, determined policy, and establish rates. The City Council would have the right to assert jurisdiction in certain matters, including rates, only for the purpose of affirming or denying the action by a supermajority vote. The Board would be assisted by a more robust Ratepayers Advocate. Contracting and procurement policies would be modified allowing the Department more flexibility. The Department would be responsible for labor negotiations. The Department would establish its own Human Resources Department, separate and distinct from the City's Personnel Department. DWP would not be subject to the City's civil service rules. The Transfer Fee would be subject to a City wide vote. Possible Community Impact Statement Regarding Above Motions The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council calls on the City Council and the Mayor to include at least two members from the Neighborhood Councils on a Governance Committee (or other similar body) that is charged with developing a ballot measure calling for the reform and restructure of our Department of Water and Power. We call on the City Council and the Mayor to consider our recommendations for the reform and restructure of DWP. We call for a robust and transparent discussion and debate before any measure is placed on the ballot for voter approval or rejection.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with all 19 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Davis, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Kim, McFall, Moser, Savage, Senigram, Smith, Stromberg, Wittmann and Wolf); zero opposed; zero abstained.

VIII. CITY BUDGET and NC BUDGET ADVOCATES (Jack Humphreville) (Discussion and possible Board action).

A. Replacement for GWNC Budget Advocate. Fred Mariscal has resigned as one of the GWNC's Budget Advocates. He and Jack Humphreville, the other appointed Budget Advocate, are recommending that Julie Stromberg replace him. Ms. Stromberg has agreed to serve. Recommended Motion: That Julie Stromberg be appointed to replace Fred Mariscal as one of the GWNC's two Budget Representatives.
Vote unanimous by acclamation.

B. Update on the City budget

No report as Jack Humphreville was not at this meeting

IX. ELECTION COMMITTEE (Owen Smith, Colette Amin) (Discussion and Possible Board Action, as noted).

A. Election wrap-up report

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #X. B.] Ms. Amin said “we need to do more outreach . . . we had 36 Candidates . . . we’ll have a full Board.”

B. Designation of GWNC representative to pick up election materials from DONE
(Board action).

MOTION (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Davis): 1. The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council designates the Board Secretary to retrieve the ballot materials from the City Clerk's office, and arrange with Board Administrator for safekeeping.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with all 19 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Davis, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Kim, McFall, Moser, Savage, Senigram, Smith, Stromberg, Wittmann and Wolf); zero opposed; zero abstained.

X. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible Board action, as noted).
A. Update on Committee status.

Mr. Hoffman encouraged volunteering. Sign-up sheet for Committee is on the table

B. Request for Citizen Recognition Award Candidates – Please contact outreach@greaterwilshire.org with suggestions for future awards.

The above was noted.

C. Meeting Schedule, Next Meeting. Last Saturdays of the month. Next meeting on May 28 at 9am at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 North Larchmont Blvd.

Mr. Hoffman noted this.

XI. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg) (Discussion and possible Board action).

A. Report from Monday April 4, 2016 Committee meeting
Nothing to report.

B. The next GWNC Transportation Committee will meet on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.; Wilshire Methodist Church, Youth Chapel Room, 4350 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

XII. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg, Barbara Savage) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted).

A. 2016 Drought-Tolerant Landscaping Garden Tour and Competition: (discussion and Board Action as noted) (Julie Stromberg, Barbara Savage, Cathy Roberts) Tour and Competition of residential drought-tolerant landscapes of homes in the Greater Wilshire area. The tour will be free and take place on Sunday June 26, 2016, and will also include educational seminars. We are soliciting nominations for gardens to be included on the tour. Self-nominations are acceptable.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

B. Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.; Wilshire Methodist Church, Youth Chapel Room, 4350 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

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

Ms. Amin recommended increasing the allocation by \$500 to the Congress of Neighborhood Councils.

XIV. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Jim Wolf) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted).

A. 836-850 Crenshaw Blvd. Update and discussion on revised plans for a 5-Story 44-unit apartment building (may later convert to condos) with Density Bonus: (Discussion and possible Board action) (Jim Wolf). Issue: At the April LUC meeting, developers presented revised plans for the development, (first presented in 2015 and again at the March 2016 Meeting) and related that they have done outreach with near-by neighbors in the adjacent Boulevard Heights historic district. Although the Committee Members said the designs have improved since the first presentation, there was continued discussion about the height of the wall along the sidewalk, as well as a desire to see more landscaping details. At this meeting the developers presented the requested modifications and stated that they had hired PCR - Historic Consultant to confirm there was no impact on the Historic Neighborhood. Recommended Motion: That the GWNC [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the project at 836-850 Crenshaw Blvd. for a 5-Story 44-unit apartment building (may later convert to condos) with Density Bonus as presented and recommends that the developer do more outreach in the community.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; zero opposed; one abstained (Farha).

B. 901 S. Gramercy Place – Application for Tentative Tract Map to build a 21 – unit condominium building. Issue: The Land Use Committee initially voted to oppose the project in February, after the developers failed to respond to an invitation to present their project. The project surveyor did attend the March meeting, but brought only a landscape plan and did not have sufficient details about the building itself to make a full presentation. Recommend Motion: That the GWNC Board [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the application for a Tentative Tract Map to build a 21 – unit condominium building at 901 S. Gramercy Place unless and until more information is provided.

MOTION PASSED with zero opposed or abstained.

C. 5030 Rosewood Ave. – 22-unit Density Bonus project? Issue: In 2015, developers applied for a Density Bonus project at 5036 Rosewood, adjacent to this property, but it

was withdrawn. Another developer now has an excavation permit for 5030 Rosewood, which notes that it's also for a 22-unit Density Bonus project. But there does not seem to be a new Density Bonus (or any other entitlement application) on file for a project at this address. Also, neighbors are concerned that the excavation permit specifically allows excavation within 0.3' of an adjacent property. The developer was invited to the March LUC meeting, but did not respond to the invitation. Recommended Motion: That the GWNC [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Stromberg): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the project at 5030 Rosewood Ave., a 22-unit possible Density Bonus project, because no information is available.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; zero opposed or abstained.

D. 4001 W. 6th Street: Application for a CUB for a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with restaurant use. Issue: Applicant made an initial presentation at the March LUC but did not have complete information. Returned to the April meeting and presented. Leaving the individual rooms as private dining rooms, valet service will be available for parking, no karaoke, and asking to extend hours until 2:00 a.m. Recommended Motion: That the GWNC [see the below Motion]. [Note: the LUC vote was 6-5 in favor of this Motion.]

MOTION (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Savage): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the application as presented for a CUB for a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with restaurant use at 4001 W. 6th Street.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; four opposed (Carroll, Gresham, McFall and Stromberg); zero abstained.

E. 125 S. Wilton Drive: Application to designate a single family residence as an Historical Cultural Monument. The details of the residence can be viewed at: <https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B0xI-9TuHe7zRIRuWC1fLUZmY2c&usp=sharing> Recommended Motion: That the GWNC [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Savage): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the application as presented to designate a single family residence as a Historical Cultural Monument at 125 S. Wilton Drive.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed or abstained.

[There was no Agenda Item #14. F.]

F. 211 S. Muirfield Road: Application to designate a single family residence as an Historic Cultural Monument. The property is known as the Richard B. Fudger/Howard Hughes Residence. The details of the residence can be viewed at: <https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B0xI->

9TuHe7zRIRuWC1fLUZmY2c&usp=sharing. Recommended Motion: That the GWNC [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Ms. Savage, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the application as presented to designate a single-family residence as a Historic Cultural Monument at 211 S. Muirfield Road.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed or abstained.

G. 924 S. Mansfield Ave: Application for a variance to build an over-height (6 feet) wall in the front yard of the property. Issue: The wall has already been built and the owner would like to legalize it, citing other walls of six feet and as high as 10 feet in the neighborhood. The Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association has opposed the application and requested a review of the case. Recommended Motion: That the GWNC [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the application as presented for a variance to build an over-height (6 feet) wall in the front yard of the property at 924 S. Mansfield Ave.

MOTION PASSED with two opposed (Carroll and Farha); zero abstained.

[The following items are included for information only. No presentation is scheduled or Board action requested or required at this time.]

H. 117 N. Manhattan Place – 8-unit Small Lot Subdivision. Issue: Eight single family units. First presented on January 16, 2016; now completely revised. Currently configured as four units on each side of the property, with a 10-foot -wide driveway in the middle. The two front units have street-facing entrances. Overall height is 41.8 feet. No bonuses or variances are requested. Committee Members requested that the project’s changes be updated in any application documents before they are submitted to the city, and asked that the developer reach out to neighbors for feedback before returning to the LUC for a vote. The Developer did not attend the April meeting.

I. 4807-4813 W. Oakwood 4-story -- 18-unit Condominium Project. Issue: The project is already under construction, but developers are still waiting for a hearing date on a tract map application they filled last July. Developers said the only entitlement being sought is the map, and no other privileges or variances are necessary or have been applied for. Even so, however the project representatives said they are interested in winning the GWNC’s approval before any hearings on the Tract Map application. There was discussion on the building’s general design and landscaping, as well as the specific materials that are still under discussion for the building’s exterior. The developers were invited to come back with more details as their plans take shape. Also they were asked to bring materials when they come back. The developer asked to attend the May meeting, waiting for materials.

J. 4680 Wilshire Blvd. (Farmer’s Insurance Building) – Developer requests to begin earthquake retrofit work before the EIR process is complete. Neighbors have been divided on the issue of earthquake retrofit work being done on the building before a complete

Environmental Impact Report is completed for the proposed re-development of the site...but the developer (CIM) has now withdrawn its application for the pre-EIR work, so the Committee took no action on this item.

K. 401 N. McCadden Place Applicant is in the process of opening a Day Care Facility for 12 children and wants to move the driveway gate to the property line to comply with the law governing the space needed from the garage to accommodate the children. Applicant is in the process of getting all permits and licenses to operate. Neighbors on both sides have been contacted and have no objections. Property is HPOZ and the Neighborhood Association have been contacted and have no objections. No action required and no vote was taken.

L. Proposed New Ordinance on Home Sharing and Short-Term Rentals. This is a City proposal but the representative from the City was unable to attend due to the manager of the department feeling that they were unable to attend a meeting for only one NC because City resources were limited.

Mr. Wolf noted the above.

M. Possible agenda items for upcoming LUC meetings (no action at this time):

- i. New Density Bonus application for a new 2-story, 40 unit mixed use project at 700-716 S. Manhattan
- ii. Density bonus with on-menu incentives for a 40-unit, 2-story residential development at 7000-7024 W. Melrose Ave.
- iii. Updates on plans for townhouses and condominiums at 612 S. Norton and 4055 W. Wilshire Blvd.
- iv. Update on an application for a tract map to allow construction of a new 8-unit condominium building at 800 S. Lorraine
- v. Application for a Tentative Tract Map to build a 6-unit Small Lot Subdivision project at 3607 W. Olympic Blvd.
- vi. Application for a Density Bonus for construction of a 5-story, 34-unit, 56' high apartment building at 5143 W. Maplewood
- vii. Application for a Density Bonus for construction of a 4-story, 65-unit apartment building at 518 N. Gramercy

Mr. Wolf noted the above.

XV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There were comments about the need for outreach.

XVI. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

The following requests were made: Ms. McFall: discussing homelessness; to ratify Mario Carpinelli as an Alternate Board Member; and by Ms. Kim: to ratify Samuel Oh as an Alternate.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next meeting - Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Smith declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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