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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Environmental & Sustainability Committee

Agenda

**Marlborough School
Board Room**

**250 South Rossmore Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90004**

Tuesday, August 14, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

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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.

- 1. WELCOMING REMARKS: (5 minutes)**
 - A. Call to order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Welcome and Approval/Seating of New Committee Members
- 2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (5 minutes)**
- 3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Action) (10 minutes)**
 - A. Review and adoption of April 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Review and adoption of June 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes.
 - C. Appointment of GWNC Sustainability Committee Secretary.
 - D. Appointment of new GWNC Sustainability Committee members.
- 4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action) (20 minutes)**
 - A. **Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Environmental Impacts of Leaf Blowers. (Dan Kegel)** Discussion and possible motion on the environmental impacts of leaf blowers and recommended more sustainable alternatives.
 - B. **Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Rain Barrel Education Program with Rain Barrels, Intl. (Julie Stromberg)** Rain Barrels, Intl. distributed rain barrels at the GWNC’s Second Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour. GWNC to host an educational program on rain barrels,

including their use and maintenance, with Rain Barrels, Intl. on Saturday, October 27, 2018, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., LA High Memorial Library, 4625 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019

- C. **Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Community a Tree Planting Program. (Julie Stromberg)** Update on status of and further strategize GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee community tree planting program in partnership with Koreatown Youth and Community Center.

5. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action) (30 minutes)

- A. **Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Outreach and Action Measures. (Julie Stromberg)** Discussion on ways to grow the committee, action items to support and/or organize, and events to plan.
- 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)** Support CFAC’s August 1, 2018 letter to Mayor’s Office and the Urban Forestry Division requesting an opt-in notification system for all tree removals in the City of Los Angeles that would be accessible to the public.
- 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)** Support CFAC’s August 1, 2018 letter to BSS regarding changing BSS’ policies and procedures regarding bees and bee hives in street trees to be more humane.
- D. **Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Submitting Community Impact Statements on Future Council Motions. (Julie Stromberg and Dan Kegell)** Discussion and possible motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee policy for submitting community impact statements.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS (Including Discussion and Possible Action) (5 minutes)

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes)

- A. Next GWNC Sustainability Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at Marlborough School, Board Room, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA.

8. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. (5 minutes)

- A. The Sustainable City plan and Tracking the City of Los Angeles’ Progress Toward Reaching pLAn Goals.
- B. Community Clean-Up Days.
- C. Green Business Award.
- D. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power’s Green Power Program.
- E. Devising Action Measures to Help of Los Angeles’ Urban Forest.
- F. GWNC Sustainability Parkway Design Brochure.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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