



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee

June 13, 2017

Approved by Committee on December 12, 2017

1. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to order

A duly noticed meeting of the Environmental & Sustainability Committee of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 South Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004. Chairwoman Julie Stromberg called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Four Committee Members were present at the Roll Call: Dan Kegel, Cathy Roberts, Barbara Savage and Julie Stromberg. William Funderburk was absent. The GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is three, so the Committee could take such votes. Five Committee Seats were filled (by election or appointment). [To apply see www.GWNC.org and <http://greaterwilshire.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/GreaterWilshireBylawsApproved2014.pdf>.]

C. Welcome and Approval/Seating of New Committee Members.

Ms. Stromberg welcomed everyone.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments at this time.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Action)

A. Review and adoption of March 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee approves the Minutes of its March 14 Meeting as written.

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

4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee-California Greenworks, Inc. Parkway Challenge. (Julie Stromberg) Update on program and discussion of launch of Parkway Challenge program and key features in the program’s pilot program.

B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC’s Environmental & Sustainability Committee’s Second Annual Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour. (Julie Stromberg and Cathy

Roberts) Update and discussion on hosting a second GWNC Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour.

It was agreed to have the Tour on Sunday, June 3, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- C. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Green Fair/Festival. (Julie Stromberg and Barbara Savage) Discussion on hosting a Green Fair similar to Studio City Neighborhood Council's Green Living Fair.

Ms. Stromberg is working on this with the L.A. Dept. of Public Works and Bureau of Sanitation. She reported that "they're focusing on food capture before it becomes waste." There was discussion of the composting process and value, and in regard to hosting a Green Harvest Festival. Whole Foods Market, the DWP and others would be approached to participate; ideas are welcomed.

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee will host a Green Harvest Festival Fair on October 7 or 8 and invite other Neighborhood Councils to participate.

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

- D. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee on Composter Distribution Event. (Julie Stromberg) Discussion on hosting an organized distribution of composters in partnership with the City of Los Angeles or other organizations.
See above Item #4. C.

5. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Outreach and Action Measures. (Julie Stromberg) Discussion on ways to grow the committee and action items to support and/or organize.

There was discussion of how best to outreach and increase Committee participation and membership. Mr. Kegel suggested encouraging people to sign up for the DWP's Green Power program. Ms. Stromberg would like an electric vehicle charging spot installed in Larchmont Village. Mr. Kegel noted that the L.A. Dept. of Lighting can install a charger on light pole. Ms. Stromberg will request a Green Power program speaker and help launch a Green Power Challenge.

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Kegel): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee will host a DWP Green Power program speaker and launch a Green Power Challenge.

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

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee's Julie Stromberg and Dan Kegel will work on implementing an electronic vehicle charging parking spot on Larchmont Blvd.

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

- B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Assembly Bill 378. (Julie Stromberg)
Discussion on the California legislature's voting down AB 378, Greenhouse gases, criteria air pollutants, and toxic air contaminants. Discussion and possible motion on taking a position on AB 378.

Ms. Stromberg explained AB378, "to renew the cap and trade for another 10 years." She encouraged contacting State Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas (310-342-1070; <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a54>) regarding his opposition to this, and also Assemblymembers Raul Bocanegra (818-504-3911; <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a39>) and Matt Dababneh (818-904-3840; <https://a45.asmdc.org>).

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

Mr. Kegel reported that the April 22nd March for Science "was tens of thousands of people." DWP MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and Ratepayers Advocate meetings are first Saturdays at Hollywood City Hall.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

8. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. The Sustainable City pLAn and Tracking the City of Los Angeles' Progress Toward Reaching pLAn Goals.

This Item was not addressed.

- B. Community Clean-Up Days.

This Item was not addressed.

- C. Green Business Award.

This Item was not addressed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Stromberg declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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