



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
Transportation Committee Meeting June 19, 2017  
Approved by Committee on December 18, 2017

**1. WELCOMING REMARKS:**

A. Call to order

A duly noticed meeting of the Transportation Committee of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) was held on Monday, July 19, 2017, at Marlborough School, Collins Room D-200, 250 South Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA. Chairwoman Julie Stromberg called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Ms. Stromberg called the roll. Four of the six Committee Members were present at the roll call: Jeff Carpenter, Julie Stromberg, Michael Cane, and Justin Urcis. Jack Humphreville and Cindy Chvatal were absent. The GWNC Transportation Committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 51%, or four of the six Members, so the Committee could take such votes. Also attended: 6 Stakeholders and Guests.

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

Ms. Stromberg welcomed everyone, and encouraged joining and submitting candidates for the Committee. No new Members were Seated at this time.

**2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Stakeholder Conrad Starr commented. Stakeholder Mary Rajswing suggested a “trial program” of an all-day and night flashing yellow light at the 200 S. Wilton block.

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Action)**

A. Review and adoption of February 06, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Stromberg requested and it was agreed to TABLE approval of the Minutes.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Gayle Greenberg, Murakawa Communications for City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering, “LA’s Sidewalk Repair Program.” A discussion of LA’s Sidewalk Repair Program and Environmental Impact Report process.

Ms. Greenberg said “the program is now a 30-year program . . . \$1.7 billion . . . [covering] 11,000 miles” of sidewalks in L.A. Repairs can be requested through their website or by calling 3-1-1. The first priority is handicapped access sidewalks. Second, their rebate program (one per property); you must verify that you are the owner. Maximum rebates are \$2,000 per residential and \$4,000 per commercial property; you must spend at least twice the maximum, for example, \$4,000 per residential and \$8,000 per commercial property. Third priority is general repairs. She cautioned about possible legal liability.

There was extensive discussion about possible effects of sidewalk repairs on trees, and about procedures and challenges of the program.

**5. OLD BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion Regarding Results from September 7, 2016

Town Hall Meeting on Highland Avenue (Olympic Blvd. to Melrose Ave.) Traffic Conditions and Related Updates. (Julie Stromberg) Discussion of and report on results from traffic study conducted by LADOT in response to September 7, 2016 Town Hall. Determine any future action steps on the matter, including, but not limited to, a follow-up Town Hall.

Ms. Stromberg reported that the Town Hall was attended by at least 50 people, including residents of four GWNC Districts, and representatives of CD4, CD5 and the Police. The “DOT promised to do a survey” that studied excessive speeding data from May 31, 2016. She indicated that, according to the City, “Highland Ave. is on the priority list for a speed zone survey”; the survey had not been done. There was discussion of traffic and possible mitigations on Highland between Olympic and Melrose. Ms. Rajswing reported that, in the past, she has made well-documented traffic mitigation requests that have not been fulfilled.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Transportation Committee will email all attendees of the September 7, 2016 Town Hall Meeting on Highland Avenue (Olympic Blvd. to Melrose Ave.) Traffic Conditions and Related Updates summarizing the Town Hall results.

**MOTION PASSED;** zero opposed; zero abstained.

**6. NEW BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Report on June 2017 Bureau of Street Services-GWNC Initiative. (Julie Stromberg)

Report on locations in the Greater Wilshire area selected for repair by Bureau of Streets Services for their June 2017 BSS-GWNC Initiative and any repairs performed.

Ms. Stromberg listed “small asphalt repairs”; “they’ll be back in December.”

B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on City-Wide Sidewalk Repair Program. (Julie Stromberg) Discussion on action to be taken by the GWNC Transportation Committee regarding the City-Wide Sidewalk Repair program and the Bureau of Engineering’s drafting of the Environmental Impact Report on the matter.

Concerns were expressed about lack of outreach, staff and progress of the program. Ms. Stromberg reported that “104 trees have been removed” in the Program’s 1 ½ years, with no Environmental Impact Report. Ms. Stromberg will draft a letter to the LADOT asking for information regarding the number of sidewalks repaired, the amount of money spent and the number of trees repaired and replaced.

**7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS** (Including Discussion and Possible Action)

There were no reports at this time.

**8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, August 21, 2017, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

Ms. Stromberg noted that the next Meeting will be on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**9. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

- A. Discussion on Bicycle Rules
- B. Discussion on Skateboarding Rules
- C. Remedies Available to Correct Utility Cuts in Roads
- D. New Transportation Measures Impact on Development
- E. Addressing Increased Cut-Through Traffic in Residential Neighborhoods

There were no more requests or Motions.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Stromberg declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:20 p.m.; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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