



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Transportation Committee Meeting August 21, 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, August 21, 2017, at the Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA. Chairwoman Julie Stromberg called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Ms. Stromberg called the roll. Three of the five Committee Members were present at the roll call: Jeff Carpenter, Julie Stromberg (Chair) and Justin Urcis. Michael Cane and Jack Humphreville 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 three of the five Members, so at this time the Committee could only take public comments and could not have any official discussions, and could not make any Motions or take any votes. Also attended: three Stakeholders and Guests including Corbin Russell and Frank Rosato.

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. Meetings are third Mondays every two-three months.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Frank Rosato, Co-Chair, LAPD Wilshire Division CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board) (<http://www.lapdwilshire.com/community-police-advisory-board.html>), described CPAB’s Transportation Subcommittee. CPAB meets third Thursdays at the Wilshire Station Community Room at 7:00 p.m.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Action)

A. Review and adoption of June 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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

4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion Regarding 6th Street Road Diet. (Justin Urcis).
Update and discussion on prospect of a road diet on 6th Street in Greater Wilshire in an attempt to address traffic and accident issues in that area.

Mr. Urcis reported that “there are a lot of accidents on 6th Street . . . we want to do something.” Local residents have considered “crosswalks” and “restricting turns.” They want to have signs installed. He said that LADOT has done a traffic study but has not revealed the results. Ms. Stromberg noted that study results could be obtained through a Public Records Act request. Concern was expressed about pedestrian safety. There was

discussion of traffic mitigation measures causing cut-through traffic. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion Regarding Traffic on Highland Ave. (Michael Cane) Update regarding traffic issues on Highland Ave.
Ms. Stromberg requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

5. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion Regarding Supporting Implementing Traffic Mitigation Measures at Beverly Blvd. and St. Andrew's. (Julie Stromberg) Discussion on supporting neighborhood's efforts in implementing a traffic mitigation measure at Beverly Blvd. and St. Andrew's following a traffic fatality at that location.

Ms. Stromberg reported that "the neighbors had complained about traffic in that area." No Motion was made or vote taken.

- B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion Regarding Safe Sidewalks LA - EIR Notice of Preparation & Initial Study Release. (Julie Stromberg) Bureau of Engineering has released a Notice of Preparation & Initial Study for the Environmental Impact Report on the Safe Sidewalks LA program. Comments are due September 15, 2017.

Ms. Stromberg explained that "they're starting the process of environmental review for this program," regarding which she noted that "decades-old" trees are being removed faster than being replaced by "five-year survival rate" trees, many dying because of the drought and lack of water. She described success in stopping removal of a number of trees. She believed the City should "identify the potential environmental impacts" of tree removal. The Committee agreed to recommend that the GWNC Board submit comments to the Bureau of Engineering recommending that "the Bureau of Engineering cease implementing the Sidewalk Repair Program until all appropriate mitigation measures have been identified to avoid any unnecessary tree removals."

- C. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on City-Wide Sidewalk Repair Program. (Julie Stromberg) Discussion and update regarding Safe Sidewalks LA Program and increase in the rebate cap for residential and commercial properties.

Ms. Stromberg reported that the cap was \$2,000 for residential and \$4,000 for commercial; now the cap is \$10,000 each. She explained the process. Repairs need to be City-certified to qualify for the rebate.

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

There were no reports at this time.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, October 20, 2017, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above and corrected the meeting date to Monday, October 16th, not the 20th.

8. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

- A. Discussion on Bicycle Rules

There was discussion of bicycle rules and practices.

- 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
- F. Status of Road Diets in the Greater Wilshire Area.
- G. Inventory on Streets Rated D and F in the Greater Wilshire Area.

There were no more requests or Motions. Ms. Stromberg encouraged Agenda ideas.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Stromberg declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7:58 p.m.; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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