

Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Transportation Committee Meeting December 18, 2017 Approved by Committee on April 16, 2018

# 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, December 18, 2017, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, Los Angeles, CA. Chairwoman Julie Stromberg called the meeting to order at 7:11 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 Michael Cane. Jack Humphreville and Justin Urcis 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 3 of the 5 Members, so at this time the Committee could act. Also attended: Three stakeholders and Mid-City West Community Council Transportation, Parking, and Streetscape Committee member Nick Solish.

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 months.

# 2. <u>GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS</u>

Stakeholder Corbin Russell expressed concern regarding bus stops removed along Wilshire Blvd. and La Brea Ave because of widening of Sycamore Ave.

# 3. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS</u> (Discussion and Action)

A. Review and adoption of June 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Transportation Committee approves the minutes from the June 19, 2017 Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote unanimously.

B. Review and adoption of August 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Transportation Committee approves the minutes from the August 21, 2017 Meeting as written as amended.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote unanimously.

# 4. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u> (Discussion and Possible Action)

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

This item was TABLED due to Mr. Urcis' absence. 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.
Mr. Cane reported that there have been no new improvements in the traffic situation along Highland Ave. He reported that Highland Ave. has seen an increase in burglaries and they may be attributed to the traffic situation along this corridor. No Motion was made or vote taken.

## 5. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u> (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Discussion on Council District 4 6<sup>th</sup> Street Survey. (Julie Stromberg) On December 6m 2017, Council District 4 published the results from their survey regarding traffic and related issues on 6<sup>th</sup> Street from La Brea Ave. to Fairfax Ave. Discussion regarding the survey and the Council Office moving forward with several road improvements in this area as a result of the survey.

Ms. Stromberg read the survey results from an announcement sent by Council District 4 to stakeholders.

No Motion was made or vote taken.

B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion to Support the Designation of Melrose and La Brea Aves. as Historic Pink's Square with Pink Crosswalks at the Intersection. (Nick Solish & Julie Stromberg) On October 3, 2017, the Mid-City West Community Council (MCWCC) unanimously voted to designate the intersection of Melrose and La Brea Aves. as Historic Pink's Square. Pink's Hot Dogs has been in operation at the same location since 1939. MCWCC has reached out to the GWNC Transportation Committee for support for this designation.

Mr. Solish explained MCWCC's efforts to designate Historic Pink's Square and the need for new crosswalks at the location. Mr. Solish reported that the designation is supported by Pink's Hot Dogs and Council District 5.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Cane): The Greater Wilshire Transportation Committee recommends that the GWNC Board support the designation of Melrose and La Brea Aves. as Historic Pink's Square. **MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote unanimously.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Cane): The Greater Wilshire Transportation Committee recommends that the GWNC Board support the implementation of pink crosswalks at Melrose and La Brea Aves. in conjunction with that location's designation as Historic Pink's Square.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote unanimously.

C. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion Regarding Traffic Mitigation Measures on Beverly Blvd. in Between La Brea and Highland Aves. (Julie Stromberg). Discussion regarding traffic issues on Beverly Blvd. in between La Brea and Highland Aves. and motion to support pending requests and/or request for new traffic mitigation measures in this area.

Ms. Stromberg explained that Council District 5 stakeholder Josh Fogelson reached out to the GWNC regarding obtaining support for traffic mitigation along Beverly Blvd. in La Brea and Highland Aves., which are in the GWNC. Mr. Fogelson discussed that he bikes

through that area regularly and there is quite a distance between intersections and areas where pedestrians can safely cross the street. Ms. Stromberg reported that she investigated pending requests with LADOT regarding traffic mitigation requests for this area and found a pending request, LADOT Request No. 71276, for a crosswalk at Beverly Blvd. and N. Orange Drive. Ms. Stromberg explained that the GWNC could write a letter of support for LADOT Request No. 71276 to LADOT Hollywood-Wilshire Division and Council District 5. Mr. Carpenter reported that he is an area stakeholder and a traffic mitigation measure at that location would be beneficial.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Transportation Committee recommends that the GWNC Board write a letter of support for LADOT Request No. 71276 for a crosswalk at Beverly Blvd. and N. Orange Drive to LADOT Hollywood-Wilshire Division and Council District 5. **MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote unanimously.

6. <u>COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS</u> (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, February 19, 2018, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

Ms. Stromberg noted that February 19, 2018 coincides with a holiday and the meeting date may be changed.

#### 8. <u>REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.</u>

- 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
- 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 8:12 p.m.; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stromberg, Chair, GWNC Transportation Committee.

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