



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee

May 22, 2012

MINUTES

Approved by the Committee 6/26/12

**1. Call to Order**

A duly noticed meeting of the Land Use Committee (“LUC”) of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at Wilshire United Methodist Church, Assembly Room, 4350 Wilshire Blvd. Secretary Elizabeth Fuller called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

**2. Roll Call and Approval of the Minutes**

Ms. Fuller called the roll. Land Use Committee Members in attendance at the roll call were: Elizabeth Fuller, Bill Funderburk, Karen Gilman, John Gresham, Dick Herman, John Kaliski and Caroline Moser. Patricia Carroll arrived later. Committee Members absent: Mike Genewick, Patty Lombard, Ben Rosenberg and James Wolf. Also attending: four Stakeholders and guests.

Seven of the 12 Committee Members were present at the roll call. The GWNC Land Use Committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven, so the Committee could take such votes.

The following corrections to the April 24, 2012 Land Use Committee Minutes were requested:

Page one, Item #1: “Chairman James Wolf called the meeting to order” should read “Secretary Elizabeth Fuller called the meeting to order.”

Page two, Item #4. A.: “AMENDED MOTION (Ms. Gilman, accepted by Mr. Genewick” should have a right-parenthesis (“)”) after it.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. Funderburk): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee approves the Minutes of its April 24, 2012 Meeting as corrected.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote.

**3. Review of Recent Notifications for Possibility of Further Study/Action (GWNC Mail and Early Notification Reports).**

Ms. Fuller distributed and reviewed the “05/22/12 April-May Early Planning Report Summaries for GWNC Area” and reviewed recent land use applications received by the City,

noting that most projects are in HPOZ areas and will be handled by the HPOZ boards. She explained that the 918 S. Tremaine homeowner is applying to build a handicapped-accessible accessory unit in an R-1 Zone as per a City Ordinance. Mr. Kaliski noted that acceptability could depend upon whether the kitchen in the new unit “runs with the land” or if it would be required to be removed as a condition of a sale. The project may be affected by the city’s new “Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance.” Ms. Fuller reported that the owner’s nearest neighbors have signed a petition in favor of the project. She said she will check with the Brookside Neighborhood Association to see if they’ve weighed in. Mr. Kaliski said he would research the new ADU ordinance, to see if this project falls within its parameters, and will report back next month.

#### **4. Old Business**

Renewal of full-line liquor CUB at Gon Ji Am Restaurant, 4653 W. Beverly (Justin Kim). Ms. Fuller explained that the Committee usually does not get involved with simple CUP renewals, but wanted to be sure that the Restaurant is separate from the nearby Bicycle Club (which has had problems with the community).

*Committee Member Patricia Carroll arrived at this time.*

Justin Kim, owners’ representative, reported that the LAPD’s “stance is [they’re] opposed to everything” because they’ve received “so many applications.” He said Renee Weitzer, Chief of Staff for L.A. City District Four Councilman Tom LaBonge (213-477-2343; Renee.Weitzer@LACity.org), and Jonathan Brand, Deputy Chief of Land Use Planning for Councilman LaBonge (213-485-3337; Jonathan.Brand@LACity.org), did not object to the application. The last Mr. Kim checked, the Bicycle Club is “not operating.” He said “this is a renewal” and that Gon Ji Am has been operating “since October of 2004 with no violations . . . They only want beer and wine.” It is open daily from 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Mr. Kim clarified that the restaurant has an ABC license to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages, but only sells beer and wine. Mr. Kim noted that the applicant’s Hearing is possibly “around the end of June, early July.”

**MOTION** (by Mr. Funderburk, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee recommends that the GWNC Board support the CUB application of Gon Ji Am Restaurant, 4653 W. Beverly.

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

#### **5. New Business**

There was no new business at this time.

#### **6. Committee Member Comments and Reports**

A. Review of GWNC draft policy on liquor license applications (Herman/Carroll/Roberts).

Mr. Herman distributed copies of a draft “[GWNC] Liquor License Policy” and explained that the concept is to give the Policy to applicants before they appear before the Committee to help the Committee evaluate projects. There was extensive discussion regarding what the GWNC can do as an advisory-only body. Mr. Kaliski suggested adding a phrase

saying that we will oppose all requests for support in which the applicants do not provide all the information we request of them before a meeting. Mr. Herman said he will revise the Policy, based on suggestions made during the discussion, and re-present it at the June 26<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting.

B. Traffic and Transportation Committee.

Committee Chair Camilla Shafer reported that the Committee is “requesting more [LAPD] enforcement of traffic laws.” Also, the L.A. County Bicycle Coalition (213.629.2142; www.LA-Bike.org) is working with the LADOT on a 4<sup>h</sup> Street project. There was discussion regarding possible roundabout locations through Measure R funding and how the DOT would engineer design and traffic flow elements. There was discussion regarding City policy regarding transportation modes.

C. Additional discussion.

Mr. Kaliski was concerned that applicants are “mining” the Committee for information. There was discussion that the Committee may be more comfortable opposing a project unless certain conditions are met rather than approving a project if certain conditions are met.

7. **Public Comments**

There was discussion with Stakeholder Greg Wittman regarding the Area 12 (We-Wil) Director and Alternate Board Seats and the Renter Alternate Board Seat openings.

8. **Announcements and Adjournment**

Ms. Gilman will attend the 5112 W. Melrose Hearing. Ms. Carroll encouraged outreach regarding projects the GWNC could fund. Mr. Kaliski noted that the GWNC could hire a streetscape designer. There was discussion regarding possible community land use projects.

Ms. Fuller announced the next meeting: Tuesday, June 26, 6:30 p.m. On the horizon (possible future agenda items): update on conversion of service station to 7-Eleven at Wilton/Olympic.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Kaliski): to **ADJOURN** the Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED** with none opposed.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Levin  
Minutes Writer