

# Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council



## Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Special Meeting

August 11, 2010

Approved by the board  
October 13, 2010

### MINUTES

#### 1. Call to Order

A duly noticed meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) was held on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 South Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles. President Owen Smith called the meeting to order at 7:13 p. m.

#### 2. Roll Call

Secretary Elizabeth Fuller called the roll. Board Members in attendance at the roll call were: Patricia Carroll, Charles Dougherty, Elizabeth Fuller, Jane Gilman, John Gresham, Alex Jones-Moreno, David Lunzer, Federico Mariscal, Frances McFall, Clinton Oie, Matthew Oldham, Fred Pickel, Mary Rajswing, and Owen Smith.

Director Kiki Gindler joined the meeting later.

Board Members Yigal Arens, Jack Humphreville, Benjamin Rosenberg and Jane Usher were absent and not represented by an Alternate.

14 of the 21 Board Members were present at roll call. A quorum is 13, so the Board could make Motions and take votes.

#### 3. Reading of the Minutes

Ms. Fuller distributed copies of the July 14, 2010 General Meeting Minutes and relayed that Ms. Rajswing had the following corrections:

Page 6, Item 5) C): “median islands” should be “traffic islands” and “The Foundation” should be “The CRA.”

Page 8, Item #9B: “There’re” should be “There are”

Page 9, Item #9B, Motion item #3, “curricula” should be “curriculum.”

**MOTION** (by Mr. Dougherty, seconded by Ms. Rajswing): to approve the Minutes of the July 14, 2010 General Meeting as corrected.

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

**4. President's Report** (Owen Smith)

A. Nominations/Seating of Additional Board Members & Alternates

**MOTION** (by Ms. Gilman, seconded by Ms. ?): to accept the following nominations:  
Area 4 (Fremont Place) – Bobbie Kumetz, Director;  
Area 10 (Ridgewood/Wilton-St. Andrews Square) – Kathleen Mulligan, Alternate;  
Other Non-Profit – Cindy Chvatal, Alternate; and  
Renter – Sarah Tabor, Alternate.

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

New Board Members and Alternates, including elected Directors Charlie Dougherty, David Lunzer and Clinton Oie, who weren't able to attend last month's Meeting, declared the following Oath of Office together: "I pledge to represent the Greater Wilshire NC with dignity, integrity and pride. I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own. I will respect, value and consider everyone's opinion. I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it. To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability."

B. Remaining vacancies

Area 2 (Citrus Square) – Alternate  
Area 9 (Oakwood-Maplewood-St. Andrews) – Director & Alternate  
Area 13 (Wilshire Park) – Alternate  
Area 12 (We-Wil) – Alternate  
Area 14 (Windsor Square) – Alternate  
Business – Alternate  
Education – Alternate (have one volunteer, who will attend in September)  
There were no additional volunteers at this time.

C. GWNC Area 7 Election Review – Appoint ad hoc Committee to examine Stakeholder registrations, consult with City Attorney and City Clerk regarding possible violations of registration/documentation requirements.

Ms. Fuller explained that the City won't investigate a GWNC Area 7 election Challenge, but we now have the stakeholder registration forms from the election and it does look like the City Clerk did not record necessary documentation for many voters. She distributed a spreadsheet outlining registrations in the challenged Area 7 race, in which several people who claimed to work in the area were allowed to vote, but no documentation proving their employment status was recorded.

Mr. Smith appointed a new ad hoc Election Review Committee, with Charles Dougherty as Chair and Ms. Fuller, Mr. Gresham, Mr. Oie (Ms. McFall declined) and Mr. Pickel to review the election documents and make recommendations for how we should proceed.

- D. DONE talks on creating uniform NC Bylaws – Appoint ad hoc Committee  
Mr. Smith appointed a new ad hoc Uniform Bylaws Committee, with with Mr. Gresham and Ms. Usher (who will serve as Chair); Stakeholder John Welborne agreed to serve as pro bono Legal Counsel.

**5. Local Government Updates**

- A. CD4 Update (Nikki Ezhari)  
Ms. Ezhari could not attend and there was no report at this time.
- B. 42nd Assembly District Update (Haeyoung Kim)  
Ms. Kim could not attend and there was no report at this time.
- C. 26th Senate District Update (Andrew Lachman)  
Mr. Lachman could not attend and there was no report at this time.

**6. Treasurer’s Report & Budget Items**

- A. Monthly Budget report/approval  
Ms. Fuller explained that new Treasurer Mr. Oldham is not yet trained. She distributed and reviewed the “Monthly Spending Report – July – August 10, 2010”  
**MOTION** (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. Pickel): The GWNC approves the “Monthly Spending Report – July – August 10, 2010.”

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

- B. GWNC 2010-2011 Budget adjustment – Ebell costs  
Ms. Fuller distributed the “[GWNC] Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Approved by the Board 7-14-10” and reported that the Ebell is increasing its rental rates from \$200 per meeting to \$300 per meeting, which, although “still far below their normal rate,” will necessitate a budget adjustment.

*[Ms. Gindler joined the meeting at this time.]*

Mr. Dougherty explained that many meetings run overtime for which the landlord needs to be paid.

**MOTION** (by Ms. McFall, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The GWNC will continue having its General Meetings at the Ebell of Los Angeles and adjust its Budget to reflect the increased Meeting expense.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Fuller explained suggested Budget revisions.

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

- C. City Budget update  
Mr. Humphreville was unable to attend this Meeting and there was no report.

**7. DWP Oversight**

Mr. Humphreville was unable to attend this Meeting and there was no report.

**8. Community Concerns**

A. Senior citizen concerns

Stakeholder Joan Taylor described some seniors' concerns regarding transportation. She believes that "expensive Senior Center vans" could be replaced by taxis and save lots of money. She was also concerned about needed sidewalk repairs. Mr. Welborne encouraged contacting City Councilmembers regarding these concerns.

**9. Outreach Committee (Matthew Oldham)**

A. New Chairperson and Secretary

Mr. Oldham is the new Committee Chair and Ms. Gilman is the Committee Secretary.

B. Larchmont Fair booth

There will be a GWNC booth at the October 24<sup>th</sup> Larchmont Fair; Mary Rajswing will coordinate it

C. Saturday morning GWNC activities – monthly, rotate among neighborhoods, may include tours (e.g. history, land use, gardens), trash pick-up, etc.

Ms. Fuller said such activities will "help the [GWNC] connect with the community" and Mr. Mariscal will be the coordinator.

D. GWNC booth for Larchmont Fair

[See Item 9) B) above.]

E. Website redesign

Ms. Fuller distributed a hardcopy sample redesigned website [www.GWNC.org] page and described the redesign.

F. E-Mail newsletter and Larchmont Chronicle ads – need volunteer to write.

Mr. Oldham requested volunteers; Ms. Rajswing volunteered.

**10. Ad Hoc Funding Guidelines Committee**

Ms. Fuller reported that the Committee did not yet meet.

**11. Ad Hoc Million Trees Committee**

Ms. Rajswing reported that the Committee did not yet meet. She's "done some preliminary work." Last month there was a Green Islands project event and the GWNC received a Certificate of Appreciation and front page Larchmont Chronicle notice. There was discussion and Stakeholder Margaret Fuji was concerned regarding tree maintenance.

**12. Land Use Committee**

[NOTE: All Land Use items are reports/advisory only this month; no motions required.] Mr. Smith noted that Mr. Wolf was unable to attend this Meeting. Ms. Fuller explained that the

below Land Use Items will be addressed at the next [August 24<sup>th</sup>] Committee Meeting. *[The following text is directly from the Agenda.]*

**A. Preschool CUP for Yeshivath Torath Emeth Academy (7002 W. Clinton)**

**Issue:** GWNC originally voted to join the school's neighbors in opposition of the original CUP application for this project, and later to support the neighbors' appeal of the application's approval. Both votes were based on reports of ongoing, cumulative and unresolved problems with noise and traffic at the school's five facilities in the neighborhood, and the suitability of the project for a residential area. Appeals on the hearing were scheduled for August 3 and August 10 (after our Land Use meeting this month).

**LUC recommended action:** None at this time. Neighbors may provide an update/report on hearings and item may be re-agendized at a future LUC meeting if further action is required.

**B. Ariel Market Beer & Wine CUP (304 N. La Brea)**

**Issue:** Applicant has applied for permit to sell Kosher wine at Kosher market.

**LUC recommended action:** None at this time. Applicant's representative reported that the applicant, a rabbi, could not attend the Land Use meeting because it was held at a church. He will clarify to the applicant that the meeting is in a meeting room, not a worship space, and will re-invite him. No city hearing date is set yet.

**C. 427 S. McCadden application for over-height fence**

**Issue:** The Hancock Park HPOZ Board voted to oppose the application for the fence permit. The Hancock Park Homeowners' Association has asked that the GWNC support the HPOZ Board.

**LUC recommended action:** None at this time. Neither the applicant nor the HPHOA sent a representative to the Land Use Committee meeting, and Committee Members said they would like to see some sort of documentation or presentation, from at least one side (if not both), before taking a vote on the issue. Item will be re-agendized at the next LUC meeting.

**D. T-Mobile Cell Phone Poles at 9th & Mansfield and 1st & Wilton**

**Issue:** Both applications were heard at a previous meeting. This month, the T-Mobile representative reported that the pole originally proposed for Wilton will probably be moved to Gramercy. In response to neighbors' previous requests to investigate alternate, commercial-street locations for the Mansfield pole, he presented a coverage map, showing full coverage on nearby commercial streets, but spotty coverage along Olympic from La Brea to Keniston.

**LUC recommended action:** None at this time. Discussion centered around size vs. numbers of poles/antennas required. Applicant will return with more information and revised proposals for both locations.

**E. Boarding House at 208 S. St. Andrews**

**Issue:** Inspector visited property in response to neighbors' complaints that single-family home has been divided and is being used as a boarding house, but didn't make a

conclusive determination and has not yet revisited. Property is also being advertised for sale with boarding house details. St. Andrews Square Neighborhood Association has written a draft letter to city officials, complaining about the situation and asks GWNC support.

**LUC recommended action:** None at this time. Committee recommended SASNA contact City Council office for guidance and assistance before moving to higher levels.

**F. Upcoming Issues for September LUC Meeting:**

- Cell phone antennas atop 654/666 s. La Brea (Pac Bell building)
- Meter cabinet at Olympic/Muirfield
- Oesteria Mamma liquor CUP
- Legalizing 3rd dwelling unit at 216 S. Irving
- CUP condition adjustments/revocation at Al's Liquors (5550 Melrose)
- CUP application to sell wine/beer at Piper's Restaurant (222 N. Western)
- CUP application to sell wine/beer at Café Storygarden (338 S. Western)
- Permit application for addition, garage, etc. at 5226 W. 1st St.
- Eastern Presbyterian Church renovations (4270 W. 6th St.)
- Legalizing 3rd dwelling unit at 812 N. Sycamore
- Renovations at 500 S. Lorraine
- Review new conditions for California Marketplace project (450 S. Western)
- Larchmont Bungalow update

**13. Board Member Comments/New Business**

There were no additional comments or new business.

**14. Public Comments**

Mr. Welborne thanked Board Members for their service.

**15. Announcements and Adjournment**

Next meeting (note date change): Wednesday, September 1, 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Smith announced that the next General Meeting will be on the first Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> because of the Rosh Hashana holiday, not the usual second Wednesday. Ms. Fuller announced the fourth Tuesday August 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00 (not 7:00) p.m. Land Use Committee Meeting. Ms. Gilman distributed flyers for and announced the "Taste of Larchmont Village" August 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00-9:00 p.m.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. Pickel): to **ADJOURN** the Meeting.

Mr. Smith declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Levin  
Minutes Writer