Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council

Transportation Committee Minutes

Wednesday, September 4, 2013

1. Call to Order

A duly noticed meeting of the Transportation Committee (TC) of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC) was held on Wednesday, May 1, at Wilshire United Methodist Church, 4350 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90005. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

2. Roll Call and Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Jack Humphreville and Greg Witmann were present.

3. Guest Speakers

a) Officer Alan Henry, LAPD, had nothing to report. He answered questions about accident statistics and LAPD’s effectiveness in addressing areas with frequent accidents. He stressed that in order for enforcement to take place, complaints need to be filed, problem areas investigated and if a problem is verified, then enforcement can take place.

b) Claire Bowin, Juliet Oh and My La from LADCP answered questions about the Mobility Element. They are preparing a draft EIR for 2014 release. Members had comments about the City’s poor outreach, limited public engagement and short comment period. There was a reiterated request for more transparent information including what portions of the existing Transportation Element are to be removed. Other comments included street conditions, street designation and parking policy. Board and public comments had been received by City Planning.

c) Ben Seinfeld, CD4, said he had no new information about safety enhancements on Sixth Street or street repairs.

4. Public Comments

Mr Joseph O’Heron asked the board to send a letter requesting that the alley East of La Brea between Carling and Sixth be prioritized for repair. Mr Seinfeld thought it feasible that the city would embrace an approach that involved stakeholder finvestment in the repaving. The board agreed to send a letter if modified to reflect the alley being added to
5. Committee Member Comments and Assignments

The SOSLA initiative was discussed and it was agreed that a motion would be drafted for consideration for the Board suggesting the board comment on lack of outreach, request expert independent oversight for the project and that the plan include a long-term operating budget with an identified revenue base and also include a balanced budget amendment.

Adjourned
The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.