



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Transportation Committee Minutes
Monday, December 1, 2014

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Transportation Committee was held on Monday, December 1, 2014, in the Parsonage Room of the Wilshire United Methodist Church, 4350 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:02 p.m.

Present were members Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Jeffry Carpenter, Michelle Owen, and Julie Stromberg. Also present were Diane Dicksteen, President of the Windsor Village Association, and William Funderburk, Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board member. Committee member Jack Humphreville was absent.

Michelle Owen called the meeting to order after determining that a quorum was present.

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Chvatal-Keane): Add William Funderburk to the GWNC Transportation Committee.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with all 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

3. Administrative Items (Discussion and Action)

A. Review and Adoption of March 10, 2014 Minutes

MOTION (by Ms. Owen, seconded by Ms. Chvatal-Keane): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Transportation Committee approves the Minutes of its March 10, 2014 Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with all 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention (Ms. Stromberg).

B. Review and Adoption of May 12, 2014 Minutes

MOTION (by Ms. Owen, seconded by Ms. Chvatal-Keane): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Transportation Committee approves the Minutes of its May 12, 2014 Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with all 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

C. Review and Adoption of August 28, 2014 Minutes

The review and adoption of the August 28, 2014 minutes were table until the next meeting.

4. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

5. Old Business

A. Revised Mobility Plan/Mobility Plan 2035

Ms. Chvatal-Keane discussed how Hancock Park is looking into how the proposed Mobility Plan will be changing street designations. For example, 3rd street will be transit corridor and 6th Street will be a secondary highway. In addition, Melrose will be reduced to 2 lanes with protected bike lanes. The Hancock Park Streets Committee is looking into the matter and awaiting the opportunity to comment during the comment period.

Ms. Stromberg proposes that there should be streets and transportation committees in all the GWNC areas, especially in areas with neighborhood associations. Each group can report to the GWNC Transportation Committee and provide the Committee with updates.

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Owen): All communities within the Greater Wilshire area should create respective Streets and Transportation Committees to review related matters affecting their neighborhoods and adjacent neighborhoods. Each Committee will then report to the GWNC Transportation Committee.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with all 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

B. Hancock Park Failed Streets

Ms. Chvatal-Keane reported that there will be a January 2015 community meeting to discuss the results of a recent comprehensive study performed by the California Concrete Association and an independent contractor on the streets and treatments available for each individual street in Hancock Park. Each street will be evaluated to see how they can become acceptable. City's desire for asphalt paving may skew project costs. Hancock Park was promised 6 intersections to be fixed with concrete. However, there are still waiting to hear back from Councilman LaBonge's office (CD4).

C. Metro

Ms. Stromberg reported on recent developments at the Crenshaw Lot, including a trespassing incident involving a Crenshaw resident, issue with plants that need to be removed on Metro's property, the delay in erecting the sound wall surrounding the property, and construction workers parking on Lorraine Blvd. despite orders not to park in that area. Ms. Chvatal-Keane recommended contacting Councilman LaBonge's office (CD4) directly regarding traffic issues in that area. Mr. Carpenter recommended permanent installation for monitoring equipment, the need for proper documentation, and to ask Councilman LaBonge's office for monitoring equipment. Ms. Owen reported that Metro said they will look into plate locks for steel plates. Ms. Dicksteen explained that the problem regarding Crenshaw Staging Area is that they have 6 contractors instead of 2 in the lot. The lot is quiet now because of contractor protest, but will likely pick up when it is resolved.

Mr. Carpenter reported on the Metro 11-07-14 Groundbreaking Ceremony at LACMA. No contractor was present, which made groundbreaking appear rushed. Mr. Carpenter also reported on the September 2014 Metro meeting as being uneventful because no contractor had been selected.

6. New Business

A. Street Markings on Sycamore in Between 1st Street and 2nd Street

Ms. Stromberg reported that a stakeholder reached out to her regarding street markings on Sycamore Street in between 1st Street and 2nd Street. The markings appear to be paint drippings that create a false line in the road. The stakeholder requested that the GWNC Transportation Committee contact LADOT to correct the markings as they may create confusion for drivers. Ms. Stromberg examined the markings and found similar markings on Orange Drive as well.

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Owen): Recommend that the GWNC place a request with LADOT to remove the haphazard markings on Sycamore Ave. and Orange Drive in between 1st Street and 2nd Street. Mr. Carpenter abstained.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with all 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

B. Safety Issues at Intersection of Lucerne Blvd. and Olympic Blvd.

Ms. Stromberg reported that there have been at least 3 accidents within the last 4 months at the intersection of Lucerne Blvd. and Olympic Blvd. New markings were done at this intersection preceding the collisions. Windsor Village community members have reached to the LAPD and LADOT, but to not avail. LADOT maintains that the intersection is to spec. Ms. Stromberg asked the Transportation Committee for guidance, but none was provided.

C. EmpowerLA Sidewalk Repair Questionnaire

Mr. Humphreville was not present to give the report on this matter.

6. Committee Member Reports

William Funderburk reported that Ben Seinfeld in Councilman LaBonge's Office (District 4) agreed to a partial closure at Sycamore and Carling Way and Orange per the request of the LaBrea Hancock Homeowner's Association (LBHA). Closure will be similar to the one at Citrus. In addition, they were able to obtain partial funding for the closure. Metro supported LBHA's request for a closure. The closure will prevent northbound cut through traffic from Wilshire and cars will be encouraged to stay on La Brea. The funds are in escrow and anticipate date of completion is first quarter 2015.

7. Committee Member Comments/Announcements

Ms. Stromberg began a discussion regarding having more meetings.

MOTION (by Ms. Owen, seconded by Ms. Stromberg): Change GWNC Transportation Committee meeting schedule from quarterly to every other month, numerically even months, on the first Monday of said month unless that day is a holiday. If that day is a holiday, an adjustment will be made to the calendar.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with all 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

8. Requests/Motions for Future Agenda Items

None.

9. Adjournment

No announcements. Meeting is adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next meeting will be on February 2, 2015.