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Brief Summary: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports Mr. Wesson's motion, which will make it easier for Neighborhood Councils to do their jobs.

Additional Information



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council General Meeting  
May 13, 2015  
DRAFT MINUTES

1. **WELCOMING REMARKS** (Owen Smith)

A. Call to order & Flag salute

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles. President Owen Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05 p. m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frances McFall.

B. Board Roll call (Jeffry Carpenter)

Secretary Jeffry Carpenter called the roll. Eleven of the 18 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call: Jeffry Carpenter, Ann Eggleston, Michael Genewick, Karen Gilman (Alternate for Jane Usher), John Gresham, Joseph Hoffman, Frances McFall, Jeff McManus, Owen Smith, Julie Stromberg and Greg Wittmann. Patricia Carroll, Jack Humphreville, Patricia Lombard and William Funderburk arrived later. Three Board Members were absent and not represented by an Alternate: Fred Mariscal, John Winther and James Wolf. Jason Peers and Daniel Whitley resigned. The GWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 3/5 of the 18 currently filled Board seats, or 11 members present (see <http://www.greaterwilshire.org/site/files/GreaterWilshireApprovedReorderedBylawAmendments051712Updated102612.pdf>), so at this time the Board could have discussions, make Motions and take votes. Three Board Seats were vacant (Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews, Education and Other Non-Profit) (and some Alternate Seats were vacant; see below). Also attending: 14 Stakeholders and guests.

2. **COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Representatives from government offices and community-based organizations)

A. CD4 Update (Ben Seinfeld)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #4.*] L.A. City District Four Councilman Tom LaBonge (323-957-6415; Councilmember.LaBonge@LACity.org; <http://CD4.LACity.org>) encouraged to “fight” to have a Senior Lead Planner like the Police have a Senior Lead Officer. He urged protection of the Park Mile Specific Plan and the Interim Control Ordinance. He noted various accomplishments and work to be done.

B. CD5 Update (John Darnell)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #11. A.*] John Darnell, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (310-289-0353; John.Darnell@LACity.org; www.lacity.org/council/cd5), reported that “the Interim Control Ordinance is in effect . . . for 22 months” and the Planning Dept. “is hiring four planners.”

C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

Hebel Rodriguez, LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 213.473.0476; mobile/text phone 213.793.0715; 35738@LAPD.LACity.org; www.LAPDWilshire.com), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

D. Metro Business Interruption Fund (BIF) (Shalonda Baldwin)

Metro representative Michael Cortez distributed copies of their BIF brochure and announced upcoming events.

*Board Members Jack Humphreville and Patty Lombard arrived at this time, making 13 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 11).*

Manager Shalonda Baldwin and Cruz Esparga explained Metro’s Business Interruption Fund.

*Board Member Patti Carroll arrived at this time, making 14 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 11).*

Ms. Baldwin said the BIF is “to provide assistance to small businesses . . . up to \$50,000” with “25 or fewer total employees . . . immediately adjacent to the transportation corridor” that can demonstrate negative economic impact.

E. Other local government representatives

There was no report at this time.

**3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s jurisdiction

There were no public comments at this time.

**4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

A. GWNC Citizen Recognition Award: Darnella Davidson, Director of the 25-time LA City Champion Los Angeles High School Band and Color Guard  
GWNC Administrative Consultant Elizabeth Fuller described Ms. Davidson’s accomplishments.

*Board Member Bill Funderburk arrived at this time, making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 11).*

Councilman LaBonge helped present the award to Ms. Davidson. Photos were taken. Ms. Davidson thanked the GWNC for the award and noted that she has been at Los Angeles High School for 28 years; she is now teaching “second-generation” students.

After the award presentation, Mr. La Bonge spoke briefly about his years of service to CD4, and thanked Greater Wilshire stakeholders for their contributions to the area.

## **5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

### A. Review and adoption of April 8, 2015, Minutes

**MOTION** (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Ms. Eggleston): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its April 8, 2015 General Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote; Ms. Stromberg abstained.

## **6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT** (including discussion and possible Board action, as noted):

### A. Board Vacancies

Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; Education; and Other Non-Profit.

Mr. Smith noted the vacancies. [To apply see [www.GWNC.org](http://www.GWNC.org) and <http://www.greaterwilshire.org/site/files/GreaterWilshireApprovedReorderedBylawAmendments051712Updated102612.pdf>.]

### B. Alternate Board Members still needed for:

Area 3 – Country Club Heights Area 4 – Fremont Place; Area 8 – Melrose; Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; Area 12 – Western-Wilton; Education; Other Non-Profit; and Religion.

Mr. Smith noted the vacancies.

### C. Ethics & Funding Training reminder. All Board Members and Alternates must complete ethics training in order to vote on funding Motions before the Board. The course is available online at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=477>

In addition to Ethics training, all Board Members and Alternates are also **REQUIRED** to take a new funding training course (about the new system of NC checking accounts). The course is at

<http://empowerla.org/leadership-academy/#Funding>. Be sure to submit your completion forms (included in the training) to register your attendance.

Board Members and Alternates **MUST** complete both trainings to be eligible to vote on funding-related matters.

The following Board Members and Alternates have **NOT** completed the trainings noted below and are **NOT** eligible to vote on financial matters:

[A list in the Agenda shows which Board Members and Alternates need to complete trainings.] Mr. Smith noted the above.

D. Code of Conduct Forms -- All Board Members and all but one Board Alternate (Business Alternate Peggy Bartenetti) have now signed the new required Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct Policy (see handout or the online version at <http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/>). DONE has notified us that if Ms. Bartenetti does not sign by Friday, May 15, she will be removed from her position on the GWNC.

[A list in the Agenda shows which Board Members and Alternates need to complete the Forms.] Mr. Smith noted the above.

7. **Hiring of a New GWNC Contract Administrator** (Discussion and Board Action) (Smith, Carpenter, Fuller, Carroll)

Current administrator Elizabeth Fuller is not renewing her contract after its June 30 expiration. To effectively aide the process of funding, identifying and hiring a qualified replacement, the GWNC administration recommends the following five actions/Motions:

A. That the GWNC approve a search and subsequent contract approval process for a qualified replacement Administrator to perform the administrative tasks and provide the Board and Committee support that have been provided by Elizabeth Fuller for the last three years.

B. That the GWNC create an Ad Hoc Search Committee to recruit, identify and hire a qualified Administrator.

C. That the GWNC approve advertising and outreach for the vacancy, to ensure we reach qualified candidates with the required skill set.

Furthermore...

Because the current GWNC budget of \$5,000/year for an Administrator who typically works 10-20 hours per week is not adequate to attract a truly qualified and dedicated Administrator (note that 10 hrs./wk. x \$16.25/hr. (the DONE-approved Administrator rate through its temp agencies, which is more than our previous allocation but still barely above minimum wage) would be \$8,450 for year; 20 hrs./wk. would be \$16,900)... and...

Because the current GWNC budget of \$500/year for paper, ink, software, equipment and other office supplies is also inadequate to truly cover the costs of the NC's work...

We further propose:

D. That the GWNC allocate \$\_\_\_\_\_ for compensation of an Administrative consultant and \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the cost of office equipment and supplies in its budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal budget year.

And, finally...

Because DONE mandates that Administrators be hired only through one of its contracted temporary employment agencies, which require that all such work be done only in a DONE-approved GWNC office (which has proven impossible – after many years of searching - for us to procure)...and which require that such employees be supervised at all times by an on-site GWNC Board Member (which is impossible without a GWNC office)...

And because DONE's approved categories for contracted services outside the approved temp agencies do not include general-purpose Administrators...

- E. The GWNC formally requests that DONE make an exception to its standard hiring policies to allow GWNC to hire, via an independent contract, an Administrative Consultant with duties and compensation to be specified by the GWNC...and that DONE further agree to expedite the contract process to ensure a smooth and timely continuation of our required civic duties, and to ensure that our candidate of choice can begin working immediately, and can begin to be paid within 30 days of being hired.

[All of the above Item #7 wording was on the Agenda.] Mr. Smith read aloud much of the above wording. Mr. Carpenter noted that he asked Ms. Fuller to write this Item and that Ms. Fuller has performed outstandingly for a very long time without being paid. He and Ms. Fuller explained related issues.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Humphreville, seconded by Mr. Hoffman): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves above Item #'s 7. A. and B. and the first paragraph of C., replacing the word "approve" with the word "undertake," namely:

- A. That the GWNC undertake a search and subsequent contract approval process for a qualified replacement Administrator to perform the administrative tasks and provide the Board and Committee support that have been provided by Elizabeth Fuller for the last three years.
- B. That the GWNC create an Ad Hoc Search Committee to recruit, identify and hire a qualified Administrator.
- C. That the GWNC undertake advertising and outreach for the vacancy, to ensure we reach qualified candidates with the required skill set.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. McFall asked why a Board Member cannot replace Ms. Fuller. Ms. Fuller noted that the job takes 10-20 or more hours per week.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with no objection.

Regarding Item #7. D., Ms. Fuller explained that "it always goes at least ten hours per week" including many land use projects being tracked for the Land Use Committee. There was extensive discussion of how the work can be accomplished within the budget and DONE [L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (213-978-1551; [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org))] constraints.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves above Item # 7. D., the first paragraph, namely:

- D. to allocate up to \$20,000 for compensation of an Administrative consultant and up to \$1,000 for the cost of office equipment and supplies in its budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal budget year.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Eggleston, Funderburk, Genewick, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, McFall, McManus, Smith, Stromberg, Gilman and Wittmann); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Carroll was ineligible to vote due to not having renewed Ethics Training.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Genewick, seconded by Ms. McFall): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves above Item # 7. E., namely:

E. The GWNC formally requests that DONE make an exception to its standard hiring policies to allow GWNC to hire, via an independent contract, an Administrative Consultant with duties and compensation to be specified by the GWNC...and that DONE further agree to expedite the contract process to ensure a smooth and timely continuation of our required civic duties, and to ensure that our candidate of choice can begin working immediately, and can begin to be paid within 30 days of being hired.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote with all 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Eggleston, Funderburk, Genewick, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, McFall, McManus, Smith, Stromberg, Gilman and Wittmann); zero opposed; zero abstained.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Hoffman): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council formally requests retroactive approval of the submitted contract for Elizabeth Fuller from its scheduled start date of July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, and that Ms. Fuller be fully and appropriately compensated for the extensive services she rendered in good faith to the GWNC since that time, notwithstanding DONE's inability to process her contract in a timely and efficient manner

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with no objection.

**8. TREASURER’S REPORT** (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

A. GWNC Support for Wesson Motion on NC finances to City Council – CF # 15-0524 (Discussion and Board Action)

Motion (see handout) addresses the following issues: [see the below Motion].

Ms. Fuller explained the above.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Humphreville, seconded by Ms. McFall): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports City Council File – CF # 15-0524, City Councilman Herb Wesson’s Motion on Neighborhood Council finances that:

- Allows more speaking time to be given to Board Members when addressing the Council, its Committees, Commissions and Boards
- Establishes a rollover policy for neighborhood council funds
- Reinstates the donation policy for neighborhood councils (i.e. allows NCs to accept donations)
- Explores ways to streamline the accounting requirements and submission of compliance documents

- Transfers responsibility of certain functions from DONE to neighborhood councils to increase the efficiency of the department and the independence of neighborhood councils
- Provides staffing at DONE to implement these changes.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote with all 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Eggleston, Funderburk, Genewick, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, McFall, McManus, Smith, Stromberg, Usher and Wittmann); zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for April 2015 (Discussion and Board action) (Carroll, Fuller)

Expenses included:

- 4/9 – Larchmont Chronicle ad (March) - \$340.00
- 4/9 – Board meeting handouts - \$116.74
- 4/10 – Larchmont Chronicle ad (April) - \$340.00
- 4/13 – Minutes writer - \$148.01
- 4/13 – Minutes writer - \$148.01
- 4/13 – Minutes writer - \$154.44
- 4/29 – Land Use Committee meeting handouts - \$135.05

Copies were distributed of the GWNC Monthly Expenditure Report for April and “Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015: approved on August 13, 2014.”

Ms. Fuller reviewed the above expenses.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Eggleston, seconded by Ms. McFall): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for April 2015.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Eggleston, Funderburk, Genewick, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, McFall, McManus, Smith, Stromberg, Gilman and Wittmann); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Carroll was ineligible to vote due to not having renewed Ethics Training.

C. Approval of upcoming new expense, not previously budgeted (Discussion and Board action) (Carroll, Fuller)

i. Minutes writer for June Transportation Committee meeting – up to \$150

Ms. Fuller explained that the Committee meets four times per year and needs a Minutes writer. The next meeting is Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Ms. Stromberg): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves allocating up to \$150 for a Minutes writer for its June Transportation Committee meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Fuller explained that Transportation Committee meetings tend to be well-attended and discuss a number of large issues.

**CALL for the QUESTION** (by Mr. Humphreville). There were no objections.



**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Eggleston, Funderburk, Genewick, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, McManus, Smith, Stromberg, Gilman and Wittmann); one opposed (McFall); zero abstained. Ms. Carroll was ineligible to vote due to not having renewed Ethics Training.

- D. Update on status of current year contracts for Wilshire United Methodist Church, Ebell of Los Angeles and Elizabeth Fuller (as previously approved by the Board) (Carroll)

Ms. Fuller updated that the Ebell cannot host the June Board Meeting; she has contacted other venues.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Eggleston, seconded by Ms. McFall): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council may reallocate up to \$300 from its Budget Outreach category to its Operations category to rent space, if necessary, for its Wednesday, June 10, 2015 Board Meeting.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Eggleston, Funderburk, Genewick, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, McFall, McManus, Smith, Stromberg, Gilman and Wittmann); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Carroll was ineligible to vote due to not having renewed Ethics Training.

Ms. Carroll reported that “the Church contract is finished . . . the Ebell contract is ready to go” and “is approved.” Ms. Fuller’s “contract is waiting to be completed” by DONE.

- E. Approval of Funding for Congress of Neighborhoods and Budget Advocates (Discussion and Board Action) Amount is up to us; GWNC usually donates \$250 to each. We do have funds allocated in current FY budget. Also have option of requesting that any unspent funds at the end of the year be donated to these in whatever percentage we ask.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

Resolved: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports:

LA Congress of Neighborhoods in the amount of:

\$1000  \$ 500  \$ 250  Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

and/or

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates in the amount of:

\$1000  \$ 500  \$ 250  Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Therefore, be it resolved that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the submission of this resolution authorizing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to transfer funds in the aforementioned amount from our appropriation account and into the Congress/Budget Advocacy Account No. 47J220.

Ms. Fuller explained that funding is available.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Humphreville, seconded by Ms. McFall): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will allocate \$250 each to the LA Congress of Neighborhoods and to the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates, and be it resolved that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the submission of this resolution authorizing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to transfer funds in the aforementioned amount from our appropriation account and into the Congress/Budget Advocacy Account No. 47J220.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Eggleston, Funderburk, Genewick, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, McFall, McManus, Smith, Stromberg, Gilman and Wittmann); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Carroll was ineligible to vote due to not having renewed Ethics Training.

F. Budget planning for FY 2015-2016 (Discussion and Board action)(Fuller, Carroll) Full budget will be approved at June Board Meeting; due to DONE on July 1.

- i. Discussion and possible pre-approval to include line-item expenses for:
  - a. Transportation Committee Minutes writer – approx. \$150/meeting x 6 meetings (new)
  - b. Increase in office supply budget (increase over previous \$500; recommend \$1,000 for Board and all Committees)
  - c. Increase in administrator compensation (increase over previous – see above discussion under item 7)
  - d. Purchase of additional banners for Larchmont Fair, etc. – approx. \$50-100, depending on size (new)
  - e. Printing costs for award certificates – approx. \$5/ea. (new)
  - f. Community forum events (venue, advertising, etc.) (new)
  - g. Others?

Ms. Fuller noted the above. No Motion was made or vote taken.

**9. DWP MOU LIAISON** (Discussion and possible Board action) (Humphreville) Discussion of rate increases, tiered rates, joint safety and training institutes.

Mr. Humphreville reported that “new tiers . . . for both water and power” will be created; a rate increase is soon expected. A class action lawsuit will be filed against the City. Regarding the Joint Training and Safety Institute Trusts, the City’s Chief Administrative Officer made 36 recommendations to which the DWP and the IBEW union agreed. He noted that the two DWP-controlled trusts are managed by five executives each salaried at \$220,000.

**10. CITY BUDGET and NC BUDGET ADVOCATES** (Humphreville) (Discussion and possible Board action)

Mr. Humphreville reported that City “revenues are up because of the economy,” though “there’s been no talk of reform of the budget process . . . no plan to fix the streets.”

*Board Member Frances McFall left at this time, making 14 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 11).*

**11. LANCC REPORT** (Humphreville/Mariscal) (Discussion and possible Board action)

Updates from May LANCC meeting.

A. Update on Greek Theater operations

Mr. Humphreville described the issue. The City Dept. of Recreation and Parks will manage the Greek Theater for the next year. Kristina Chambers of the Nederlander Group reported that Recreation and Parks “is putting out multiple RFP’s” and is trying to close by May 20<sup>th</sup>. She said “there still is the ability to extend the current operator.” She believed that management of the Greek will end up with AEG or Live Nation because of anticipated event management costs.

**12. OUTREACH COMMITTEE** (Mariscal) (Discussion and possible Board action, as noted)

Ms. Fuller reported that Mr. Mariscal attended Margaret Sowma’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

A. Co-sponsored CD 4 Candidate Forum at Forest Lawn on April 30

Ms. Lombard reported that the Forum was attended by around 175 people.

B. Second-chance Sycamore Square Neighborhood Walking Tour Back by popular demand: Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m. (meet at NE corner of Olympic & Sycamore, at the corner of the Wilshire Crest School lawn), will be led by Elizabeth Fuller.

Ms. Fuller noted the above.

C. Discussing possible community forum on Zoning issues (e.g. single family neighborhoods, densification, Ellis Act, Small Lot Subdivisions, etc.)

Ms. Fuller reported that “the Outreach Committee is very aware” of local zoning issues. Forum ideas are welcomed.

D. Citizen Recognition Awards Still seeking nominations. Please contact any Outreach Committee Member with suggestions – especially looking for “unsung” heroes.

Ms. Fuller noted the above.

**13. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** (Michelle Owen/Julie Stromberg) (Discussion and possible Board action)

A. Update on draft Mobility Plan.

Ms. Stromberg updated about the City’s Mobility Plan.

B. Next meeting: Monday, June 1.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

**14. LAND USE COMMITTEE** (James Wolf) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

A. Discussion and Board action on an application to construct a 3-story, 4-unit Small Lot Subdivision project at **5016 Rosewood Ave.**

**Issue:** Developers made a first presentation to the LUC in February and were asked to make some revisions, including adding doors on the street-facing side of the building.

New drawings presented in April do have the requested doors. Further discussion addressed balconies, materials and setbacks. Developers have also met with the Larchmont Village Neighborhood Association, which has not opposed the project. City hearing on the application is scheduled for May 20.

**LUC Recommended Motion:** That the GWNC support the application for a Tract Map to construct a 3-story, 4-unit Small Lot Subdivision project at 5016 Rosewood Ave. [Note: the LUC vote was 10-2 in favor of the Motion.]

Copies were distributed of the Preliminary Parcel Map Application. Ms. Fuller explained the above.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Lombard, seconded by Mr. Funderburk): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the application for a Tract Map to construct a 3-story, 4-unit Small Lot Subdivision project at 5016 Rosewood Ave.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote of the 14 eligible voters present with nine in favor; four opposed; one abstained.

Ms. Gilman noted that the Larchmont Village Neighborhood Association has neither supported nor opposed the project.

[The following items are provided for information only; no Board action is required or requested at this time.]

B. Application for Density Bonus for construction of 5-story, 88-unit apartment building at **501-543 N. Wilton**

**Issue:** Nine single-family houses on R-3 lots will be replaced with a 5-story, 88-unit (44 one-bedroom, 44 two-bedroom) apartment building over garage levels (142 parking spaces). Developer has already purchased the houses. 8 units will be reserved for Very Low Income housing. No other entitlement requests. Note that Density Bonus applications have MND hearings, but no others. LUC conversation centered on street parking, landscaping, height and overall design. Committee voted 11-4 to request that applicants return to LUC and/or GWNC Board with any design responses to the Committee's comments. Developer indicated on 5/8 that he will be ready to return in July or August.

C. Application for a Vesting Tentative Tract Map for a new 8-unit condominium building at **800 S. Lorraine**

**Issue:** Project is in very preliminary design and engineering stages. Currently proposing six two-bedroom units and two 3-bedroom units, Mediterranean-revival style. Committee discussion centered on setbacks and overall design (these and other issues will also be dealt with by the local HPOZ Board). Developer says hearings are about eight months away; will return as plans develop.

D. Application for a Density Bonus project at **5022-5026 Rosewood Ave.**

**Issue:** Developer has withdrawn the Density Bonus request, and there are no further entitlement requests, so the project is proceeding as a "by right" project.

E. Application for a Density Bonus project at **5036 Rosewood Ave.**

**Issue:** Developer has requested an official hold on the project, and has indicated to GWNC that the application will be cancelled entirely.

F. Application for a “Café Entertainment/Show” police permit at **4001 W. 6th St.**

**Issue:** LAPD confirmed that this application is to allow karaoke at an existing karaoke bar (“Story”) at this address. (Also note that it is NOT an application for a “Café Entertainment/Show-Adult” permit, which is very different.) To date, no objections to the application have been filed by any agencies that received/reviewed it. Location has had a full-line liquor CUB since the 1990s.

G. Possible agenda items for upcoming LUC meetings (no action at this time):

- i. Development of a parking lot into 22 townhouse units over subterranean parking at **612 S. Norton and 4055 Wilshire Blvd.**
- ii. Construction of a 4-story, 22-unit apartment complex with Density Bonus at **5022-5026 Rosewood Ave.**
- iii. Construction of a 4-unit Small Lot Subdivision project at **5016 Rosewood Ave.**
- iv. Change of Use to convert the old Scottish Rite Temple to a private, non-profit museum at **4357 W. Wilshire Blvd.**
- v. Construction of an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility atop an apartment building at **407 S. Gramercy**
- vi. Density bonus project at **801-813 N. Hudson**
- vii. Construction of a new 6,000 square foot retail space at **101 N. La Brea**
- viii. Construction of new 5-story, 44-unit condominium building at 836-850 S. Crenshaw Blvd.
- ix. Construction of 169 apartments at **904-932 N. La Brea Ave.**
- x. Application for a CUB to allow 24-hour operations and the sales of beer and wine at a new 7-Eleven store at **5373 W. Olympic Blvd.**

Ms. Fuller noted the above.

H. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next meeting, Wednesday, June 10, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

There were no Board Member comments at this time.

I. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests at this time.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

*The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been directly copied from the Agenda.* Edited by GWNC.