

**Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council  
General Board Meeting Notes**

1-8-24

Pico Pio Library  
694 Oxford Ave.  
5:30 pm

**1. Call to order: A quorum reached at 14. Meeting start 5:33**

**2. Roll call:**

Board Members	Present	Absent	Excused
Audrey Han	X		
Becky Bae			X
Bill Robinson	X		
Chris Kyushu Hwang	X		
Erica Jung	X		
Hoyle Kang	X		
Jennifer Chung	X		
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X		
Lillian Han	X		
Mark Lee	X		
Hu Ki Ryu	X		
Nathin Kim	X		
Nojan Hadaddid		X	
Sadur Rahman	X		
Samuel Suh	X		
Sandra Choi			X
Shazia Hoq	X		
Timothy Kwak			X

**3. Community Reports and Announcements**

**LAPD Senior Lead Officers in attendance.**

**Officers: Harry Cho, Frank Guzman, Albert Vazquez, Lucy Bermudez.** Officer Cho commented that the crime rate in the Olympic Division is down compared to 2023; explaining that crime rate statistics are always compared to the previous year. Ofc. Cho's core area rate for Part 1 crimes was up 2.4%. Part 1 crimes are homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assaults, burglary, theft. **Bill Robinson asked** about the Division's annual Shoe Giveaway. **Officer Cho informed** that for the last twelve years the department has hosted a winter wonderland holiday event for school children in the area. The kids receive new athletic shoes and toys donated by the community and sponsors. This year Ofc. Cho will reach out to all the neighborhood councils in his area to support this project. **Shazia Hoq asked** about the crime statistics. **Officer Cho explained** that the stats cover 2022-2023. No board comments. No public comments.

**City and other Governmental Agencies**

**District 10 Koreatown Constituent Representatives, Jungmin Lee and Alan Antonio** in attendance. **Rep. Antonio commented** that the Koreatown Snow day was a success with 5000 people enjoying multicultural foods donated by local vendors. Included in the event was the Bangladeshi parade with Councilwoman Heather Hutt. **Rep. Antonio commented on the encampments** discussed at the previous council meeting. The encampments (RFK Park and Olympic Blvd) were cleared but because of the rain and cold weather the encampments were again erected. As per city policy, encampments are not cleaned up during inclement weather. **Mark Lee commented** that the board appreciated the quick response regarding the

encampment cleanup. **Rep. Lee commented** that the District is hosting a Lunar New Year festival that will include a night market curated by Korean business and vendors. She will keep the council informed on this project. **Bill Robinson commented** regarding the list of sites included in the 41-18 Ordinance and asked if the list can be made available. **Mark Lee commented** that the list will be available on the website. No public or board comments.

**John Darnell, Representative for Neighborhood Empowerment, commented** on the passing of valued board member Claire Cannon. She will be memorialized at the Congress of Neighborhoods event held annually on the fourth Saturday in September 2024 during Civic Engagement Month in Los Angeles. Rep. Darnell took the opportunity to thank the board for their volunteer service to the community. No public or board comments.

**4. General Public comments** – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the board's subjects matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker. (2 min)

**John Yi, candidate State Assembly District 54 stated** that he was born in LA's Koreatown, where his parents first immigrated from South Korea in the 1970s, he has been a nonprofit advocate fighting for policies that impact our families, immigrants, public health, and the environment. He is the Executive Director of Los Angeles Walks, LA's leading pedestrian advocacy nonprofit, and a citywide leader on transportation. He works with families, seniors, and students to create safer streets and improve mobility, for pedestrians and transit riders. His projects include making Koreatown more walkable and LA's Union Station more pedestrian friendly. johnforAssembly.com

**David Kim, candidate for US Congress CA's 34th District stated** that he is a children's court attorney, activist and former neighborhood board council member serving in his Los Angeles Community, currently running for U.S. Congress in CA's 34th Congressional District as a grassroots challenger candidate. Mr Kim is running to fight special interests and win back power for the people. Mr. Kim has three core values: Life empowering policies, go-governance and people centered politics. david@davidkimforca.com

**Ned Racine, Metro Representative informed** the board that the temporary closure to remove the temporary decking at Wilshire and Western will start on March 1, 2024, and is scheduled to last for four weeks but work may be completed in two weeks. **Bill Robinson asked** when the purple extension will open. **Ned Racine responded** that section 1, Labrea-Fairfax station will be open spring of 2025, section 2, the Rodeo-Century City station will open in 2026 and section 3, UCLA-VA Hospital station will open in 2027. Bill Robinson questioned if the purple line will be able to accommodate the Olympics events. **Ned Racine answered** that the sport events will be at the universities; the Expo line already runs to USC and the UCLA station (section3) will be open.

**Representative Zapata for Family Source Centers commented** that there will be a center opening in Koreatown offering the same services as the Westlake Center. The Centers offer services that support your families. Family Source Centers (FSC) offer neighborhoods support for social, educational, work, and family services. With twenty locations established in the City of Los Angeles, helping to find the resources to increase family incomes, establish financial security, and build academic success.

**5. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meetings from December 2023.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Audrey Han	X			
Becky Bae			X	
Bill Robinson	X			
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			
Erica Chung	X			
Hoyle Kang	X			
Jennifer Chung	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			

Lillian Han	X			
Mark Lee	X			
Nathin Kim	X			
Nojan Haddadi			X	
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi			X	
Shazia Hoq	X			
Timothy Kwak			X	
Hu Ki Ryu	X			

First: Lillian Han - Second: Erica Jung Motion passed.

**6. Discussion and possible action to approve of the Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER) from December 2023.** Approval deferred to the next month.

**7. Committee Reports**

**Mark Lee made an exception to the agenda and proceeded from item #7 to item #11**

- a. Executive Committee. **Mark Lee comments** that this committee meets at the beginning of each month and all are welcome to attend or submit items.
- b. Budget and Finance
- c. Rules & Bylaws (selecting a committee member): **Motion to add Bill Robinson to the Rules and Bylaws Committee.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Audrey Han	X			
Becky Bae			X	
Bill Robinson	X			
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			
Erica Chung	X			
Hoyle Kang	X			
Jennifer Chung	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Lillian Han	X			
Mark Lee	X			
Nathin Kim	X			
Nojan Haddadi			X	
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi			X	
Shazia Hoq	X			
Timothy Kwak			X	
Hu Ki Ryu	X			

First: Erica Jung - Second: Lillian Han. Motion passed

- d. Outreach, Communications, & Election
- e. **Planning and Land Use Management.** Two more members are needed. **Mark Lee commented** that he has one member in mind and that one more person is needed. The board decided to postpone this election to next month's meeting.
- f. Sustainability & Beautification; **will have a meeting this month. No items.**
- g. Homeless, Tenant Rights, & Poverty

8. Discussion and possible action for a second signatory request from the city clerk's office to replace Claire Cannon. Also suggested, the WCKNC appoint an alternate signatory in case the second signatory is not available.

**Mark Lee states** that without a second signatory the council cannot move forward with regards to funding. Consequently, the council must appoint a second signatory as well as an alternate.

**John Darnell commented** that the Treasurer is responsible for the processing of fund requisitions. The second signatory is the online training are required for signatories.

**Erica Jung nominates Secretary Lillian Han.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Audrey Han	X			
Becky Bae			X	
Bill Robinson	X			
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			
Erica Chung	X			
Hoyle Kang	X			
Jennifer Chung	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Lillian Han	X			
Mark Lee	X			
Nathin Kim	X			
Nojan Haddadi			X	
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi			X	
Shazia Hoq	X			
Timothy Kwak			X	

First: Erica Jung - Second: Bill Robinson Motion passed.

Mark Lee nominates Nathin Kim as Alternate Signatory

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Audrey Han	X			
Becky Bae			X	
Bill Robinson	X			
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			
Erica Chung	X			
Hoyle Kang	X			
Jennifer Chung	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Lillian Han	X			
Mark Lee	X			
Nathin Kim	X			
Nojan Haddadi			X	
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi			X	
Shazia Hoq	X			
Timothy Kwak			X	

First: Mark Lee Second: Lillian Han Motion passed.

9. Discussion and possible action for the following items:

- a. Discussion and possible action to support or oppose allowing the continued sale of a full line of alcohol for on-site consumption at 3183 Wilshire Blvd. #195 existing Chipotle restaurant Vermont and Wilshire (**ZA-2013-1988-CUB-PA**). **Brett Engstrom, Planning Consultant commented** that there are no changes to the pending license. Chipotle is petitioning for a renewal of their license. The PLUM committee approved the petition. No comments from the board or the public

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Audrey Han	X			
Becky Bae			X	
Bill Robinson			X	
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			
Erica Chung	X			
Hoyle Kang	X			
Jennifer Chung	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Lillian Han	X			
Mark Lee		X		
Nathin Kim	X			
Nojan Haddadi			X	
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi			X	
Shazia Hoq	X			
Timothy Kwak			X	
Hu Ki Rye	X			
Shin Suk Oh	X			
Joseph Lee	X			
Kevin Kim	X			
JT Kim	X			
Ali Esmaili			X	

First: Lillian Han Second: Samuel Suh Motion passed

- b. Discussion and possible action to support or oppose allowing the continued sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption and ancillary off-site license at 3923 6th St. (**ZA 2023-6232 CUB**). **Brett Engstrom, Planning Consultant commented:** All'Antico Vinaio is a highly regarded international café serving legendary Florentine sandwiches. The Venice location is very popular. The Wilshire-Vermont location hours 8:00 am-12:00 am; anticipated opening in late spring of 2024. **Mark Lee asked** if there is parking at the site and if this is a new establishment. There is no parking and this is a brand new establishment PLUM approved the petition for a license.

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Audrey Han	X			
Becky Bae			X	
Bill Robinson			X	
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Erica Chung	X			
Hoyle Kang	X			
Jennifer Chung	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Lillian Han	X			
Mark Lee	X			
Nathin Kim	X			
Nojan Haddadi		X		
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi		X		
Shazia Hog	X			
Timothy Kwak		X		
Hu Ki Ryu	X			
Shin Suk Oh	X			
Joseph Lee	X			
Kevin Kim	X			
JT Kim	X			
All Esmaili			X	

First: Lillian Han Second: Samuel Suh Motion passed

- c. Discussion and possible action to support or oppose the pursuit of Case no. **ZA-2017-3351-MCUP** to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages on-site at Chapman Plaza 3465 W. 6th Street #200 (ZA-2023-6084-MPA), applicant **Robert Kim, Chapman Lounge LLC** with entertainment in the form of one Karaoke room and a live DJ. Petition approved by PLUM with no objections. **Mark Lee** asked the hours of operation; 6:00 pm-2:00 am. **Jennifer Chung** asked about the site's occupant history. Steve Lim responds that the site (4400 sq ft) is at the southwest corner of Chapman Plaza on the 2nd floor. The previous establishment was also a Karaoke bar (Bliss). The Chapman Plaza owner has several establishments and has an excellent standing in the community. This club would be a payed membership establishment (an adjustment to plan 57 entitlement). **Mark Lee** asked if the PLUM committee acknowledged the 57 entitlement adjustment. **Chris Hwang** answered no. **Mark Lee** asked about complaints from residents from the adjacent buildings. **Bill Robinson** added that there is a parking lot that provides a sound buffer. **Eric Jung** asked if the building is sound proofed. Steve Kim said no. **Steve Kim** responded that there is security around the building and the club will provide their own additional security. There is no record of residential complaints regarding the last club, Bliss. **JT Kim** asked if there would be dancing. The club has not petitioned for a dancing entitlement. **Mark Lee** motioned for a **conditional approval**: (1) 2:00am closing (2) Can not have bar hostesses (3) must have a crowd control officer at 2:00 am to 2:30 am or until the crowd has dispersed. (4) The approval will be revoked if the above conditions are not met.

Nathin Kim	X			
Nojan Haddadi			X	
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi			X	
Shazia Hoq	X			
Timothy Kwak			X	
Hu Ki Ryu	X			
Shin Suk Oh		X		
Joseph Lee	X			
Kevin Kim	X			
JT Kim	X			
Ali Esmaili	X			

First: Mark Lee Second: Bill Robinson Motion passed with conditions

- d. Discussion and possible action to support or oppose allowing the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages in the full-service restaurant having fifteen karaoke rooms at 3300 W. 8th Street (**ZA-2023-4481-CUB**). **Nathan Freeman presenter for club owner (applicant) Young Jin Park:** The new owner is petitioning for a new license for an existing bar **now closed**. Hours of operation; 11 am-4:00 am; providing two inside security guards and one outside. **Mark Lee asks** if the PLUM committee approved this petition. **PLUM Representative** affirmed with conditions regarding soundproofing and lighting. **Mark Lee asked** if the committee did not have an issue with the 4:00 am closing time. No answer from PLUM representative. **Nathan Freeman commented** that **no alcoholic will be served after 2:00 am**. Shazia Hoq commented that 4:00 am closing is too late and does not serve the community. Erica Jung commented that the club is near a school. Other concerns were raised by the board regarding the 4:00 am closing. Consequently, **Mark Lee moved to postpone approval until next month**. He asked that Mr. Freeman gather signatures from the residents in close proximity to the site. **Mark Lee commented** that the council works to promote new business in Koreatown. However, the safety and well being of the residential community is of prime importance.

10. Discussion and possible action to partner with WCKNC and KYCC for a community clean up February 17, 2024 from 8:00 am to 12:00 at 8th Street between Vermont and Western. Equipment will be provided by the community organizations. A police escort will be provided. All the NGOs in the community and stakeholders invited to participate. Motion to approve this item.

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Audrey Han	X			
Becky Bae			X	
Bill Robinson	X			
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			
Erica Chung	X			
Hoyle Kang	X			
Jennifer Chung	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Lillian Han	X			
Mark Lee	X			
Nathin Kim	X			
Nojan Haddadi			X	
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi			X	
Shazia Hoq	X			
Timothy Kwak			X	

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Mark Lee	X			
Lillian Han	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Jennifer Chung	X			
Hoyle Kang	X			
Erica Chung	X			
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			
Bill Robinson	X			
Becky Bae			X	
Audrey Han	X			

**Business Representatives Candidate, Shin Suk Oh:** Joseph Oh has been a CPA in Koreatown for twelve years. He lives in Koreatown hopes to donate his time and energy to serve his community.

First: Bill Robinson Second: Shazia Hoq Motion passed.

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Timothy Kwak	X			
Shazia Hoq	X			
Sandra Choi			X	
Samuel Suh	X			
Saidur Rahman	X			
Nojan Haddad			X	
Nathin Kim	X			
Mark Lee	X			
Lillian Han	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Jennifer Chung	X			
Hoyle Kang	X			
Erica Chung	X			
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			
Bill Robinson	X			
Becky Bae			X	
Audrey Han	X			

11. Discussion and possible action to recommend to the board to nominate and to fill the vacant positions for: **one** Community Organization Representative, **three** Business Representatives, and **one** Sub-District 5 Resident Representative. **Community Organization Representative Candidate, JT Kim:** JT Kim is an accomplished corporate real estate professional, CPA and a member of the Korean Real estate Association. His intention is to donate his time to help his community. **Bill Robinson nominates JT Kim**

**Mark Lee made an exception to the agenda and proceeded from item #7 to item #11**

First: Lillian Han Second: Samuel Suh Motion passed

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Hu Ki Ryu	X			
Shin Suk Oh	X			
Joseph Lee	X			
Kevin Kim	X			
JT Kim	X			
All Esmaili			X	



Nathin Kim	X			
Nojan Haddadi			X	
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi			X	
Shazia Hoq	X			
Timothy Kwak			X	
Hu Ki Ryu	X			

First: Lillian Han Second: Samuel Suh Motion passed

**Business Representative Candidate, Joseph Lee:** Joseph Lee has lived and world in Koreatown for twenty-five years. Born in Korea, he grew up in South America. He speaks Spanish, Korean and English fluently. He has experienced the ups and downs of the community and hopes to help the community up.

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Audrey Han	X			
Becky Bae			X	
Bill Robinson	X			
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			
Erica Chung	X			
Hoyle Kang	X			
Jennifer Chung	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Lillian Han	X			
Mark Lee	X			
Nathin Kim	X			
Nojan Haddadi			X	
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi			X	
Shazia Hoq	X			
Timothy Kwak			X	
Hu Ki Ryu	X			

First: Lillian Han Second: Samuel Suh Motion passed

**Business Representative Candidate, Kevin Kim:** Kevin Kim grew up in Koreatown. He is Marketing Director of Atlas Escrow. His heart is with this community.

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Audrey Han	X			
Becky Bae			x	
Bill Robinson	X			
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			
Erica Chung	X			
Hoyle Kang	X			
Jennifer Chung	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Lillian Han	X			
Mark Lee	X			
Nathin Kim	X			
Nojan Haddadi			X	
Saidur Rahman	X			

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Bill Robinson	X			
Becky Bae			X	
Audrey Han	X			

12. Discussion and decision by the board to file a to authorize to the board the use of teleconferencing for Neighborhood Council meetings, including board meetings and committee meetings, in accordance with the rules established by Senate Bill 411 and the subsequent motion passed by the City Council on November 1, 2023. The board should decide whether to conduct meetings via teleconferencing or in person. **Jennifer John Darnell clarifies that this vote is to have all meetings via zoom or all meetings in person. Jennifer Chung comments that if the board is diligently adhering to set time restrictions teleconferencing can be very effective and environmentally friendly. Bill Robinson comments that the Koreatown community may not have the financial means to access WiFi. Mark Lee replied that the cost of WiFi is \$49.99. Shazia Hoq comments that there can be too many distractions in an offsite environment. Mark Lee comments that he found that council zoom meetings can last nearly four hours. The pending vote was for teleconferencing exclusively which means that two thirds of the board members (18 member) must vote yes for the motion to pass. Jennifer Chung comments that the board consider the option to have one zoom meeting a month with no response from the board. Motion for teleconferencing in-person.**

**John Darnell, Neighborhood Empowerment Representative** swore in the five candidates. The candidates took their seats at the board table. They were eligible to vote on items not including funding.

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Audrey Han	X			
Becky Bae			X	
Bill Robinson	X			
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			
Erica Chung		X		
Hoyle Kang		X		
Jennifer Chung		X		
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Lillian Han		X		
Mark Lee	X			
Nathn Kim	X			
Nojan Haddad			X	
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi			X	
Shazia Hoq	X			
Timothy Kwak			X	
Hu Ki Ryu	X			

First: Lillian Han Second: Bill Robinson,

**Sub-District 5 Resident Representative, Ali Esmail:** Mr. Smiley was not in attendance as he was ill. But because he has been highly recommended by other board members a motion was put forth for nomination. He should be attending next month; his training completed.

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi			X	
Shazia Hoq	X			
Timothy Kwak			X	
Hu Ki Ryu	X			

First: Lillian Han Second: Chris Hwang Motion passed.

Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			
Erica Chung	X			
Hoyle Kang	X			
Jennifer Chung		X		
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Lillian Han	X			
Mark Lee	X			
Nathin Kim	X			
Nojan Haddadi			X	
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi			X	
Shazia Hoq	X			
Timothy Kwak			X	
Joseph Lee	X			
Kevin Kim	X			
JT Kim	X			
Ali Esmaili	X			

First: Bill Robinson Second: Shazia Hoq Motion passed for in-person meetings.

13. Discussion and possible action to appoint members to serve as representatives to various Neighborhood Council alliances and coalitions selected by the President. **Mark Lee clarified** that it is the board that is responsible for these appointments and not the president.

- A. Budget Representative
- B. LADWP Advocacy and Oversight
- C. LBGTQ+ Alliance
- D. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)
- E. Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance (NCEPA)
- F. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA)
- G. Plan Check

The board will appoint or vote on candidates. **Bill Robinson commented** that it difficult to effectively maintain the existing committees without adding more. **Mark Lee responded** that these are voluntary stakeholder positions and not board member positions. Item tabled until next month.

14. **Committee member comments/announcements**

**Mark Lee commented** on the passing of Claire Cannon. He will forward information regarding the funeral service to any member wanting to attend. **Mark Lee commented** that the Executive Committee is open to all presentations but there is a protocol and if the presenter is not in attendance that item will not be on the agenda. Also, regarding this issue, the minutes are available to the public after their approval at the next month's meeting. **Shazia Hoq commented** that there is an outstanding bill that must be paid. When will the new signatories be available. **John Darnell stated** that the signatory training consists of two hours of online training. As soon as training is complete and signed electronically, checks are sent one week later. **Mark Lee commented** that board members photos must be sent within the week.

15. **Adjourn at 7:31 pm**

