

# General Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 10, 2024

5:30 PM

Pio Pico Library

694 S. Oxford Ave

Los Angeles, CA 90005

1. Call to order at **5:39 pm**
2. quorum met at **14** board members in attendance
3. Roll call

Board Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Audrey Han	X		
Becky Bae		X	
Bill Robinson	X		
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X		
Erica Jung	X		
Hoyle Kang		X	
Jennifer Chung	X		
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X		
Lillian Han	X		
Nathan Kim	X		
Nojan Haddadi		X	
Saidur Rahman	X		
Samuel Suh			X
Sandra Choi	X		
Shazia Hoq	X		
Hu Ki Rye			X
Shin Suk Oh	X		
Joseph Lee	X		
Kevin Kim		X	
JT Kim	X		
Ali Esmaili		X	

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)

**Stakeholder, Larua K. Jones**, a Koreatown resident since 2011, complained that in the last year graffiti, crime, drugs has gotten out of control. She complained about the disparity between the blight at Wilshire & Western and the

relatively clean environment at Wilshire and Vermont. She commented that she has not received any satisfaction from District-10 representatives including Heather Hutt.

## 5. Community/Government Reports & Announcements

### 1. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

**Officer Harris Cho:** Responded to Ms. Jones regarding the disparity between Western & Wilshire and Vermont & Wilshire; laws need to be

Changed; LAPD personnel shortages contribute to increase in crime in that area. He also informed the board about the Parks & Rec. Job fair at International Park June 6, 2024 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. **National Night Out** at Olympic Station on August 6, 2024. He will submit NPG for event this event.

### **City and other Governmental Agencies**

District-10 representatives not in attendance.

**Conrado Terrazascross, 26th District Rep. (Sen. Maria Elena Durazo),** informed the board of the available services.

## 6. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting for May 13, 2024.

Approval of May 2024 minutes postponed till next month's July meeting.

## 7. Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for May 2024. Motion to approve report.

**First: Sandra Choi Second: Erica Jung Motion passed**

## 8. Committee Reports

- a. Executive
- b. Rules & Bylaws No meeting as two members (Becky Bae & Mark Lee) resigned unable to meet quorum.
- c. Outreach, Communications, & Elections  
Planning and Land Use Management (JT Kim appointed to PLUM)
- d. Sustainability & Beautification
- e. Transportation & Public Safety

## 9. Discussion and possible action to appoint a new WCKNC Treasurer.

Nomination to appoint for Treasurer. Ko Eun Hwang Ssara is stepping down from the Treasurer position. Consequently, Erica Jung motioned to nominated JT Kim for the position.

**First: Sandra Choi Second: Shazia Hoq Motion passed. JT Kim appointed new Treasurer.**

## 10. Discussion and possible action to appoint a 2<sup>nd</sup> signer. This person signs the funding documents after the Treasurer reviews and signs them first.

Jennifer Chung motioned to nominate Sandra Choi as the 2nd signer.

**First: Shazia Hoq Second: Saidur Rahman Motion passed unanimously.**

11. Discussion and possible action to approve the WCKNC's proposed budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. This can be changed at any board meeting after this, but you need to start with some sort of budget so funds can be spent starting July 1, 2024. Motion to pass the budget:

**First: Joseph Lee Second: Erica Jung Motion passed unanimously**

12. Discussion and possible action to combine the Sustainability & Beautification Committee with the Public Safety & Transportation Committee into a single committee to encourage making the quorum and holding regular meetings. Board discussed that the two committees are vital to the quality of life for the Koreatown community. John Darnell will research as to how many members can make up a committee and how many members needed to make a quorum. Motion to combine the two committees (Sustainability & Beautification, Public Safety & Transportation).

**First Shazia Hoq Second: Erica Jung Motion passed**

13. Discussion and possible action to announce WCKNC board vacancies and the intention to fill these vacancies at the July meeting of the WCKNC General Board. Motion to fill three vacancies left by Mark Lee, Timothy Kwak and Becky Bae.

**First: Saidur Rahman Second: Joseph Lee Motion passes**

**To apply to a neighborhood council the following is required:**

**Three forms of Id (Driver's license etc.)**

**Work in the area but do not live in the area**

**Part of a community-based organization**

**Appointee must attend an Executive Committee meeting**

14. Discussion and possible action to approval of a full line of alcoholic beverages in the full-service restaurant having fifteen karaoke rooms at **3300 W. 8<sup>th</sup> street.** (ZA2023-4481-CUB).

Because the opposing stakeholder, Patty Whong was not present at the May General Board meeting the PLUM committee decide to contact Ms. Whong to invite her to the June meeting. The board heard the Whong's complaint. Nathan Freeman representing the owner stated that the new hours would be 11:00 am to midnight Wednesday-Sunday and 11:00 am to 2:00 Thursday to Saturday. He assured the Board that security would be greatly enhanced. Erica Jung motioned that Friday and Saturday closing time would be at 1:30; Sunday-Thursday closing time would be midnight.

Board Member	yes	no	abstain	absent
Audrey Han	X			
Becky Bae				X
Bill Robinson	X			
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			
Erica Jung	X			
Hoyle Kang				X
Jennifer Chung	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Lillian Han			X	
Nathan Kim		X		
Nojan Haddadi				X
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh				X
Sandra Choi			X	
Shazia Hoq	X			
Hu Ki Rye			X	X
Shin Suk Oh	X			X
Joseph Lee	X			X
Kevin Kim				X
JT Kim	X			
Ali Esmaili				x

**First: Erica Jung Second: Joseph Lee Motion passed**

**NB. Per Presenter, Steve Kim because of the unanticipated changes within the WCKNC membership that led to delays, the City Zoning Administration approved the licenses for the following locations.**

15. Discussion and possible action to either support or oppose allowing the continued sale of full line of alcohol for on-site consumption **at 429 N. Western Ave. #6, #(ZA-2023-7215-CUB) renewal of entitlement ZA-2017-2730-CUB**, proposed 2,545 sq. ft. restaurant/karaoke studio with 9 studio rooms and 75 indoor seats. Proposed hours of operation 11:00 am -2:00 am daily in the C2-1 zone. Steve Kim, Presenter commented that WCKNC PLUM committee had no objections; Karaoke has year been at the location for 38 years with a new ownership last year. Motion to approve board recommendation of license renewal.

**First: Chris Kyungho Hwang Second: Joseph Lee Motion passed unanimously.**

**Items #16 & #17 were bundled for one vote**

16. Discussion and possible action to either support or oppose allowing the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at **928 S. Western Avenue Unit #237**, Case Number ZA-2024-698-CUB in conjunction with a proposed 5,064 sq. ft. restaurant with 185 seats, including a 546-sf. ft. outdoor patio with 28 seats, in the C2-1 zone. Proposed hours of operation are from 11 am to 2 am, daily. Located at James Woods Blvd. & Western Ave. on Second level. Japanese cuisine. Motion to approve board recommendation of license.

17. Discussion and possible action to either support or oppose allowing the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption **at 928 S. Western Avenue Unit #132**, Case Number ZA-2024-1207-MCUP in conjunction with up to six restaurants in an existing food court with twelve restaurants. The food court also includes a performance stage and DJ entertainment. Proposed hours for all establishments do not exceed 10 am to 2 am daily. The food court will have a total square footage of 14,979 sf. ft. and will have 410 seats shared amongst the restaurants. It is a type 41 license which means all ages are permitted in the establishment. **Presenter, Steve Kim commented** that six of the twelve restaurants had applied for liquor licenses. Also the food court (Korean town plaza) is considered a destination point. PLUM committee approved the petition. Motion to recommend approval of liquor license.

**First: Shazia Hoq Second: Erica Jung Motion passed unanimously.**

18. Board comments/Announcements

No announcements

19. Adjourn **at 7:30 pm**

Motion to adjourn.

**First: Bill Robinson Second: Sandra Choi**