

Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council

323-200-5532

General Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 12, 2024

Pio Pico Library

694 S. Oxford Ave

Los Angeles, CA 90005

1. Call to order: quorum met at: **5:54 with 13 members. 14 members in attendance**
2. Roll call

Board Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Audrey Han	X		
Bill Robinson	X		
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X		
Erica Jung	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		
Shin Suk Oh	X		
Kevin Kim	X		
JT Kim			X
Ali Esmaili		X	

3. 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, CJ Mioreno (sp) residing at 318 S. Mariposa; interested in council activities.
Stakeholder, Nicole Raibusto (sp) Read a complaint regarding the blight condition of **3875 Wilshire Blvd.** which is a historic landmark.
Stakeholder and Representative from the Aroma Spa & Sports commented on the double yellow line in front of their building at **3680 Wilshire**; deliveries and trash pickup make it impossible for spa members to enter the garage; a broken yellow line is is needed.

4. Community/Government Reports & Announcements

1. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

No LAPD officers in attendance

2. City and other Governmental Agencies

District-10 Representative, Alan Antonio informed the Board about the ground breaking ceremony for the Pio Pico Library Park held August 5th with Councilwoman Hearther Hutt in attendance. **Bill Robinson commented** on the lack of any proactive actions on the part of the BID organization to curb the urban blight and graffiti in Koreatown. **Nojan Haddadi commented** on Governor Newsome’s new policy, criminalizing encampments which the LA City Council decided to vote against. **Alan Antonio announced** that the WCKNC meeting with Heather Hutt is on the books but a date is to be determined.

5. **No minutes to approve because quorum was lost after ten minutes into the meeting.**

6. Discussion and possible action to approve of the Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER) for June 2024.
Motion to postpone to the September 9th General Board Meeting

First: Jennifer Chung Second: Sandra Choi

7. Committee Reports – **No active committees except for PLUM Committee**

- a. Executive
- b. Rules & Bylaws
- c. Outreach, Communications, & Elections
- d. Planning and Land Use Management
- e. Public Safety, Transportation & Sustainability & Beautification

8. Discussion and action to appoint new WCKNC Secretary

Lillian Han nominated Sandra Choi; Ms. Choi declined. Bill Robinson nominated Jennifer Chung; Ms. Chung declined. Motion to nominate Ko Eun Hwang Ssara

First: Erica Jung Second: Audry Han

Motion to appoint Ms. Ssara as WCKNC Secretary passed unanimously

9. Discussion and possible action to announce three board vacancies (two Community at Large and one District-4) with the intention to fill these vacancies at the August meeting based on voting. There are two possible candidates for the two Community at Large positions: Jeffrey Park and Faisal Rahman.

Faisal Rahman in attendance, spoke briefly about his service to the Koreatown community; focusing his efforts primarily in the area of the arts and mental health support groups.

Motion to appoint Faisal Rahman as Community at Large Representative

First: Shazia Hoq Second: Sandra Choi Motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible action to donate \$400 in support of **Movies in the Park** at the Shatto Recreation Center at 3191 4th St. LA 90020. Motion to donate \$400 for sweets for the children.

First: Shazia Hoq Second: Nojan Haddadi Motion passed unanimously

11. Discussion and possible action to approve the **resubmittal** of an NPG of \$4500 for the 51st LA Korean Festival. These funds will be used for advertising, marketing, promotions and outreach. Motion to reapprove funds.

First: Erica Jung Second: Nojan Haddadi Motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG of \$5000 to the Bangladeshi American Society (BAS) which will launch a computer literacy program as part of a grant initiative aimed at supporting Bangladeshi-American low-income students. The launch date is August 29, 2024. Because BAS was awarded \$4500 in June of this year, Bill Robinson motioned that the council approve \$2000.

First: Nojan Haddadi Second: Bill Robinson Motion passed unanimously

13. Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG of \$5000 to the Anderson Munger Family YMCA. This financial aid provides a safe recreation destination for teens 12-17; food distribution to the Koreatown stakeholders; Big Bear summer camp for kids; and free summer activities for those who are unable to pay for membership. Halloween event & senior activities. Motion to approve funds requested.

First: Nojan Haddadi Second: Sandra Choi Motion passed unanimously

14. Discussion and possible action to recommend to the board to address noise and annoyance complaints regarding the nightclub, "**Fountain LA**", located at **2889 W Olympic Bl LA 90007**. They

are operating as a nightclub with loud music until early morning and all the while having no permits to operate.

Because the was meetings was cut short because of a plumbing issue, the library was about to close. Consequently, this item was again postponed.

15. Discussion and possible action to support or oppose the 4-unit small lot subdivision at **329 N Kenmore Ave**, Los Angeles CA 90004. The land size is 8,442.84 and the zoning is R3-1. Since this item had already been approved by the LADBS, a motion was put forth to skip this item.

First: Nojan Haddadi Second: Jennifer Chung Motion passed unanimously.

16. Discussion and possible action to support or oppose a conditional use permit to allow the hours of operation of 10 am- 2 am daily, in lieu of the hours of 7 am- 11 pm daily, as restricted by Mini-shopping Center regulations at **338 S. Western Avenue**, Case No: **ZA-2018-2417-CUB** in conjunction with a proposed 2,007 sq. ft. restaurant with 36 seats. Motion to approve a conditional permit.

First: Nojan Haddadi Second: Chris Hwang motion passed unanimously

17. Discussion and possible action to support or oppose allowing conditional use permit application at **457 S. Mariposa Ave. LA 90020**. This application is to add a 2,075 sq. ft. roof-top lounge area, with the sale and serving of a full-line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with food service. Originally a Holiday Inn, built in 1972. The property has been redesigned and is now operating as the **Shelter Hotel**. It has been owned by the Gerstein family for the past 20+ years. This application is part of the full renovation of the hotel by adding a full-service menu produced in a new commercial kitchen, and adding a Roof-Top Lounge with food and beverage service. In 2020, Case No. **ZA-2018-5513-ZV**, was approved allowing a full-line of alcohol throughout the hotel. (The ABC license allowed by this CUB is issued and held until the premises is approved for occupancy.) Construction time was estimated at 1-2 years, then the Pandemic hit. Permits have been filed with LADBS to complete the kitchen and renovate the 48 rooms, and to make the roof-top area suitable for a Live Load.

Presenter, Lee Raison (sp) commented that there would be no entertainment or dancing on the roof top. But is submitting a petition for live entertainment downstairs on the first floor. **Nojan Haddadi commented;** It was an amazing project and will create a nest of good hotel in the area. Motion to approve petition.

First: Nojan Haddadi Second: Shazia Hoq Motion passed unanimously.

18. Committee comments/Announcements

No comments

19. Adjourn **6:19 pm**