

Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council
323-200-5532
General Board Meeting Minutes
433 S. Vermont St. 90020
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
5:30 pm

1. Call to order Quorum of **13 members** met at **5:40 pm**
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
Faisel Rahman			X
Sandra Choi			X
Shazia Hoq	X		
Shin Suk Oh		X	
Kevin Kim		X	
Ali Esmaili	X		
Chris Moarino	X		
Allen Ryoo			X
Jeffrey Park	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, Vivian Mbaku: commented on the impossible street and traffic congestion resulting from a “Ghost Kitchen” operating within the District 13 jurisdiction near Western Ave. **Officer Dan Chavez responding** to Ms. Mbaku’s concerns indicated that he would alert the traffic division and that he would personally issue violations.

4. Community/Government Reports & Announcements

a. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

Officers in attendance. **Harry Cho, Alex Cho, Dan Chavez and Lucy Bermudas** updated the board on the areas of each SLO.

City and other Governmental Agencies

Empower LA Liaison, John Darnell: updated the board regarding an opportunity to be a “homeless liaison”. Also, on December 13, 2024, the City will host a celebration for the 25th birthday of the Neighborhood Councils.

District 10 Representative, Alan Antonio: Updated the board on the Fountain LA illegal operation; saying that the item has been referred to the City Planning Dept. He also updated the council that the District 10 staff are in the process of analyzing BID funds. **Bill**

Robinson brought up the idea of consolidating the K-2 school near the Olympic International Park to create more space for pocket parks and green space.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meetings for October 2024.

Motion to approve the October 2024 minutes.

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

Bill Robinson motioned to vote in the aggregate funding items #6, ##8, #10 (abcd).

First: Nojan Haddadi Second: Shazia Hoq Motion passed unanimously

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER) for October 2024.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve funding of \$2000 for the LAPD Olympic Division’s annual Shoes From Santa event to be held on December 4, 2024. The Nonprofit organization is the OBA Foundation. The primary contact is Harris Cho. The funds will be used to pay for the 12 tons of snow and shoe sizes that are not able to be donated.

10. Discussion and re-approval of the following items that were discussed and approved at the previous board meetings: however, since the BAC forms were never submitted.

10.a Approval of the 2024-2025 Admin Packet.

10.b Approval of NPG for the LA Korean Festival (non-profit) of \$5000.

10.c Approval of (NPG) of \$5000 for the Bangladeshi American Society (BAS).

10.d Approval of (NPG) of \$5000 for the YMCA

Motion to pass items #6, #8, #10 (abcd)

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

7. Committee Reports: October 2024

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

9. Discussion and possible action regarding the trimming of trees at 620 Harvard Blvd., 90005. The overgrowth of trees is a public safety issue. The trees are in front of the JJ Grand Hotel (under renovation) and create a dark and sinister environment.

This issue was addressed to Alan Antonio requesting that the city trim the trees. This would bring more light and discourage loitering.

11. Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Board the approval of **ZA-2024-6420-CUB**: A Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with a proposed 1,428 sq. ft. restaurant with 47 indoor seats in the C2-2 zone. Proposed hours of operation and alcohol sales from 11 am-2 am, daily. At **3960 W 6th St. 90020**. Representative: Steve S. Kim, GSD Partners.

Representative Steve Kim not in attendance for presentation. Item #11 postponed to next month.

12. Continued discussion, update and other possible actions regarding the noise and annoyance complaints about "Fountain LA, located at 2889 W Olympic 90007" (Olympic and Kenmore). They operate as a nightclub with loud music until early morning and all the while having no permits to operate

Bill Robinson asked the LAPD officers to address the illegal operation. **Ofc. Chavez informed** the board that the abatement process has already been initiated. He will also alert the vice unit.

13. Comments/Announcements

Jennifer Chung announced that the December 9th, 2024, General Board Meeting will be located at the **Anderson Munger Family YMCA at 4301 W. 3rd St. 90020**.

Bill Robinson suggested a Holiday Potluck for the December meeting.

Bill Robinson announced that the new KAFLA President, Robert An who hoped to work closely with WCKNC.

John Darnell added that there are NCs that do attend BID meetings when the meetings are public.

Nojan Haddadi informed the board about the homeless squatters next to the building development at 823 Mariposa. The squatters have four pit bulls that attack passersby.

Haddadi proposed that PLUM invite back the developer and create a conditional permit pending the removal of the homeless and their dogs.

Nojan Haddadi also announced that Ali Esmaili is leaving the council because of his workload. He would like to invite his brother Nikon Haddadi to replace Esmaili.

14. Adjourn **Motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm**

First: Shazia Hoq Second: Nojan Haddadi