

Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council
323-200-5532
General Board Meeting Minutes
Koreatown YMCA Center
433 S. Vermont Ave 90020
Monday, March 10, 2025
5:30 pm

1. Call to order 5:49 quorum met at 14
2. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Audrey Han	X		
Bill Robinson	X		
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X		
Erica Chung	X		
Jennifer Chung	X		
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X		
Lillian Han		X	
Nathan Kim	X		
Nojan Haddadi	X		
Saidur Rahman	X		
Sandra Choi	X		
Shazia Hoq	X		
Shin Suk Oh		X	
JT Kim	X		
Jeffrey Park	X		
Valerie Berman			X
Chris Maiorino	X		
Faisel Saidur		X	
Tania Ramon*	X		
Nikon Haddadi*			
*=new member			

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** commented on the racists graffiti painted on the residential properties on 741 & 739 Western Ave. **Bill Robinson** commented that **Alan Antoinio Rep. for District-10** could help her with graffiti removal.

4. Community/Government Reports & Announcements

a. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

Officers Lucy Bermudas and Harry Cho updated the board on the increase in burglaries in apartments & condos and car wheel thefts. Ofc. Cho also updated the board on the LAPD National Night Out to be held in July. (an unfortunate fact that the WCKNC will not be able to help with a NPG grant during the current fiscal cycle.) Ofc. Bermudas updated the board regarding the Prom Closet Extravaganza on Sunday March 30, 2025 at 1130 S. Vermont Ave. 20026.

b. City and other Governmental Agencies:

Ned Racine Metro Purple line Rep. updated the board about the three-week Wilshire Blvd. closing in Beverly Hills starting March 17, 2025 and the ticketing of cars parked in the express lane (\$295 penalty) documented by traffic cams installed on specific bus lines. He also informed the board that the La Cienega Station will open in the fall of 2025 and that Metro will have its own police in 2026.

John Darnell EmpowerLA Rep. updated the board on the Budget 101 event on June 21, 2025 and other events pertinent to NC members. More information about these events can be found at the EmpowerLA website.

Alan Antonio, District-10 Rep. arrived late due to heavy traffic but was able to address stakeholder concern regarding graffiti and the tree trimming requested by Nojan Haddadi

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

First: Nojan Haddadi Second: Chris Hwang Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER) for November, December 2024 and January 2025.

First: JT Kim Second: Chris Hwang Motion passed unanimously.

7. Committee Reports: **No Reports**

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

8. Discussion and possible action for the Board to appoint two new members to the WCKNC board; Tania Ramon (District-2 Representative) and Nikon Haddadi (Representative at Large). Tania Ramon, born in Koreatown committed to helping her community. Nikon Haddadi is a hotel developer. The two new members were sworn in by John Darnell.

First Shazia Hoq Second: Sandra Choi Motion passed unanimously.

9. Update, discussion and possible action regarding **823-827 S. Mariposa Avenue, (Case #: DIR-2024-4950-TOC-HCA)**. A 7-story, 58 Unit Apartment. **Mathew Hayden Land Use Consultant.** There were squatters on the property with four pit bulls that escaped through the fencing. The developer cleared the lot. The board calls for action on the part of District-10 to issue a proper trespassing sign so that LEO can detain anyone on the private property on behalf of the developer.

Per Nojan Haddadi, the dogs were no longer on the property and Alan Antonio, District-10 Rep. processed an official citation naming the property developer on January 15, 2025.

10. 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 is the second request for action. Please refer to item # 9 of November 12, 2024, General Board meeting agenda.

The request for tree trimming was put to the District-10 Rep. Alan Antonio as the situation was becoming very dangerous.

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

There was no update from LAPD. Consequently, Nojan Haddadi motioned to send a letter to the Fountain event planners to present themselves before the board before there can be any kind of licensing approval by the board or City Planning department.

First: Chris Hwang Second: Nojan Haddadi Motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation of **ZA-2024-7495 CUB 3528-3536 W 8th Street Los Angeles CA 90005 (Oxford Center)**. A **conditional use permit** to allow the sale and dispensation of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with a proposed 6,737 sq.ft. restaurant/karaoke studio with 20 studio rooms and 176 indoor seats. Proposed hours of operation are from 11 am to 4 am daily, with hours of alcohol sales from 11:00 am to 2:00 am daily.

Presenter, Steve Kim made the argument that as a cosmopolitan city like New York and San Fransico, Los Angeles should be allowed 4:00 am closing time and according to stakeholder surveys there was support for the 4:00 am closing. Bill Robinson proposed that Mr. Kim come back to the board next month with a petition from the neighborhood stakeholders approving the 4:00 am closing. At that time the board would consider an approval recommendation. Bill Robinson motioned to postpone voting on this issue until next month.

First: Shazia Hoq Second: Jeffrey Park Motion passed unanimously

Items #13, #14 and #15 were postponed to next month as no representatives were present.

13. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation of **ZA-2024-7498-CUB 1032 S Western Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90006**. A **conditional use permit** to allow the sale and dispensation of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 3,459 SF restaurant with 123 indoor seats and 5 karaoke rooms operating from 11:00 am to 2:00 am daily in the C2-1 zone.

14. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation of **ZA-2024-7502-CUB 3831-3833 W 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90020. (Kyochon Chicken)**A **conditional use permit** to allow the sale and dispensation of beer & wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 2,375 SF restaurant with 24 indoor seats operating from 10:00 am to 2:00 am daily in the C2-1 Zone.

15. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation for Conditional Use Beverage, **ZA-2025-270-CUB**. At **1040 S Western Ave. Los Angeles 90006**. A Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of a full-line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 5,180 SF restaurant with 201 indoor seats operating from 11 AM to 2 AM daily in the C2-1 zone.

~~16. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation for **ZA-2024-6420-CUB-A** conditional use to allow the sale and dispensing of wine and beer for on-site consumption in conjunction with a proposed restaurant in the **C2 2 Zone** at **3960-3962 West 6th and 601-605 South Western Avenue. Approved mama lion**~~

17. Presentation by Leslie Scott of Leslie Scott Consulting community input about a project in the WCKNC neighborhood. The project team will share the Wilshire Center Koreatown Visioning, which has resulted in a quick build project at Hobart Schools along Serrano Avenue between Olympic Boulevard and San Marino Avenue. The quick build is a pilot infrastructure project that redesigns the street with safety improvements on Serrano Avenue, only. LADOT values feedback for the quick build process. Referenced below is the contacts for more information regarding this project.

Email ladot.active@lacity.org

<https://ladotlivablestreets.org/projects/koreatown-neighborhood>

18. Comments/Announcements No comments

19. Adjourn Bill Robinson motioned to adjourn

First: Jennifer Chung Second: Sandra Choi Motion passed unanimously at 7:15 pm