

Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council
323-200-5532
General Board Meeting Agenda
Koreatown YMCA Center
433 S. Vermont Ave 90020
Monday, April 14, 2025
5:30 pm

1. Call to order 15 members in attendance quorum met 5:49
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 Hog	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*	X		
*=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)
4. Community/Government Reports & Announcements
 - a. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

Ofc. Harry Cho & Ofc. Vasques updated the board regarding break-ins at apartments and condos using trees to climb to the balconies. He suggested window and balcony metal fencing as a preventative. Car wheels thefts are also on the rise. He recommended multiple wheel locks and parking close to cameras.

b. City and other Governmental Agencies

Alan Antonio & Diane Cho, new member to the District-10 team, updated the board on Spring events, and clean ups and an affordable housing workshop on April, 2025.

Rep District-13 Mark Fuentes, Karla Martinez updated the board regarding street light issues. \$400K street light outages. Ms. Martinez informed the board that the homeless trespass situation at 636 Hobart was being taken care of. Michael Batistick, Homelessness Director, gave a brief update on issues regarding homeless encampments and other issue regarding homeless situations. To report issues, contact C13homelessness@lacity.org or michaelbatistick@lacity.org.

Metro Purple line representative, Ned Racine updated the board that June 23, 2025 will be the beginning of the final restoration of the Wilshire Western Street work; ending above ground construction of the underground. This will be a big milestone for the project.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meetings for March 2024.
First Shazia Hoq Second: Saidur Rahman Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER) for March
First: JT Kim Second: Erica Jung Motion passed unanimously.

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

The funding allocations referenced below reflect the Executive Committee grant funding recommendations.

KOREATOWN YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTER KYCC	\$4,500.00
KOREAN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LOS ANGELES KAFLA	\$4,500.00
CENTRAL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS CCNP	\$3,000.00
ANDERSON MUNGER FAMILY YMCA YMCA	\$4,500.00
52ND LA KOREAN FESTIVAL LAFF	\$4,500.00
POCO POCP	\$3,000.00
BANGLADESH MELA	\$2,000.00
TOTAL	\$26,000.00

Bill Robinson motioned to vote for items # 8 - # 14 in the aggregate.
First: Jennifer Chung Second: Erica Jung

8. Discussion and possible action for the Board approval of the Anderson Munger Family YMCA Neighborhood Purpose Grant of \$5000 for the free STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) related program for inner city youth in the Koreatown community. The Executive Board reached a compromise of \$4500.

9. Discussion and possible action for the Board approval of the CCNP (Central City Neighborhood Partners) Neighborhood Purpose Grant of \$4999 for CCNP's College Signing Day celebration event on May 1, 2025, and the purchase of supplies for the CCNP summer program. The Executive Board reached a compromise of \$3000. Lara Zapata and Associate informed the board on the CCNP community services.
10. Discussion and possible action for the Board approval of the Koreatown Youth & Community Center (KYCC) Neighborhood Purpose Grant of \$5000 for the Koreatown Storytelling program. Funds will be used for translation of interviews, editing consultants and printing costs. The Executive Board reached a compromise of \$4500. The KYCC representative informed the board on the value of creating and maintaining an oral legacy for the Korean community and its heritage.
11. Discussion and possible action for the Board approval of the Korean Federation of LA (KAFLA) Neighborhood Purpose Grant of \$5000 for the second phase of the annual International Youth Exchange Program. The Executive Board reached a compromise of \$4500. The KAFLA representative informed the board on the services including lifelines and welfare support and other vital services to the Korean community.
12. Discussion and possible action for the Board approval for the Neighborhood Purpose Grant for the 52nd LA Korean Festival. The festival is part of Koreatown heritage and includes all communities within Koreatown. The Executive Board reached a compromise of \$4500.
13. Discussion and possible action for the Board approval for the Neighborhood Purpose Grant for POCO (The Power of Choosing Out) POCO (Power of Choosing Out). The Executive Board reached a compromise of \$3000. The POCO representative and two pier counselors informed the board about the benefits of pier counseling and rehabilitation, drug awareness and education.
14. Discussion and possible action for the Board approval for the Neighborhood Purpose Grant for Bangladesh Mela. This event celebrates the rich culture of the Bangladesh community. The event will be held on June 28th and 29th, 2025. The funds will be used to pay for audio-video rental, stage and booths, security and rental of the venue. The Executive Board reached a compromise of \$2000.
15. Although the Korean Resource Center was not awarded funding in this fiscal cycle, Jennifer Jung motion to add the KRC grant request to the May agenda to review again the possibility of awarding funds to this worth organization.
First: Jennifer Chung Second: Erica Jung Motion passed unanimously.
16. Continued discussion, update by District-10 regarding the noise and annoyance complaints about "Fountain LA, located at 2889 W Olympic Bl LA CA 90007".

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

Alan Antonio informed the board that the owners intend to transition a dance club and event destination to a restaurant without entertainment.

17. Update on the action taken by District-10 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.
Alan Antonio informed the board that a “No Trespassing” form to management. The city is waiting for management to respond.
18. Update on the action taken by District-10 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. Alan Antonio responded that the city has its own tree trimming service. Currently they are working in the West Adams area, and it is difficult to estimate when they will be working in Koreatown. The city service trimming schedule is every 14 years.
19. Update on the action taken by District-10 regarding racists graffiti painted on the residential properties on 741 & 739 Western Ave. Antonio responded informing the board that his office reached out to management and should be cleaned by next week.
20. Update on the action taken by District-10 regarding financial accountability of the Business Improvement District (BID) within the Koreatown district. Bill: Council ofc want to connect with BID. For a long time no transparency. There is no reliable progress to date.
21. Discussion and updates regarding the homeless invasion of our East Hollywood neighborhood complaint from Stakeholder, Denis Lopez. The District-13 homelessness representative informed the board the complaint had been taken care of.
22. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation of **ZA-2024-7495 CUB 3528-3536 W 8th Street Los Angeles CA 90005 (Oxford Center) on the condition that the stakeholders of the adjacent neighborhood weigh in via a petition regarding the issue of a 4:00 am closing**. The **conditional use permit** allows 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. The proposed hours of operation are from 11 am to 4 am daily with alcohol cut off at 2:00 am. No presenter in attendance.

23. **ZA-2025-1689-CUB: 3429 W 8th St (3417-3429 W 8th Street, inclusive)** Total Lot 15,200.4 SF. Present Use: Restaurant with beer and wine. Proposed Use: Same with the full line of alcoholic beverages. Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale of full line of alcoholic beverages for an expanded 6,320 square feet. 233-seat restaurant operating 11 am to 2 am, daily. Representative not in attendance

24. 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. Representative not in attendance

25. 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. Representative not in attendance

26. 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**. **Consultant** Alex Woo informed the board that the restaurant has changed ownership. He requested that the board approve the previous certificate without deviation. Motion to approve petition.
First: Chris Hwang Second: Jeffrey Motion passed unanimously.

27. Comments/Announcements

The Levitt Pavillion representative informed the board on the value of the art to the community.

28. Adjourn Motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm

First: Sandra Choi Second: Shazia Hoq

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Committee is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject by the presiding officer of the Committee.

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