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WILSHIRE CENTER-KOREATOWNEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES

Koreatown YMCA Center  
433 South Vermont Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90020

November 17, 2025  
5:30pm

1. Call to Order at **6:03 PM** at 14 members
2. Roll Call

Board Members		Present	Absent	Excused
Saidur	Rahman	X		
Traz	Co		X	
Faisal	Ahmed		X	
Bill	Robinson	X		
Shazia	Hoq	X		
Linkon	Ahmed		X	
Erica	Jung	X		
MD Faisal	Ahmed	X		

Nikon	Haddadi		X	
Nojan	Haddadi	X		
Kyungho	Hwang	X		
JT	Kim		X	
Shin Suk	Oh		X	
Jeffrey	Park		X	
Rasel	Mahud Jewel	X		
Madison	Cho	X		
Valerie	Berman	X		
J.	Lincoln Bang	X		
Christopher	Malorino		X	
Tania	Ramon	X		
Davis	McCaffrey Read	X		
Jinny	Oh	X		
Sarah	Hwang		X	

3. General Public Comments – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker. (2 min)

**A resident named Nicole expressed concerns about increased tagging on walls, buildings, vacant properties, and bus stops throughout the neighborhood. She suggested implementing a “Good Neighbor Program” involving local businesses and apartment buildings—both large and small—where participants would commit to sweeping adjacent streets and gutters. Participating locations could display a “Good Neighbor” sticker as part of a broader community awareness effort. Nicole also recommended incorporating local artists and providing materials in both Korean and Spanish to ensure broader community engagement. She was encouraged to email WCKNC with her ideas.**

4. Community/Government Reports & Announcements  
a. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

**LAPD officers provided several updates, including the upcoming Shoes for Santa event on Wednesday, December 3 at 6:00 PM. With package theft increasing during the holiday season, residents were encouraged to use secure delivery options such as Amazon Lockers or**

designated safe delivery locations if they will not be home. Officers also reminded the community to ensure their tires are properly rotated and windshield wipers are in good working condition, and to remain aware of their surroundings during inclement weather. LAPD further cautioned residents about wearing visible, high-value jewelry, as thieves continue targeting individuals for items that can be quickly exchanged for cash. Residents were encouraged to use 311 to report downed trees, damaged infrastructure, and other non-emergency maintenance issues. Due to ongoing copper wire theft affecting streetlights, officers recommended installing solar lights on private property (such as along fence lines or in trees) to help improve lighting while waiting for City repairs. Lastly, LAPD noted that they will provide an update on prostitution-related concerns along Western Avenue at the January 2026 Neighborhood Council meeting.

b. City and other Governmental Agencies

**Mario Hernandez of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) reminded WCKNC board members that the deadline to submit bylaw amendments is April 1, 2026.**

**Diane Cho, from Councilmember Heather Hutt's office (Council District 10), announced a community clean-up on Saturday, November 22, beginning at the Korean Consulate Building, and highlighted the Snow Days program, which offers free meals for families. She also reminded attendees to report bulky items by calling 311 or contacting the office directly, and noted that they can look into abandoned vehicles when applicable. Most of Koreatown's trash collection occurs on Fridays.**

**WCKNC Board Members requested that the district's Homelessness Director attend a future meeting to provide an update.**

5. Approval of minutes of the General Board Meeting for October 2025.

**First: Rasel Mahud Jewel, Second: Tania Ramon. Motion passes unanimously.**

6. Discussion and possible action for the Board approval of the Monthly Expenditure.

**First: Tania Ramon, Second: Shazia Hoq. Motion passes unanimously.**

7. Review and approve the NPG to support the upcoming Banglar Bijoy Bohor in the amount of \$2,000.

**Mikayeel Khan addressed the Neighborhood Council regarding the upcoming Banglar Bijoy Bohor event on Sunday, December 14, 2025. He shared that the Bangladesh community will be closing Alexandria Avenue between 3rd and 4th Streets to celebrate Independence Day and Victory Day. The event will include free breakfast and lunch, as well as a car parade from 3rd Street to Wilshire Boulevard. Mikayeel requested a message from the Neighborhood Council for the event magazine and invited the WCKNC to host an outreach table and provide brief remarks on stage on behalf of the board.**

**First: Saidur Rahman, Second: Shazia Hoq. Motion passes unanimously.**

8. Discussion and possible support for a beautification initiative in Little Bangladesh, including the installation of distinctive street signage.

**The Board held a discussion on potential support for a beautification initiative in Little Bangladesh, including the installation of distinctive street signage. Shazia Hoq emphasized the community's request for permanent signs that clearly identify and celebrate Little Bangladesh. The initiative would involve coordination with LADOT and collaboration with neighboring councils, including the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council, with proposed signage such as "Welcome to Little Bangladesh" and "Come Back Again."**

**Motion to support the beautification initiative in Little Bangladesh.**

**First: Davis McCaffrey Read, Second: Rasel Mahud Jewel. Motion passes unanimously.**

9. Committee reports, discussion and possible action. The committees of the WCKNC are the following:
  - a. Executive
  - b. Rules & Bylaws
  - c. Outreach, Communications, & Elections
  - d. Planning & Land Use Management
  - e. Sustainability & Beautification
  - f. Tenant Rights & Poverty
  - g. Transportation & Public Safety

**Board members were reminded to send updated committee rosters to [rosters@empowerla.org](mailto:rosters@empowerla.org).**

Reports from representatives to NC Alliances and Coalitions and Liaisons, followed by discussion and possible action. For the list, please see below and click here for more information: (<https://empowerla.org/alliances/>)

- a. Budget Representative
- b. LADWP Advocacy and Oversight
- c. LGBTQ+Alliance
- d. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)
- e. Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance (NCEPA)
- f. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA)

**Davis McCaffrey Read said there were no updates as NCSA has not had a meeting since last WCKNC's General Board meeting in October.**

10. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation for **ZA-2017-3351-MCUP** to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in an existing 1,996 sq. ft. restaurant with 106 indoor seats located at **3465 W 6th Street, Unit 110, Los Angeles, CA 90020.**

**Item moved to next meeting.**

11. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation for **ZA-2017-3351-MCUP** to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in an existing 2,860 sq. ft. restaurant with 128 indoor seats located at **3465 W 6th Street, Unit 150, Los Angeles, CA 90020**.

**Item moved to next meeting.**

12. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation for **ZA-2025-4893-CUB** to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with a 9,000 sq. ft. restaurant and karaoke studio with 29 studio rooms and 245 indoor seats located at **3330 W 8th Street, 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90005**. The proposed hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 4 a.m. daily with hours of alcohol sales from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

**Item moved to next meeting.**

13. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation for **ZA-2022-5383-CUB**: an approval of plans for the continued sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing restaurant in the C4-2 zone located at **3785 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 217, Los Angeles, CA 90010**. Applicant requests the amendment of Condition 7a to permit hours of operation from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., daily.

**Item moved to next meeting.**

14. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation for **ZA-2019-2977-CUB-PA1-A** to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption at an approximately 1,626 sq. ft. gas station operating 24 hours daily in the C2-1 and R3-1 zones located at **4600 Melrose Ave. and 651–655 N. Normandie Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90029**.

**Item moved to next meeting.**

15. Discussion and possible action to support or oppose **DIR-2025-5505-TOC-SPPC-HCA** for a proposed 35-unit, 6-story TOC residential development totaling 43,075 sq. ft. and 66'-1" in height with one level of subterranean parking, utilizing Tier 4 incentives located at **214–222 N. Berendo Street, Los Angeles, CA 90004**. Project seeks Specific Plan Project Compliance under the Vermont/Western Station Neighborhood Area Plan pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.7.C and Section 13.B.4.2 of Chapter 1A.

**Item moved to next meeting.**

16. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation for **ZA-2025-5623-CUB**, a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 3,400 sq. ft. market operating daily from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. located at **3113 W 8th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90005** in the C2-1 zone.

**Item moved to next meeting.**

17. Update on the action taken by District 10 regarding financial accountability of the Business Improvement District (BID) within the Koreatown district.

**Bill Robinson reported that he sent a letter to the City Clerk requesting transparency regarding approximately \$800,000 in BID funds. He also met with the Koreatown Federation, which similarly expressed support for greater transparency and accountability in the BID's financial reporting.**

18. Discussion and possible action to recommend reconsideration of the decision by the LADOT to turn Serrano Avenue between Olympic Blvd. and San Marino Street into a northbound one-way street without adequately consulting the residents living there.

19. Comments/Announcements

**A reminder was shared about the community clean-up day scheduled for November 22, beginning at the Korean Consulate.**

20. Adjourn at 7:11PM

**First: Shazia, 2nd: Davis Read. Motion passed unanimously.**

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