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WILSHIRE CENTER-KOREATOWNEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

YMCA
433 S. Vermont Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90020

April 13, 2026 5:30pm

1. Call to Order at **5:37PM** with 11 members

2. Roll Call

Board Members	Present	Absent	Excused
Bill Robinson	X		
Erica Jung	X		
Shazia Hoq	X		
JT Kim	X		

Tania Ramon		X	
Saidur Rahman	X Absent		
Board members	Present	Absent	Excused
Dr. Faisal Ahmed		X	
Traz Co			X
Linkon Ahmed		X	
Nikon Haddadi	X Absent		
Nojan Haddadi	X Absent		
Troy Haddidi			X
Kyungho "Chris" Hwang	X		
Shin Suk Oh	Absent - strike-dismissed	X	
Jeffrey Park	absent	X	
Jongmin Park	absent	X	
Rasel Mahud Jewel		X	
Madison Cho	X		
Valerie Bermon	X		
J. Lincoln Bang	X		
Christopher Molorino		X	
Davis McCaffrey Read	X		
Jinny Oh	X		
Sarah Hwang	absent	X	
Abbey Cipriano	absent	X	

**Tania Ramon entered at 6:54PM.
Nikon Haddidi departed at 7:07PM.**

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.

Mario Hernandez, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, expressed concerns regarding items on the April 2026 General Board Meeting agenda. He stated that Item 23 (Neighborhood Purpose Grant) is not Brown Act compliant. He further noted that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment recommends that items not meeting Brown Act requirements be tabled or postponed to a future meeting.

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

Officer Alex Cho reported on ongoing efforts related to encampments and monitoring associated crime. He noted a gradual improvement in certain areas and encouraged community members to contact LAPD with specific locations requiring attention. Contact information was provided.

Officer Harry Cho provided public safety guidance regarding residential burglaries, noting incidents involving cameras being placed in front yards, balconies, and common entry points. He advised residents to ensure security cameras face front doors and driveways, and to secure all windows and doors at all times.

Officer Daniel Chavez provided an update on his reporting area, including efforts addressing prostitution along the Western Corridor in coordination with Council District 13. He referenced ongoing media coverage and noted continued efforts to address trafficking, rehabilitation, and outreach to affected individuals. He also reported on homelessness concerns, including encampments and associated public safety and sanitation issues impacting residential and commercial areas, as well as transit corridors. He noted ongoing coordination with Council District 13 and the nonprofit organization Journey Out to address underlying issues and provide services.

Officer Albert Vasquez provided a report. No additional details were recorded.

Officer Joseph Orlanes provided a report. No additional details were recorded.

Officer Lucy Bermudez provided an update regarding the Beverly-Kingsley Manor Neighborhood Cleanup Day.

b. City and other Governmental Agencies

Conrad TerrazasCross, Office of Senator Maria Elena Durazo, provided updates on homelessness, mental health, and addiction support services. He reported that St. Anne's Family Services is developing a treatment facility for individuals experiencing homelessness, substance use disorders, and pregnant individuals with substance use disorders. He also announced the upcoming Echo Park Pride Festival, scheduled for Saturday, May 23, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., featuring nonprofit participation, music, and dance.

Marc Fuentes, Office of Council District 13, provided a report on ongoing efforts addressing prostitution, in coordination with the City Attorney's Office, LAPD, District Attorney's Office, and other governmental partners, including the Mayor's Office. He noted prior town hall meetings on the subject and efforts to support individuals exiting sex work and reintegrating into society, including family reunification support. He also reported on upcoming community cleanups along Western Avenue extending to Santa Monica Boulevard, in coordination with the City Attorney's Office and local businesses. Additional efforts include streetlight repairs and tree trimming. A neighborhood cleanup is scheduled for May.

Alan Antonio, Office of Council District 10, Councilmember Heather Hutt, provided a report on upcoming community cleanups in Koreatown, including one scheduled for Saturday, April 25. He also reported an increase in inquiries regarding rental assistance and noted available programs for seniors, encouraging residents in need of housing support to contact the office. He additionally announced a Korea vs. Mexico soccer watch party scheduled for June 18.

5. Approval of minutes of the General Board Meeting for March 2026.

Postponed to next meeting.

6. Discussion and possible action for the Board approval of the February and March, 2026 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs).

Motion to move MER Report to next meeting. First: Bill Robinson, Second: Davis McCaffrey Reed. Motion passed unanimously

7. Committee reports, discussion and possible action. The committees of the WCKNC are the following:

- a. Executive
- b. Rules & Bylaws
- c. Outreach, Communications, & Elections

**Tania Ramon gave a committee report which included the following:
Discussion and possible motion to approve the creation of a “Good Neighbor Program” for businesses and apartment buildings within the WCKMC boundaries.
The Program includes a**

- a. Voluntary pledge for daily sidewalk and gutter cleaning**
- b. Distribution of a “Branded” (Whose Brand?) participation sticker**
- c. Coordinated outreach to expand community involvement.**

- d. Planning & land Use Management
- e. Sustainability & Beautification
- f. Tenant Rights & Poverty
- g. Transportation & Public Safety

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 Reed)

Davis McCaffrey Reed gave a report on the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. He reported that the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance considered a set of recommendations to the Los Angeles City Charter Commission, which he did not support. He also reported voting in favor of a measure supporting official City recognition of Climate Week.

8. 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.

Motion to postpone Items 8 and 9 and to strike Items 10 and 11. First: Kyungho

Chris Hwang, Second: Erica Jung. Motion passed unanimously.

9. 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.

10. 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 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.

11. 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.

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

13. Discussion and possible action to support the creation of a "Good Neighbor Program" for businesses and apartment buildings within the WCKNC boundaries, including a voluntary pledge for daily sidewalk and gutter clean-up, distribution of a branded participation sticker, and a coordinated outreach effort to expand community involvement.

14. Discussion and possible action to give consent and support to displaying banners to promote upcoming World Cup 2026 in June by **Voice of Wilshire Koreatown Community on Wilshire Blvd.**

Motion to support the item. First: Davis McCaffrey Reid, Second: Jinny Oh. Motion passed unanimously.

15. To clarify, ascertain and assign who is in charge of providing the copies of BAC and the corresponding WCKNC Board Agenda, at the request of the Treasurer in facilitating the quick processing and disbursement of NPG funds by the City Clerk, to the recipient organizations to

which those funds were approved.

16. Report on the status of availing off-site Webinars for certain committee meetings.

17. Discussion and to select a person to maintain and keep up w/ the WCKNC website w/ relevant contents.

18. Presentation by Mr. Reshaan Anjari on his CityWise website which would make available all the public data available/accessible on a single website.

19. Presentation by Ms Montana Rose on her mural project in the CG 10 area.

Montana Rose presented a mural project titled “*Children of Dreams,*” with a social justice theme depicting children from diverse cultural backgrounds engaging in various activities. The project address was provided. Follow-up materials were provided to Tania Ramon for distribution.

20. Introduction, discussion and possible action to vote on Mr. James Kim to be on the board as a community organization representative.

Motion to proceed with item 20. First: Shazia Hoq, Second: Madison Cho. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to add Mr. James Kim to the general board as a Community Organization Representative. First: Shazia Hoq, Second: Jinny Oh. Motion passed unanimously.

21. Treasurer to advise the board on how much money is left in the WCKNC budget for NPG grants before the fiscal year ends on June 30, 2026.

Motion to take Items 21 and 6 out of order. First: JT Kim, Second: Nojan Haddadi. Motion passed.

22. Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$255.61 per month for the purchase of a ZOOM license to conduct virtual meetings for the Wilshire-Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council.

Motion to take Item 22 out of order. First: Davis McCaffrey Reid, Second: Niko Haddadi. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to strike Items 22 and 23 and to postpone Item 23. First: Davis McCaffrey Reid, Second: Nojan Haddadi. Motion passed unanimously.

23. Discussion and possible action for board approval of NPG to support the 2026 Koreatown Watch Party in Los Angeles.

24. Discussion and possible action to amend the Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council Bylaws Article 5 Governing Board Section 1 item I number 1 from: “Seven (7) Sub-District Residential Representatives - A Sub-District Residential Representative shall be any Stakeholder age eighteen (18) or older who lives in the WCKNC community, and must be a candidate for the sub-district they reside in, or else be a candidate for the At-Large Residential Representative seat.” TO “Ten (10) Sub-District Residential Representatives - A Sub-District Residential Representative shall be any Stakeholder age eighteen (18) or older who lives in the WCKNC community, and must be a candidate for the sub-district they reside in, or else be a candidate for the At-Large Residential Representative seat.”

25. Discussion and possible action to amend the Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council Bylaws Article 5 Governing Board Section 1 item I point 2 from: “Seven (7) Community Organization Representatives - A Community Organization Representative shall be any Stakeholder age eighteen (18) or older who serves in a community based organization (i.e. a nonprofit organization, school/parent group, educational institution, social service agency, arts/cultural group, youth group, senior group, health care provider, environmental group, community group, or political group) that operates within Council boundaries and has a physical street address for not less than one year and that performs ongoing and verifiable activities and operations that benefit the neighborhood” to Six (6) Community Organization Representatives - A Community Organization Representative shall be any Stakeholder age eighteen (18) or older who serves in a community based organization (i.e. a nonprofit organization, school/parent group, educational institution, social service agency, arts/cultural group, youth group, senior group, health care provider, environmental group, community group, or political group) that operates within Council boundaries and has a physical street address for not less than one year and that performs ongoing and verifiable activities and operations that benefit the neighborhood.”

Motion to postpone item to next meeting. First: David McCaffrey Read, Second: Jinny Oh. Motion passed unanimously.

26. Discussion and possible action to amend the Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council Bylaws Article 5 Governing Board Section 1 item I point 2 from: “Seven (7) Business Representatives - A Business Representative shall be any Stakeholder age eighteen (18) or older who is employed by any business operating in the Council area” to “Six (6) Business Representatives - A Business Representative shall be any Stakeholder age eighteen (18) or older who is employed by any business operating in the Council area.”

27. Discussion and possible action to amend the Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council Bylaws Article 5 Governing Board Section 1 item I point 3 from: “Four (4) At Large Representatives – An At-Large Representative shall be a Stakeholder age eighteen (18) or older who lives, works, owns real property, or has an ongoing and substantial participation as a Community Interest Stakeholder in the WCKNC boundaries” to “Three (3) At Large Representatives – An At-Large Representative shall be a Stakeholder age eighteen (18) or older who lives, works, owns real property, or has an ongoing and substantial participation as a Community Interest Stakeholder in the WCKNC boundaries.”

28. Discussion and possible action to amend the Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council Bylaws Article 10 Elections Section 4: Method of Verifying Stakeholder Status change: “Voters will verify their Stakeholder status by providing acceptable documentation” TO “Voters will verify their Stakeholder status through written self-affirmation.”

29. Discussion and possible action to submit the Bylaws Amendment application.

30. Comments/Announcements

31. Adjournment **at 7:23pm**

Motion to adjourn by Davis McCaffrey Reed.

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