

CITY OF LOS ANGELES



*Bill Robinson, President*  
*Erica Jung, 1st V.P.*  
*Shazia Hoq, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.*  
*JT Kim, Treasurer*  
*Tania Ramon, Secretary*

WILSHIRE CENTER-KOREATOWNEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

YMCA  
433 S. Vermont Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90020

March 9, 2026  
5:30pm

1. Call to Order at **5:30PM with 15 members present. Quorum was met.**

2. Roll Call

Board Members		Present	Absent	Excused
Saidur	Rahman	X		
Traz	Co	X		

Bill	Robinson	X		
Shazia	Hoq	X		
Linkon	Ahmed	X		
MD Faisal	Ahmed		X	
Erica	Jung	X		

Nikon	Haddadi			X
Nojan	Haddadi			X
Troy	Haddidi		X	
Kyungho	Hwang	X		
JT	Kim		X	
Shin Suk	Oh			
Jeffrey	Park		X	
Jongmin	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			

Abbey	Cipriano		X	

**Abbey Cipriano entered at 6:22PM.**

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.

**Yona Hong provided an update on a proposed Koreatown Watch Party event currently in development. She shared that the event is being planned in coordination with Council District 10 and is anticipated to take place from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The event will highlight Korean and Mexican culture, include activities for children, and feature games, arts and crafts, and community engagement opportunities. Approximately 60 vendors are expected, including food vendors, activity booths, and sponsors. Yona encouraged community involvement and participation.**

**Alex Woo, owner of Gam Ja Gol Restaurant, requested to extend the hours of his restaurant by one hour to accommodate all the foot traffic from the Olympics being in town.**

**Nicole Arbusto proposed a Good Neighbor Program encouraging residents and businesses to maintain cleanliness in front of their properties, including surrounding areas and parking lots. The proposal includes distributing stickers to participating businesses and requesting funding for the program. It further outlines leadership by the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council, participation from the Koreatown Youth Group, and weekly Sunday activities.**

4. Community/Government Reports & Announcements

a. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

**Officer Lucy Bermudez shared information regarding a planned event in the Boyle Heights area, covering boundaries from 5th Street to Melrose Avenue and Western Avenue to Normandie Avenue. She also noted a need for assistance in identifying vacant lots within the area. Contact: [38268@lapd.online](mailto:38268@lapd.online).**

**Officer Joseph Orlanes outlined his service area boundaries (Vermont Avenue to Normandie Avenue, and 5th Street to San Bernardino Street). He raised concerns about illegal dumping and bulky item pickup, inquiring about increased utilization of 3-1-1 services to address these issues.**

**Officers encouraged community members to “be a good witness” by contacting 9-1-1 when necessary and providing detailed descriptions, including head-to-toe characteristics of individuals and/or vehicles.**

b. City and other Governmental Agencies

**A representative from Council District 10, on behalf of Councilmember Heather Hutt’s office, presented an award to Alex Padilla in recognition of his assistance in coordinating and setting up general board meetings for the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council at the YMCA.**

**First: Tania Ramon, Second: Davis McCaffrey Reid. Motion passed to return to Item 4 to hear LAPD reports.**

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

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

7. Discussion and possible action to appoint members to the interim Bylaws Committee to recommend any changes to the current bylaws by the deadline of March 31, 2026.

8. Committee reports, discussion and possible. 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

**Mario Hernandez, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, provided a follow-up report.**

**Bill Robinson thanked LAPD for the town hall meeting on prostitution and sex trafficking in the area. He noted the issue as both a law enforcement and community concern, emphasizing the need for rehabilitation and funding to support victims of sex trafficking. He also suggested the possibility of itemizing the issue for elected officials.**

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)

9. 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 9, 10, and 12. First: Davis McCaffrey Reid. Second: Tania Ramon. Motion passed unanimously.**

10. 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 postponed.**

11. 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.

**Item struck from the agenda.**

12. 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 postponed.**

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

**Motion to postpone Item 13. First: Tania Ramon. Second: Madison Cho. Motion passed unanimously.**

14. 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.

**Motion to postpone the item. First: Traz Co, Second: Davis McCaffrey Read. Motion passed unanimously.**

15. 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 postpone item. First: Tania Ramon, Second: Rasel Mahud. Motion passed unanimously.**

16. 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.

**Motion to postpone the item. First: Tania Ramon. Motion passed unanimously.**

17. To draft and submit a Community Impact Statement pertaining to outstanding issues of concerns along with the suggestion for improvements for the Wilshire Center Business Improvement District. The relevant Council File number is CF 21-110-S1 and is scheduled to be heard on 03/24/2026 by the LA City Council.

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

**Motion to postpone item. First: Tania Ramon. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**Item Postponed to next meeting.**

20. Discussion and possible action to recommend approval in the planning case of ZA-2025-6470-CUB at 3003 W. Olympic Blvd., Ste 107, Los Angeles, CA 90006. A Conditional Use Permit to continue to allow sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with a 1,744 sq. ft. restaurant with 60 indoor seats, and operating from 11 am to 2 am daily in the C2-1 zone.

**The applicant, Alex Woo of Gamjagol Restaurant, stated the request is intended to prepare for increased international visitors in anticipation of the World Cup and to remain competitive with surrounding restaurants. The request seeks a one-hour extension of operating hours.**

**Motion: Davis McCaffrey moved to support. Kyungho Chris Hwang seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**Item postponed to next meeting. First: Bill Robinson, Second: Kyungho Hwang. Motion passed unanimously.**

22. Comments/Announcements

23. Adjournment at **6:52PM**

**Motion to adjourn. First: Tania Ramon, Second: Shazia Hoq. Motion passed unanimously.**

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment by calling (213) 978-1551 or email: [NCsupport@lacity.org](mailto:NCsupport@lacity.org)

### **Public Posting of Agendas -**

Neighborhood Council agendas are posted for public review as follows:

- Pio Pico Library, 694 S Oxford Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90005
- <https://www.empowerla.org/WCKNC>
- You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A City's Early Notification System (ENS)

### **Notice to paid Representatives -**

If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.01 et seq. More information is available at [ethics.lacity.org/lobbying](http://ethics.lacity.org/lobbying). For assistance, please contact Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or [ethics.commission@lacity.org](mailto:ethics.commission@lacity.org)

### **Public Access of Records -**

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at the Pio Pico Library located at 694 S. Oxford Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90005 or at our website <https://www.empowerla.org/WCKNC> or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please email at: [john.darnell@lacity.org](mailto:john.darnell@lacity.org).

### **Reconsideration and Grievance Process -**

For information on the NC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board Meetings and our website <https://www.empowerla.org/WCKNC>.