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WILSHIRE CENTER-KOREATOWNEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

YMCA
433 S. Vermont Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90020

May 11, 2026 5:30pm

Board Members	Present	Absent	Excused
Bill Robinson	X		
Erica Jung	X		
Shazia Hoq	X		
JT Kim	X		
Tania Ramon	X		
Saidur Rahman		X	
Dr. Faisal Ahmed	X		
Traz Co	X		
Linkon Ahmed		X	
Nikon Haddadi		X	
Nojan Haddadi		X	
Troy Haddidi	X		
Kyungho Hwang (Chris)	X		
James Kim			
Jeffrey Park		X	
Jongmin Park		X	
Rasel Mahud Jewel	X		
Madison Cho	X		
Valerie Bermon	X		
J. Lincoln Bang	X		
Christopher Molorino (CJ)	X		

Davis McCaffrey Read	X		
Jinny Oh	X		
Sarah Hwang		X	
Abbey Cipriano		X	

Abbey Cipriano entered at 5:44PM. Abbey Cipriano departed at 6:35PM.
Nojan Haddadi entered at 5:50PM
Nikon Haddaddi entered at 5:50PM.
James Kim entered at 5:54PM

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL at 5:35P.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Alberto Veloso, President of RVNC, announced that the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council will hold its General Board Meeting on May 19 at 6:00 PM and invited the Wilshire Center Neighborhood Council and community members to attend.

A K-Town resident announced Mexico vs. Korea watch party events scheduled for June 11 (Game 1) at Liberty Park at 7:00 PM, June 18 (Game 2) at Seoul International Park at 6:00 PM, and June 24 (Game 3) at Liberty Park at 6:00 PM, along with the Hapa Day 4th anniversary.

III. Discussion and possible motion to approve the meeting agenda for the May 11,2026 Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council General Board. Some items may be amended or removed.

2. 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.

3. Community/Government Reports & Announcements

    a. LAPD
    b. City Departments
    c. Other Governmental Agencies

    A field deputy from Council District 13 introduced themselves and reported a community cleanup scheduled for May 30 near Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School. They also noted that the Charter Reform Rules Committee recently met and is reviewing amendments to the City Charter, and encouraged the Council to forward any items of concern to their administrative team.

    A representative from Council District 10 reported ongoing cleanup efforts, including work related to homeless encampments, and encouraged residents to continue submitting 311 service requests.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the WCKNC General Board Meeting Minutes of March and April 2026.

   Motion to approve the March and April 2026 General Board Meeting Minutes. First: Tania Ramon. Second: Madison Cho.Motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible motion to approve the WCKNC Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs) for the months of February 2026, March 2026, and April 2026.

   Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Reports for February, March, and April 2026. First: Davis McCaffrey Reid. Second: James Kim. Motion passed unanimously.

   Motion to approve the budget allocation. First: Bill. Second: Davis McCaffrey Reid. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Committee Reports
    a. Executive
    b. Rules & Bylaws
    c. Outreach, Communications, & Elections (Madison Cho, Tania Ramon, & Traz Co).

    Tania Ramon:

    No report given.

Traz Co:

Traz Co reported that the committee discussed the "Good Neighbor Program" and invited interested stakeholders to provide contact information if they wish to participate. The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled in approximately 2–3 weeks, and members were advised to expect an email with updates.

Board Discussion:
Nojan Haddadi asked about incentives for businesses and the expected outcomes of the program, noting potential interest in engaging vendors and encouraging participation through collaboration.

Madison Cho:

No report given.

d. Planning & Land Use Management (Bill Robinson, Kyungho "Chris" Hwang, Madison Cho, Nojan Haddadi, & Tania Ramon)

Bill Robinson:

Bill reported that the Purple Line Extension held its grand opening the previous Friday and noted that a photo from the event was shared via email. Bill expressed appreciation to those who provided food and water for the event.

Kyungho "Chris" Hwang:

No report given.

Madison Cho:

No report given.

Nojan Haddadi:

No report given.

Tania Ramon:

No report given.

e. Sustainability & Beautification
f. Tenant Rights & Poverty
g. Transportation & Public Safety

7. NC Alliances, Coalitions and Liaison Reports
   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:
No report given.

8. 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 aa.

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

Item postponed.

9. Discussion and possible motion to approve a letter of support to Voice of Wilshire Koreatown Community for the displaying World Cup 2026 Banners on Wilshire Boulevard in the month of June 2026.

Item postponed.

10. Discussion to clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer and Secretary, related to the drafting of all WCKNC Board Action Certificates (BAC) for submission to the Office of the City Clerk-Funding Division for the processing of board approved expenditures.

Discussion was held by the General Board. No motion was made.

11. Update on the status of the teleconferencing of the WCKNC committee meeting and Zoom license for the upcoming fiscal year 2026-2027.

Motion to authorize and/or approve Item 11. First: Davis McCaffrey Reed. Second: Tania Ramon. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion and possible motion to appoint a WCKNC board member to maintain the WCKNC website, wcknc.com.

Discussion was held by the General Board. Secretary Tania Ramon is

coordinating with the webmaster regarding website maintenance.

13. Discussion and possible action to accept the recommendation of the WCKNC Planning and Land Use Committee related to ZA-2026-1755-CUB located at 869 S Western Ave. Los Angeles, 90005 to allow the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the existing restaurant operating from 10am to 2am.

Motion to accept the Planning and Land Use Committee recommendation for Item 13. First: Nojan Haddadi. Second: Chris Hwang. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Discussion and possible action to accept the recommendation of the WCKNC Planning and Land Use Committee related to ZA-2025-4893-CUB located at 3330 W 8th Street, 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, 90005 to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with a proposed 9,000 sq. ft. restaurant with 245 seats, and a 29-room karaoke studio. Proposed hours of operation are 11am - 4am daily, with alcohol sales from 11am - 2am daily.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Board Discussion: Bill asked whether any Board members wished to make recommendations so the letter could be drafted.

Chris Hwang moved not to support the application. Tania seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

15. Discussion and possible motion to amend the following section and articles of the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council Bylaws. Final approval subject to review and approval by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and if needed, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

a. Article 5 Governing Board, Section 1, Item 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.

Board Discussion:

Davis McCaffrey Reed asked whether there is a difference in population size among the subdistricts.

Madison Cho asked why the Board should consider changing its structure when there are currently vacant seats that remain unfilled. She suggested reviewing attendance requirements, establishing a baseline, and adhering to the current bylaws. She further recommended that any changes be based on data rather than emotion.

Bill moved to maintain the current Board structure without changes. Second: J. Lincoln Bang. Motion did not pass 17-3-0.

b. Article 5 Governing Board, Section 1, Item 1 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.

Public Comment:

A resident asked whether WCKNC would be responsible for generating the databases.

Board Discussion:

Tania Ramon provided a detailed explanation of Item 15b.

Motion to maintain the current bylaw language for Items 15b, 15c, and 15d (status quo).

First: Bill Robinson. Second: Madison Cho. Motion passed 18-2-0.

c. Article 5 Governing Board, Section 1, Item 1 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.

d. Article 5 Governing Board, Section 1, Item 1 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.

e. Article 10 Elections, Section 4 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.

Public Comment: No public comment

Secretary Tania Ramon provided further explanation of the intent to change the method of verifying stakeholder status.

Board Discussion:
Board members discussed whether proof of citizenship is currently required and what alternative forms of documentation, such as utility bills or employment verification, could be used to verify stakeholder status. Concerns were raised that organized interest groups, businesses, or homeowners associations could put forward candidates without sufficient verification of community affiliation.

Nojan Haddadi asked how self-affirmation would increase participation in Neighborhood Council elections.

Madison Cho asked when the next election would take place and stated that additional

study should be conducted before moving forward with the proposed change.

Motion to maintain the current verification process (status quo). First: Bill Robinson. Second: Shazia Hoq. Motion does not pass 17-3-0.

16. Board Member Comments and Announcements

CJ Maiorino announced that he has returned to the Board.

Tania Ramon reminded Board members of the Neighborhood Council the Board Member Oath and emphasized the importance of maintaining professional conduct and culture. She also announced an upcoming community event hosted by the Disabled Union of Latin Americans and extended an invitation for WCKNC to participate.

IV. ADJOURNMENT at **7:12PM Tania Ramon motions to adjourn. Davis McCaffrey Reed seconds.**

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