Wilshire Center-Koreatown
Neighborhood Council
Los Angeles, CA

General Board Meeting **Approved Minutes** **7.13.26** **5:30 pm - 7:27 pm**	**Regular Meeting Location:** 1st Monday, 5:30 pm YMCA 433 S Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90020

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
Bill Robinson	Present	Yes	At-Large
Erica Jung **Arrived at 6:17 pm**	Present	Yes	At-Large
Shazia Hoq	Present	Yes	At-Large
JT Kim	Absent	Yes	At-Large
Tania Ramon **Arrived at 5:42 pm**	Present	Yes	At-Large
Saidur Rahman	Present	Yes	Community Interest At-Large
Dr. Faisal Ahmed	Present	Yes	At-Large
Traz Co	Present	Yes	At-Large
Linkon Ahmed	Present	No	At-Large
Nikon Haddadi **Arrived at 5:55 pm**	Present	Yes	At-Large
Nojan Haddadi	Present	Yes	At-Large
Troy Haddadi	Absent	Yes	At-Large
Kyungho “Chris” Hwang	Present	Yes	At-Large
Jeffrey Park	Absent	Yes	At-Large
Rasel Mahud Jewel	Present	Yes	At-Large
Madison Cho	Absent	Yes	At-Large
Valerie Bermon	Absent	Yes	At-Large
J. Lincoln Bang	Present	Yes	At-Large
Christopher Molorino	Present	Yes	At-Large
Davis McCaffrey Read	Present	Yes	At-Large
James Kim	Present	Yes	At-Large
Jinny Oh	Present	Yes	At-Large
Sarah Hwang	Absent	Yes	At-Large
Abbey Ciprano	Present	Yes	At-Large
	Present: 18	**Absent: 6**	

I. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL-** Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm; a quorum of 8 was met.

WCKNC Item 1. ROLL CALL	
Present - 17	**Absent - 7**
Robinson Jung Hoq Ramon Rahman Dr. Faisal Ahmed Co Linkon Ahmed Nikon Haddadi Nojan Haddadi Jewel Bang Molorino Read James Kim Oh Hwang Ciprano	Kim Troy Haddadi Kyungho “Chris” Hwang Jeffrey Park Madison Cho Valerie Bermon Sarah Hwang

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

III. Discussion and possible motion to approve the board meeting agenda for June 8, 2026.

This issue will be postponed until the next meeting.

1. **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.**

Aram Marturosyan, Field Deputy from CD13, states charter reform. The items that made it to the ballot for November include voting on a 2-year budget, creating an infrastructure plan, expanding responsibilities and powers of the director of public works, doubling the budget for recreation for 10 years, and discussion of neighborhood council technical details.

The items that did not make the ballot are council expansion, lowering the voting age, performance related to the controller's office, police accountability, and residential voting. The office will be committed to these items.

Secondly, the council unanimously voted not to send an amendment to United Housing LA legislation, which is a mansion tax for tenants. There will be a tax exemption for Pacific Palisades.

Lastly, City Council will be able to take public comment from the board.

Marturosyan states there's a discretionary funding application portal that will open from August 3rd-August 28th for non-profit organizations and any other entities that are looking to use funding for cultural events and programming; grants are up to 5,000 dollars. If any organizations are interested, let Mr. Marturosyan know.

The streetlight team repaired the street lights on Vermont Ave from Rosewood to Council. Invested discretionary funding balances. Aram has been in conversation with sex workers and homeless outreach. Access to Prevention Advocacy Intervention & Treatment does midnight stroll outreach where service providers go out in the midnight hours in Koreatown or Hollywood to provide housing referrals, substance abuse assistance, food, shelter referrals, or anything related to health concerns.

Summer Night Lights will take place at John Park for the duration of this month until August 7, 2026: sports programming, arts, food. The office is considering other programming events like movie nights and backpack distribution, and is still in the works.

A new store opening called Kids of Immigrants: a streetwear brand that uplifts immigrant stories, opening on Saturday, July 18, 2026, and will have a viewing of the World Cup final on July 19, 2026.

The last watch party at Echo Park Lake at 12 pm will have raffles, soccer balls, and other items; feel free to join.

On August 19th, the Ciclivia event will begin; people will be on bikes between West and East Hollywood. They will have a viewing of the World Cup final.
-If there are any areas for community cleanups, the council is open to doing these.
-Stakeholder Read states it is unacceptable not to adopt any of the items and that they need reform.
-President Robinson states they decided not to increase the number of seats. The council member from CD13 says we need to increase.

Mr. Kim is the president of Voice of Wilshire Koreatown and the leading advocate for the community cleanups every last Saturday of the month on July 25, 2026. President Robinson encourages people to join these cleanups.

Stakeholder Yona thanks the board for supporting the Koreatown Festival, which will feature three deaf performers. Thanks everyone who came to the watch party. Had great coverage, and thanks everyone who came out. Yona will send information for outreach.

3. **Community/Government Reports & Announcements**
   a. LAPD

LAPD Officer Harry Cho states license plates are getting stolen. Informs the board to buy license plate screws to stop plates from getting stolen.
-Officer Cho states that apartment/condos getting broken into because people's windows/doors are open. He states that they ended up arresting a person for breaking in.
-Soccer Watch party is going great. Semifinals are on July 18, 2026.

-Second officer states that constituents can look up the LAPD Olympic Senior Lead Officer.

A stakeholder asked questions about car break-ins. Officer Cho states that guys are picking up signals from cars and are getting stolen. Recommend putting keys in a box. Block signals from getting out.
-Cars get stripped for parts. Parts are getting shipped out of the area.
-Boardmember Shazia Hoq asks if there's anything you can do to prevent break-ins. Officer Cho states to have a house sitter or have a neighbor pick up mail, or have TV and lights on. Put a timer on to prevent break-ins.

-A stakeholder asks how long the signal reaches.

-Another stakeholder asks about arsonist issue. A second officer, Joseph Rolantis, informs the board about this issue.
-States there is a community event on August 4, 2026. Please come by for festivities and engage in the community.
-Officer covers Vermont to Normandie and 5th Street. Officer states that people are chain-snatching in the community. If someone is on a scooter or e-bike, tuck in your chain if you are wearing one.

b. City Departments
c. Other Governmental Agencies

CD10: Alan Antonio, deputy for Councilwoman Heather Hutt, Council District 10. Had a very successful cleanup on Western and Manhattan that they have been planning for a year now. They prioritize housing first and ensuring that everyone is safe. 11th and Irolo and other spots have been successful cleanups.

The Rapid Response team in Koreatown will be launched due to the high density and for extra resources for Koreatown to help with weed trimming and other issues. In Koreatown, there are 9,000 requests. The timeline for when this project will start is in September, and it will increase response time. You can follow the office, and it will increase response time.
-VP Shazia Hoq asked about graffiti removal on Normandie and Pico. Alan states that the council district works with KYCC, and they will assist in removing the graffiti. Once the program launches, the rapid response team will go and remove this.
-The location where you want graffiti to be removed, contact Alan Antonio.
-President Robinson asked about Morray, did not show up for this meeting. Alan informed the board that he will attend next month's meeting.
-Tania asked who the rep from the Mayor's office is. Alan informed the board that Allen has been helpful.

-President Robinson informed us that the new NEA, Dina Andrews, could not make it to this meeting but will be attending next month.

-Board member James Kim asks about graffiti removal in West Adams.
-VP Hoq asks about graffiti removal. Alan states they will work with KYCC. Alan tells Shazia to email him about this.

-Stakeholder asks about furniture removal.

-President Robinson asks about the other person on the board. He's our rep; Allen will be coming next week.

4. **Discussion and possible action to approve the WCKNC General Board Meeting of June 2026.**

This item will be postponed until next month.

5. **5. Discussion and possible action to approve the WCKNC Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERS)for June 2026.**

This item will be postponed until next month.

6. **Committee Reports**
   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

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)

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 a voluntary pledge for daily sidewalk and gutter cleaning.**

   a. Distribution of a "Branded" participation sticker

   Traz motions to approve. Tania seconds. No abstentions. 17-0.0.

   b. Coordinated outreach to expand community involvement

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

Mr. Read tables. Tania seconds. No abstentions. 17.0.0

10. Discussion and possible action to remove Sarah Hwang, at-large representative, because of prolonged absence.

President Robinson relays the absence rule that if a board member misses 3 meetings in a row, the person gets notified and automatically gets put on the agenda. This person gets voted in

place of Jo Minh Park. Sarah has not been here since December. She missed 5 consecutive meetings, and as of this meeting, she missed 6 meetings within the 12 months; you are automatically out.

-If there's a vacancy due to resignation, you open the process for 30 days. Whoever wants to apply for the vacant position can apply. Our VP tried to reach out and got no response.

-Christopher Molorino asked about the six unexcused absences; the seat is unavailable. President Robinson states vacancies. Molorino wanted clarification on the dismissal, and this gets opened for 30 days.

Tania motions. Stakeholder seconds. Mr.Molorino abstains.

Chris states this does not follow precedent because other board members have not attended the meeting. Chris' concern was addressed that other members have not been here.

-Secretary Ramon comments that Sarah Hwang has had 7 consecutive absences.

-Sarah is dismissed, and at-large is open.

11. Discussion and possible action to remove Christopher Maiorino, subdistrict #1 representative, for missing 4 consecutive, unexcused General Board meetings.

Mr. Molorino states that he attended meetings January-April. States there was no meeting in January.

Robinson states that Chris asked who the other candidate was. The months that he missed were January-April, August, Sept, November, and December. Chris states that he informed his constituents because he did not get any information about this from the president. Chris advocated for his constituent.

Jordan King sent his application.

Board comment:

Board member Traz states to get everyone's comment.

Secretary Ramon states that if you are going to miss a meeting, you should message Tania and Bill.

Secretary Ramon's records of absence and attendance show that Board member Molorino has four consecutive absences. Secretary states why Jeffrey Park was not added to the agenda to be removed from the board.
-On her records, other people have missed 3 consecutive meetings. MD Faisal and Jeffrey Park have missed meetings.
-Secretary Ramon has sent the application because a board member wants to join the board as a business rep. No one is trying to take the Subdistrict 1 seat.
-That seat would be vacant if CJ left this.
-The board has two Subdistrict 5 seats that haven't been filled for the last year.
-Secretary Ramon states that Jeffrey Park has 8 consecutive meetings.
-A few people on the board stated that there are a few mistakes in attendance.

-Mr. Reed states to move on from interpersonal drama to serve the community. No one is here to serve. States CJ has been coming to the meetings.

-VP states that she runs two businesses and has not missed a meeting. States that you should take this seriously.
-This is volunteer-based, and we have to remember that this is serious.

-Board member MD Faisal states to give him another chance to keep Chris on the board. Chris is dedicated.

-Secretary Ramon states we are here as volunteers and thanks everyone who is in attendance.

-President Robinson states to vote secretly and write yes or no on a sticky note.
-Traz asks if there has been secret voting.
-States who wants to be open or closed.
-Secretary states that this has to be public. Robinson states to file a grievance. States we need the names on the vote.

-President Robinson states that yes means out and no means CJ stays.

-Board member James Kim states that we have an open ballot; it becomes personal. He cannot vote because he has not finished his training.

No-IIIIIII
Yes-IIIIIIII

-President Robinson will ask the board about this motion and will talk to the city attorney.

-CJ is still a member until President Robinson gets clarification.

12. Discussion and possible action to approve YMCA NPG FUNDING for $4,000 to launch the Koreatown Changemakers Leadership Program, a free leadership development initiative designed to empower local middle and high school students to become active leaders and positive changemakers within their community.

VP Hoq motions. Mr. Jewel seconds.

13. Discussion and possible action to approve up to $4,000 in NPG funding to The Bangladeshi Association of California for their upcoming 40th FOBANA 2026 LA Convention.

VP Hoq seconds. Ahmed motions. 1 abstention. 16.0.1.

14. Discussion and possible action to approve up to $4,000 in NPG funding to the Los Angeles Korean Festival and Foundation for their upcoming Koreatown Festival and Parade in Fall of 2026.

CJ motions. Secretary Ramon seconds. No absentions. 17.0.0.

15. Discussion and possible action to approve up to $3,000 to the Poco Foundation for their outreach campaigns and seminars for young adults in the interests of anti-substance abuse and crime prevention, toward positive leadership and community service.

President Robinson states they submitted their application. VP Hoq motions. Ahmed seconds. No abstentions. 17.0.0.

16. Discussion and possible action to approve up to $1,000 to the Olympic Boosters Association for their support of the annual " National Night Out" for crime suppression and prevention in August 2026.

Robinson states this is an annual event and they submitted their application.

VP Hoq motions. Saidur seconds. Traz abstains. 16.0.1.

17. Discussion and possible action to approve $255.61 for the annual Zoom license.

Mr. Read states to pass this item. Tania Motions. Stakeholder seconds. No abstentions.

18. Discussion and action to approve up to $2,400 for website maintenance and content updates for the WCKNC at the rate of $200/month for FY 2026-2027.

Secretary Ramon motions. Ms. Oh seconds. No board comments and no absentions. 17.0.0.

19. Discussion and possible action to approve in concept opening an Instagram/Facebook account to be administered by the outreach committee for the Good Neighbor Program.

Traz and Madison are from the outreach committee meeting for this program to be run by the outreach committee. The committee is trying to fund the branded sticker.

VP Shaq asks what will be posted on social media. Traz states no content has been planned; it will be about the program. Promote the program to the businesses to be able to join in.

Secretary motions. Traz seconds. No abstentions. 17.0.0.

20. Discussion to add a zone change and general plan amendment to change the existing zoning designation of RA-2 to C2-2, for 3251 W. 6th Street.

Chris Hwang states the committee reviewed this.

Mr. Haddadi states this is an existing building. There is a similar building to CARE on Wilshire. Anyone can walk in. Mr. Haddadi recommends supporting this project. This is a residential zone instead of a commercial one. There is no residential area nearby. CARE is a non-profit that serves Latino, Bangladeshi, Filipino, Korean, marginalized people, and medical clients. They are providing essential services.

Chris Hwang motions. Mr. Reed seconds. Motion to zone change. No abstentions.

VP Hoq states this is a great program that provides services for low-income people who visit the community.

President Robinson states they are a lot of zoning that is not compatible. Serrano between 4th and 5th Street is an example of this. States that the city needs to bring the zoning in line with 6th Street. They are going to build it out for medical services.

21. Introduce Mount of Angels, a creative studio that provides creative young people with a supportive and accessible space where they can build confidence, develop art skills, and gain real-world opportunities.

Jesse Cohen, founder of Mount of Angels 501c3, has been around for 3.5 years and is new to Koreatown. Have been doing events in the LA area in Grand Park and have been doing stuff with LA. 160 South Western is where they are located, a 1600-square-foot space. They have free art programs for youth, from classes to musical performances to free instruments. In addition, art supplies will be available, t-shirt making, how to develop a brand, etc. Let neighbors know about this and let kids know that this organization is here.

VP Hoq asks what art will be available. This is open to anyone under 18 who is eligible for this program. Works with kids to make merchandise and develop their art. If you know a kid who wants to learn how to play a guitar, they can borrow one at this space.

Secretary Ramon asks if this organization has a website, and the founder states that they have one and an Instagram.

Stakeholder Traz asks about collaborating with Mount of Angels and if they have any contact information.

22. The status of the opposition letter to be sent to CM Heather Hutt to oppose the approval of the recent Zoning Case-2026-2662-CUB-CUX. at the LA City Council level. The instant case was approved by the Zoning Administrator, in spite of strong opposition from the immediate residential community and the WCKNC.

Secretary Ramon drafted a letter about a building next to her apartment because they are trying to build a banquet hall. The letter solidifies the stance that President Robinson stands on. There's a parking issue; 870 people live in this area, and building this banquet hall would be inconsiderate to the community.

A stakeholder asks to change to we or our in the letter that Secretary Ramon will submit to the City.

Secretary Ramon motions. VP Hoq seconds. One opposition. 16.0.1.

23. Board Member Comments and Announcements

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Ramon states board announcement: two at-large available.

Meeting adjourns at 7:27 pm.