

Regular General Board Member Meeting Minutes
WILSHIRE CENTER-KOREATOWN
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Pio Pico Library
694 Oxford Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90005
Monday, February 12, 2024
5:30 pm

1. **Call to order: 5:33 pm**
Quorum met at 17 members in attendance.
2. **Roll call**

Board Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Audrey Han	X		
Becky Bae	X		
Bill Robinson	X		
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X		
Eric Chung	X		
Hoyle Kang		x	
Jennifer Chung	X		
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X		
Lillian Han	X		
Mark Lee	X		
Nathan Kim	X		
Nojan Haddadi			X
Saidur Rahman	X		
Samuel Suh	X		
Sandra Choi	X		
Shazia Hoq	X		
Timothy Kwak			X
Hu Ki Rye	X		
Shin Suk Oh	X		
Joseph Lee	X		
Kevin Kim	X		
JT Kim	X		
Ali Esmaili		X	

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

LAPD Senior Lead, Officer Harry Cho provided an update on criminal activity in his jurisdiction; an increase in aggravated assaults related to alcohol and drugs, burglaries especially in Asian communities; first homicide of the year near Western & San Marino. **Officer Cho addressed a board member's concern** regarding prostitution in the Western Ave. area. There is not enough manpower to constantly patrol the area. There is a task force in place that is dealing with the

3.cont. City and other Governmental Agencies

“western track” which is the area starting at Western and Wilshire to W. Adams. Additionally, it is no longer illegal for sex workers to loiter the streets.

Metro Representative, Ned Racine provided an update on the removal of temporary decking and street closure at Wilshire and Western starting on March 1, 2024. The closure is scheduled for two consecutive weekends in the late evenings. At that time the area west of Western Ave. will be closed. **Bill Robinson** voiced concern regarding a possible gas leak near the Wilshire/Western station.

John Darnell, Empower LA Representative:

Mark Lee asked why the new members have not received their training materials. Urgent need for the second signatory and alternate to be capable of signing and or witnessing check signing.

District 10 Representative Alan Antonio presented the Council with a framed certificate from the City Council in appreciation and tribute to Clare Cannon. He also updated the council regarding the surge of ceiling collapses resulting from the last rainstorm, the code violations, and the loss of use relocation process.

Bill Robinson commented on the trash on Wilshire and that BID is not proactive in picking up the trash. **Alan Antonio** will connect BID. Antonio will follow up on a board member’s concern regarding the progress of street light installations at Olympic Ave. & Serrano St. as well as 8th and Kingsley St.

The District representatives will not be able to attend Clean-up Day as they will be participating in another event.

Comment from public: Covenant House Representative invited members to participate in an outreach event.

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

CCNP Representative updated the board on the opening of their Koreatown center on February 1, 2024.

Anthony Connelly, Covenant House Representative updated the board on the impact report on human trafficking at the Western Ave. area.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meetings for January 2024.

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Audrey Han	X			
Becky Bae	X			
Bill Robinson			X	
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			
Erica Chung	X			
Hoyle Kang				X
Jennifer Chung	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Lillian Han	X			
Mark Lee	X			
Nathan Kim	X			
Nojan Haddadi				X
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi			X	

Shazia Hoq	X			
Timothy Kwak			X	
Hu Ki Rye	X			
Shin Suk Oh	X			
Joseph Lee	X			
Kevin Kim	X			
JT Kim	X			
Ali Esmaili				x

First: Shazia Hoq Second: Erica Jung Approval of minutes motion passed

6. **Discussion and possible action to approve of the Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER) from December 2023**

No report, table to next meeting.

7. **Committee Reports**

- a. Executive
- b. Budget & Finance – add new member; no member volunteering
- c. Rules & Bylaws - add new member- meeting scheduled for the end of February
- d. Outreach, Communications, & Elections
- e. Planning and Land Use Management – **new member, Joseph Lee**
- f. Sustainability & Beautification - add new member
- g. Homeless, Tenant Rights, & Poverty - add new member

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Audrey Han	X			
Becky Bae	X			
Bill Robinson	X			
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			
Erica Chung	X			
Hoyle Kang			X	
Jennifer Chung	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Lillian Han	X			
Mark Lee	X			
Nathan Kim	X			
Nojan Haddadi			X	
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi	X			
Shazia Hoq	X			
Timothy Kwak			X	
Hu Ki Rye	X			
Shin Suk Oh	X			
Joseph Lee	X			
Kevin Kim	X			

JT Kim	X			
Ali Esmaili			X	

First: Lillian Han Second: Shazia Hoq Motion passed to add Joseph Lee to PLUM Committee

8. Update report on the Koreatown Environmental Clean-up Day sponsored by the WCKNC and KYCC on February 17, 2024, from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon.
Update from the Beautification Committee; 200 volunteers are expected to participate; parking available at the Korean Consulate; donated refreshments will be available. Board member attendance is encouraged.
9. Update on the WCKNC website. Nathan Kim updated the board on March 1st, 2024. The site is multilingual and 80% complete. The website is “live” at wcknc.org
10. Discussion and possible action for free tax services on March 2, 2024, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the Korea Daily Community Room, 690 Wilshire Pl. Los Angeles, 90005.
The CPA’s on the board will donate their services to help the Koreatown stakeholders with uncomplicated tax completion. 30 to 50 stakeholders will be serviced.

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Audrey Han	X			
Becky Bae	X			
Bill Robinson	X			
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			
Erica Chung	X			
Hoyle Kang			X	
Jennifer Chung	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Lillian Han	X			
Mark Lee	X			
Nathan Kim	X			
Nojan Haddadi			X	
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi	X			
Shazia Hoq	X			
Timothy Kwak			X	
Hu Ki Rye	X			
Shin Suk Oh	X			
Joseph Lee	X			
Kevin Kim	X			
JT Kim	X			
Ali Esmaili			X	

First Shazia Hoq Second: Bill Robinson Motion passed to approve board tax services.

11. Discussion and possible action for the 2nd annual Coffee with the Captain at the YMCA, 4301 W. 3rd on April 11, 2024, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Parking will be available requests that all board members attend.

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Audrey Han	X			
Becky Bae	X			
Bill Robinson	X			
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			
Erica Chung	X			
Hoyle Kang			X	
Jennifer Chung	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Lillian Han	X			
Mark Lee	X			
Nathan Kim	X			
Nojan Haddadi			X	
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi	X			
Shazia Hoq	X			
Timothy Kwak			X	
Hu Ki Rye	X			
Shin Suk Oh	X			
Joseph Lee	X			
Kevin Kim	X			
JT Kim	X			
Ali Esmaili			X	

First: Shazia Hoq Second: Bill Robinson Motion passed to host event

12. Discussion only regarding request for the Wilshire Center Business Improvement Corporation (WCBIC) to attend WCKNC general board meeting to establish a cooperative communication with BID and to be informed on BID expenditures in public safety and health. **Bill Robinson suggested** that an official letter be sent to BID regarding their expenditures. John Darnell suggested that a board member attend a BID meeting to establish an open dialog between the two organizations. Item will be added to the March general board agenda.
13. **Paulina Velasco Consultant for Metro's Vermont Transit Corridor Project.** Updated the board on Metro's BRT plan which includes better transit, faster travel times, and more reliable service along Vermont Avenue. The Vermont Transit Corridor project between Hollywood Boulevard and 120th Street would enhance connections to the regional network and improve access to opportunities.
14. Discussion and possible action to recommend to the board the approval of a full line of alcoholic beverages in the full-service restaurant having fifteen karaoke rooms at 3300 W. 8th street. (ZA-2023-4481-CUB). **Presenter Freeman** informed the board of the proactive efforts to connect and receive feedback from the adjacent community.

Stakeholder, Patty Wong commented; her parents in their 80's live in the area and are opposed to having another club because of disruption in the past at the same location. Neighbors are opposed and fear increased crime and congestion. Ms. Wong gathered 100 signatures in opposition. Illegal karaoke has been a nuisance. Preschool in the area is also opposed. **Freeman replied** that the application changed to 2:00 closing. Mark Lee suggested reaching out to Ms. Wong and the community to negotiate an agreement. If Freeman and the community cannot come up with a mediation, the board will not support it. The board will reassess the petition next month.

15. Discussion and possible action to support or oppose allowing the continued sale of full line of alcohol for on-site consumption at 429 N. Western Ave. #6, #(ZA-2023-7215-CUB) renewal of entitlement ZA-2017-2730-CUB, proposed 2,545 sq. ft. restaurant/karaoke studio with 9 studio rooms and 75 indoor seats. Proposed hours of operation 11:00 am -2:00 am daily in the C2-1 zone.

Presenter Steve Kim representing Kim Chan Kim. The PLUM committee offered full support of the petition.

Because this location has a history of sublease upon sublease, **Mark Lee requested** that Steve Kim come back to the board with the owner.

16. Discussion and possible action or oppose allowing the continued sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing restaurant at 3400 W. 8th Street #ZA-2023-7993-WB renewal of entitlement ZA-201101974-CUB, existing 2,986 sq. ft. restaurant and 96 indoor seats and 12 outdoor seats in a covered 414 sq.ft. patio operating from 11 am to 2:00 am daily in the C2-1 zone. (PIGYA).

Alex Wu Presenter for PIGYA continues a 25-year legacy with a new owner. PLUM committee approved the petitioned time. Bill Robinson commented. Koreatown is open 24 hours a day. Times are changing and a cosmopolitan position will help businesses survive, consequently **he motioned that the alcohol cutoff time be as it has been 2:00 am.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Audrey Han	X			
Becky Bae	X			
Bill Robinson		X		
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X	X		
Erica Chung				X
Hoyle Kang			X	
Jennifer Chung	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Lillian Han	X			
Mark Lee	X			
Nathan Kim		X		
Nojan Haddadi			X	
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi				X
Shazia Hoq				X
Timothy Kwak			X	
Hu Ki Rye	X			
Shin Suk Oh	X			

Joseph Lee	X			
Kevin Kim	X			
JT Kim	X			
Ali Esmaili			X	

First: Bill Robinson Second: Nathan Kim Motion for 2:00 am alcohol consumption cut off failed to pass.

Second motion for alcohol consumption cut off time 12 midnight.

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Audrey Han	X			
Becky Bae	X			
Bill Robinson		X		
Chris Kyungho Hwang		X		
Erica Chung	X			
Hoyle Kang			X	
Jennifer Chung	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara				
Lillian Han				
Mark Lee				
Nathan Kim		X		
Nojan Haddadi			X	
Saidur Rahman				
Samuel Suh				
Sandra Choi				X
Shazia Hoq				
Timothy Kwak			X	
Hu Ki Rye				
Shin Suk Oh				
Joseph Lee				
Kevin Kim				
JT Kim				
Ali Esmaili			X	

First: Joseph Lee Second: Lillian Han Motion for a 12-midnight alcohol consumption cut off passed.

17. Committee member comments/announcements

Jennifer Chung commented that KYCC also offers tax assistance services.

The board CPA's are not representing the WCKNC

PLUM now has six members.

Hoyal Kang unexcused absence.

Mark Lee asked John Darnell regarding the Police Citizens Committee

By-law Committee will meet on February 20th to update the by-laws. Updates due April 1st.

18. Adjourn at 7:20

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Audrey Han	X			
Becky Bae	X			

Bill Robinson	X			
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X			
Erica Chung	X			
Hoyle Kang			X	
Jennifer Chung	X			
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X			
Lillian Han	X			
Mark Lee	X			
Nathan Kim	X			
Nojan Haddadi			X	
Saidur Rahman	X			
Samuel Suh	X			
Sandra Choi	X			
Shazia Hoq	X			
Timothy Kwak			X	
Hu Ki Rye	X			
Shin Suk Oh	X			
Joseph Lee	X			
Kevin Kim	X			
JT Kim	X			
Ali Esmaili			X	

First: Chis Kyungho Second: Shazia Hoq Motion to Adjourn passed