

Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 14, 2005 –7:00 PM
Location: WCKNC Office
3450 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1114, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Members Present: Jason Ahn, Kara Carlisle, Nam Kouen Kim, Dong Soo Cho, Brendan Finnigan, Karen Hallock, Sonny Im, David Lee, In Sop Sim, Hong Yoon, Samuel In, Huikap Kim, Ki Young Lee, Mi Hwa Lee, Shawn Lim, Neil Prince, Julia Son, Jeff Swanson, Yong Yi, Kook Chan An, Goon Suk Han, Keith Nam,

Members Absent: Kee Whan Ha, Susie Lee, Elizabeth Jun, Chi Suh, Soo Hyung Lee, Jang Won Seo, Sang Kil Hur, Alex Kim, Dong Hee Rhee, Hae Kyung Park, and Kyung Ja Rim

I. Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks-Nam Kim, President

- Meeting began at 7:11 pm. 19 members present. Quorum met.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes for May 19, 2005 Board Meeting

- Motion to approve by Neil Prince. Seconded by David Lee. Motion approved by consensus.

III. Presentation by Gary Russel re: Ambassador Site

- Gary Russell requested WCKNC support in advocating for an expanded public use space on the north end of the LAUSD Ambassador Site in the amount of 30 additional feet from Wilshire Blvd in order to address the extreme lack of green space available for public use.
- Heather Repenning from LAUSD addressed the issue from the District's perspective asserting that the land-to-child ratio had to be maintained at that site. Using visual aids, Ms. Repenning showed the open space (i.e. baseball field, play fields, etc.) that will be accessible to the community when not being utilized by LAUSD.
- Motion to table issues by Shawn Lim until August 11 meeting agenda. Seconded by Ki Young Lee. Vote 17-1-1; Jeff Swanson opposed, and Julia Son abstained.

IV. Presentation by Ken Takeda – LACCD Re: Los Angeles City College satellite campus in Wilshire Center-Koreatown.

a. Site Search Update

- 3550 Wilshire Blvd., 4th and 5th floors are being considered yielding 1600 sq ft + 2000 sq ft = 3600 sq ft.
- Temporary site for 1-3 years, with the plan to both assemble an interim planning team to map out an appropriate permanent site as well as the seek a Field Act exemption from the state simultaneously.
- Dr. Ireland and Dr. Eastcott expressed that the WCKNC could assist LACC's satellite operations through advocating for parking exemptions for students beyond 9:00 p.m. near the new site. Semester begins August 29, 2005.

b. Public/Board Comments

- Concern that the site has been significantly decreased from its original size was expressed by Mr. Goon Suk Han, Board Member and Mr. Edward Rhee, community member.
- A request was expressed by Mr. Rhee and members of the Board to have community involvement on the interim planning team. Dr. Jackie Ireland expressed LACC's intent to invite Kara Carlisle to serve on the Board.
- Mr. Jong, community member, requested another community meeting. Kara Carlisle committed to working with LACC to coordinate a follow-up meeting.

V. Presentation by Hope-Net – Doug Ferraro

- Invited community to participate and/or sponsor Hope Net event, "Taste of Larchmont"
- Reiterated desire to do a public event with WCKNC to introduce Hope-Net to the community.
- Board decided to hold an event in conjunction with a standing community event (i.e. a Health Fair, Cultural Event, etc.)

- Ad Hoc Planning Committee was formed including Board members Karen Hallock, Brendan Finnigan, David Lee, Julia Son, Neil Prince, and Kara Carlisle.

VI. Presentation on Seoul International Park

- Presentation by Cathy Santos, City of Los Angeles, re: Project as Phase I of II tied to Prop K funding for the Park. Supplemental information provided by Mark Mariscal, Department of Recreation and Parks.
- Discussion led by Nam Kim, WCKNC President, re: the appropriateness of planning a baseball field from children (up to 5th grade) in the park in lieu of the absolute lack of open space in Wilshire Center - Koreatown.
- Conclusion: Phase I is moving forward as planned, with the invitation for the community to participate in Phase II of Prop K expenditures at Seoul International Park.

VII. Discussion of retreat for Standing Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs

- Committee Chair and Co-Chair retreat scheduled for Saturday, July 23, 10a.m. to 12p.m., facilitated by Kara Carlisle.

VIII. Discussion of July 21, 2005 WCKNC Open House, set for 12-2 pm.

IX. Discussion and action of WCKNC Town Hall Meeting scheduled for August

- Motion by Karen Hallock to postpone Town Hall Meeting until September. Seconded by Brendan. Passed by consensus.
- Brendan Finnigan requested the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee for the Town Hall. Committee members include: Brendan Finnigan, Karen Hallock, Julia Son, Keith Nam, Neil Prince, and Mi Hwa Lee.

X. Board Comments – Comments from Board on subject matters within the Board’s jurisdiction

- None.

XI. Public Comments – Comments from the public on non-item agenda items within the Board’s jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker, unless otherwise determined by the Chair.

- Cathy Gudis from LA Conservancy asked for WCKNC participation for their event scheduled for October 2 – November 21.

XII. Announcements

- Board encouraged to stay for a group photo for the office by Patterson, local photographer.

XIII. Adjournment.

- Motion to adjourn by Karen Hallock. Seconded by Keith Nam. Adjournment at 9:40 pm.
- Next General Meeting is August 11, 7:00 PM, WCKNC Office. Next Executive Committee meeting August 5, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at WCKNC Office.