

26.04.06 OPNC MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Board Roll Call

Samuel Bark	present
Sally Boldt	present
Jessica Celious	absent
Carlo De La Cruz	present
Nathan Freeman	present
Mateo Frey	absent
Josh Gordon	present
Ramsay Goyal	present
Karen Hadley	present
Mark Hadley	present
Sheila Hill	present
Elle Johnson	present
Kate Kunzman Chan	absent
Sue McCullough	present
Judy Reidel	present
Bev Rowe	present
Aaron Stark	present
Jeff Vanhoy	absent

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm, 14 board members in attendance

II. Presentation/Information from Government Officials

a. LAFD – Mr. Pellegrini thanked the OPNC for their support of the Fire Service Day Saturday May 9. An honorary fire chief will be announced.

b. LAPD – SLO Harry Cho reports that in the preceding six week period, there were two late-night burglaries when residents were home, occurring on the same block. This is highly unusual, burglaries typically happen when people aren't home.

In Wilshire park, there were two incidents where someone was monitoring a house with a camera. Check your bushes for hidden cameras! The LAPD IT department is trying to see if they can trace the camera activity.

c. Karen Calderon from the office of Assemblymember Isaac Bryan. Ms. Calderon reports on measures introduced by Mr. Bryan: AB 1661, aiming to provide direct cash payments to families living within 2.5 miles of the Inglewood Oil Field; and AB 1883, aiming to prevent use of AI surveillance in workplace. This measure has now made it through committee.

d. Carlos Pennilla and Yevonne Robertson from the office of State Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas. They reported on legislative packages that have been put together and on funding

that has been secured, in such areas as labor rights, monuments in a South Los Angeles historic black neighborhood, civil rights, hate crimes, film industry tax credits, homeless assistance, foster youth and Exposition Park. CalTrans is currently spending the majority of their time on homeless encampments and dry brush along highways. The most common areas of case work for the Senator's office are with EDD (on family leave and injury cases) and the DMV.

Representatives from both Mr. Bryan and Ms. Smallwood-Cuevas's offices discussed the housing shortage and affordability issue, noting that neither official voted for SB 79, that overrides local zoning limitations. Bryan and Smallwood-Cuevas had supported other measures that did not bypass local governments in this way, but their proposed measures were not voted on.

e. Allen Moret from the office of Mayor Karen Bass. His office would like to partner with OPNC on Shine LA, an initiative to replace streetlights with solar-powered copper-free lights. Their next event will be on Saturday May 18 in Koreatown. Mr. Moret can be contacted at Allen.Moret@lacity.gov.

f. LAPD - SLO Hebel Rodriguez reports a 40% uptick ytd in robberies – 40% uptick ytd. There continues to be an issue at the T-Mobile location at Midtown Crossing. LAPD has arrested a crew, but they think a larger group is involved. Other types of crimes he advises being wary of:

- Don't pull over if someone wants to pull over and talk about your car. Make a few right turns if you think they're following you, call 911 if they are.
- "Appointment robberies" – people get invited to supposed gatherings which are simply for the sake of robberies.

g. Prabhjot Chamber from EmpowerLA. Some upcoming events:

- The 2026 EmpowerLA Youth Conference will be held on Saturday June 6, from 8 am to 4 pm at Los Angeles City Hall.
- Los Angeles Budget Day 2026 will be held on Saturday June 27, 7:30 am – 12:30 pm at Lost Angeles City Hall. Monitor the website <https://www.budgetadvocates.org/> for registration information. Parking and food included.

III. General Public Comment

An unidentified woman spoke about neighborhood clean-up efforts. She would like to partner with OPNC for this.

IV. New Business

a. Ashley Brown introduced herself to the board. She is a candidate for Assembly District 55. Her background is as a school social worker with LAUSD, where she has worked with people on such issues as suicide prevention, teacher and student burnout, homelessness and drug use. She believes there are a lot of implementation holes in current policies, and

that effective government calls for officials with lived experience. More information can be found at: ashleybrownforassembly.com

b. Rehaan Anjaria with an update on MapCzar and the CityWise app. Mr. Anjaria has been meeting with different Neighborhood Councils for feedback on the app which aims to allow people to find such information as public official voting records and projects in your district. You can see the app at: <https://citywise.app>

c. Approval of up to \$1,000 for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the LA Korean Festival Foundation for a World Cup Match watch party.

The board voted not to approve this grant, as it seems they already have adequate funding.

d. Approval of \$255.61 for the renewal of one OPNC zoom license for FY 2026-2027.

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V. Finances

a. Treasurer's Report – OPNC has roughly \$2,000 in unearmarked funds, as well as \$4,000 that is earmarked. Any funds not spent will be rolled over into the next fiscal year. April and May are the last months that OPNC can spend money, money cannot be spent in June.

b. Approval of September 2025, October 2025, November 2025, January 2026, and February 2026 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER)

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VI. Consent Calendar

a. Approval of March 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

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VII. Board Business

a. Discussion regarding upcoming PLUM committee and transportation committee agenda items – the PLUM committee will meet on April 13 to discuss proposed demolition to allow for the construction of a 7-story storage facility.

b. Discussion regarding PO Box – Mark Hadley will look into getting an OPNC mail box.

c. Discussion regarding OPNC Logo – the board has approved the palm tree logo for the business cards.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. K Line Northern Extension – Sue McCullough provided an update on the project

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm