

26.05.04 Olympic Park Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order and Board Roll Call

Samuel Bark	present
Sally Boldt	present
Jessica Celious	present
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	present
Sue McCullough	present
Judy Reidel	absent
Bev Rowe	present
Aaron Stark	present
Jeff Vanhoy	present

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

II. Presentation/Information from Government Officials

a. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Harry Cho

Officer Cho shared a crime update, noting an increase in "hot prowling" incidents (i.e. burglaries when residents are home) involving fire escape access at apartments and condos. He warned of burglary crews stealing license plates and recommended residents use special security screws. He also identified the Warehouse Shoe Store (WSS) as a robbery hotspot and explained that repeated thefts would now be elevated to felonies.

b. Karen Calderon from Assemblymember Isaac Bryan's office

Ms. Calderon reported that the capital is currently in a busy budget season, with eight of Bryan's ten bills currently in appropriations. She also highlighted local community clean-ups, noting that the district has a high percentage of debris removal for the state.

c. Allen Moret from the Mayor's office

Mr. Moret provided updates on street lighting, noting a shift toward proactive maintenance and solar lights. He also mentioned the "Kick it in the Park" World Cup watch parties. Board

members asked about supplemental tax bills, the cost of batteries for streetlights, and the potential for cameras on light poles.

d. Alan Antonio from Councilmember Heather Hutt's office

Mr. Antonio announced that over 25 people were recently housed at a chronic homeless location and highlighted several major clean-ups. He offered a truck for community-organized clean-ups and discussed upcoming events like "Camp Hutt" and movies in the park. Board members inquired about the maintenance of cleaned areas and the "Inside Safe" program, which transitions people into motels.

e. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Hebel Rodriguez

Officer Rodriguez reported an uptick in robberies, noting that store thefts are often elevated to robberies if the suspects threaten staff. He also mentioned that construction for a new residential building at 1025 S. Crenshaw is set to begin in May.

f. Prabhjot Chamber from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Ms. Chamber announced that Zoom licenses were approved for the next fiscal year and sought volunteers for the World Cup watch parties.

g. Commissioner Karen Waters from the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

Ms. Waters shared that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners requested an NC budget increase from \$25,000 to \$40,000. She also noted that the charter reform committee approved giving Neighborhood Councils their own dedicated space on City Council agendas.

III. General Public Comment

A member of the public raised concerns regarding a proposed seven-story storage building and inquired about the specifics of the board's spending.

IV. New Business

a. Introduction of City Attorney Candidate John McKinney

Grace Yoo introduced John McKinney, a candidate for City Attorney, describing him as a litigator who intends to bring back neighborhood prosecutors and keep back-door deals and Brown Act violations in check. Ms. Yoo added that with Mr. McKinney's background as a litigator and manager, he has the skills to negotiate, mediate and mentor. She noted that Mr. McKinney is a man of compassion, who feels it's not compassionate to let people live on the street.

b. Approval of a letter of recommendation and waivers requested by representatives of the project regarding a proposed self-storage facility at 4802-4828 San Vicente Blvd.

While the PLUM committee had initially recommended support, some board members and members of the public expressed concerns about the building's aesthetics and its lack of neighborhood benefits.

NOT APPROVED with 2 votes yes, 6 votes no, 8 abstaining.

c. Approval of up to \$500 for the Annual Congress of Neighborhoods.
APPROVED by unanimous vote.

V. Finances

a. Treasurer's Report. There is \$5,000 available to rollover into next year's budget.

b. March 2026 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER).
APPROVED by unanimous vote.

VI. Consent Calendar

a. Approval of April 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
APPROVED by unanimous vote.

VII. Board Business

a. Update from Outreach Committee. The Outreach Committee announced upcoming volunteer opportunities, including an LAFD service day on May 9 and a park clean-up at Seoul International Park on May 16.

b. Acquisition of a PO Box in West Adams for approximately \$165 for six months.
APPROVED by unanimous vote.

c. A Board Photo was taken.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.