

Olympic Park Neighborhood Council 02/02/26 Meeting Minutes

Board Roll Call

Samuel Bark	present
Sally Boldt	present
Jessica Celious	present
Carlo De La Cruz	present (attending online)
Mateo Frey	absent
Josh Gordon	absent
Ramsay Goyal	present
Karen Hadley	present
Sheila Hill	absent
Elle Johnson	present
Kate Kunzman Chan	present
Sue McCullough	present
Judy Reidel	absent
Bev Rowe	present (attending online)
Jeff Vanhoy	present

PRESENTATION FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Office of Assemblymember Isaac Bryan

Karen Calderon (karen.calderon@asm.ca.gov) – joined by Zoom, with an update from Mr. Bryan’s office.

LAPD Olympic Division

Senior Lead Officer, Officer Cho

Theft of copper wire from streetlights continues to be a problem. In many cases, the crimes are motivated by the desire to make the streets dark, to give more cover for stealing and breaking into cars. The majority of house burglaries occur in the daytime, and most auto theft and break-ins occur at night. Officer Cho recommends that property owners get motion-activated solar lights they can affix to trees or structures on their properties.

Since the passage of AB 109, sentences for non-violent crime have been reduced, so very few people committing non-violent crimes serve any significant jail time.

The city is trying to change all streetlights to solar. Legislation has been passed to penalize buyers from purchasing black-market copper.

Wilshire Division

Senior Lead Officers, Officer Rodriguez

Store robberies are up. The T-Mobile store has been hit a few times, not sure if it’s been the same crew or different crews committing the robberies.

There’s also been an uptick in stolen vehicles.

Call 911 if you see a streetlights crime in progress and call it in as a crime-in-progress. Don’t say the crime is over, or you will be sent to 311.

As always, be watchful. Thieves will leave the area if they think they’re being watched.

Meeting Called to order 7:42

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comments - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction.

- a. Mary Beth Fielder - spoke to let people know that there will be an important city planning meeting on February 26 regarding the proposed development at 4201 Pico.
- b. An unidentified woman read prepared remarks expressing opposition to the 4201 Pico development.

PRESENTATION FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES CON'T

Office of Assemblymember Mark Gonzales

Nina Suh-Toma (Nina.Suh-Toma@asm.ca.gov) joined by Zoom.

Discussed Mr. Gonzales efforts on deterring copper theft, DTLA revitalization efforts and the “Press 3” bill, a suicide hotline for the LGBTQ+ community.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Appointment of Mark Hadley as an East Area At-Large representative – APPROVED
- b. Appointment of Aaron Stark as an East Area At-Large representative - APPROVED
- c. Appointment of Nathan Freeman as an East Area At-Large representative - APPROVED
- d. Appointment of Samuel Bark as an East Area At-Large representative – tabled til next month
- e. Presentation on MapCzar - Submitted to the agenda by Rehaan Anjaria
Mr. Anjaria presented a product, an app to make it easier for residents to access public information, for example, what impact various city officials have made across the city. Currently, there is a lot of data on such things but it's in so many different places, it's difficult to find. MapCzar makes it easier to find.
- f. Approval of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in an amount up to \$4500 for the Koreatown Youth and Community Center. The request is specifically for their 2ND Annual Family Day and Community Resources fair. The board approved \$2500.
- g. Discussion regarding 4201 W. Pico Blvd and possible action on additional letter to City Planning. The existing letter from OPNC to City Planning was amended to address concerns regarding accommodations for loading, deliveries, ride-hail and services functions. The text of the letter from OPNC to City Planning can be found here:
<https://opnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/4201-Pico-Letter-from-OPNC-2.23.26.pdf>

FINANCES

- a. Treasurer's Report – OPNC is about half way through the budget and half way through fiscal year. We're about halfway through the fiscal year, and halfway through the budget. There is \$10k remaining, with \$5k earmarked. We could award one more NPG for \$2k.
- b. Approval of January 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) **APPROVED**

CONSENT CALENDAR: The following items will be voted on without discussion. Any Board member

or member of the public may request that the item(s) be removed and voted on separately.

- a. Approval of January 2025 Board Meeting Minutes **APPROVED**

BOARD BUSINESS

- a. Updates from outreach committee
- b. Appointment of OPNC Treasurer

- c. Discussion regarding board meeting logistics
- d. Update on board member admin tasks

MINUTES APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Anticipated agenda items for next month:
Possible request for a CIS regarding charter reform