

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	absent
Nathan Freeman	present
Mateo Frey	absent
Josh Gordon	present
Ramsay Goyal	present
Karen Hadley	present
Mark Hadley	present
Sheila Hill	absent
Elle Johnson	present
Kate Kunzman Chan	present
Sue McCullough	present
Judy Reidel	present
Bev Rowe	present
Aaron Stark	present
Jeff Vanhoy	absent

I CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

7:09 pm

II. PRESENTATION FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES

a. Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)

Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer, Officer Cho

Officer Cho reports that car thefts are up, Toyota Tacoma's, in particular. There has also been an uptick in thefts of license plates, and of catalytic converters, especially from Priuses.

Other crimes that have seen an increase - robberies of people leaving banks and atm's, necklace snatches, stealing phones on busses, high end purse snatches by people on scooters. Also robbers have been targeting the elderly, pretending they're lost or need help, and then they steal jewelry from the victim.

Home burglaries also on the uptick, with more evening occurrences. Advise keeping lights on, using random timers. Thieves are also using wi-fi jammers and intercepting keyless fobs signal.

b. Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Art Tarango

Presenting Agenda Item IV a, requesting approval of up to \$500 for the Los Angeles Fire Department Operations South Bureau Annual Fire Service Day, to be held on Saturday May 9 at Fire Station 94, 4470 Coliseum Street. A flyer for the event will be available closer to the date.

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c. Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer Officer Rodriguez

Officer Rodriguez reports an uptick in thefts – up 40-45% ytd, at department stores and markets. There has been a 40% increase ytd of aggravated assaults, with instances of battery and of homeless people attacking victims.

If you encounter an issue on the metro, call 911 and they will dispatch LAPD or the Metro police as appropriate.

LAPD can't enforce mask law on federal agents. The City has said they're going to pass a mask law but the LAPD Chief has said they can't enforce that against a federal agent, though LAPD officers are verifying that they are actually federal agents.

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

Stephen Post – BID Program Manager from LANI.org. Mr. Lani introduced himself. He explained briefly that LANI works to help with street clean ups and beautification efforts, as part of their mission to revitalize LA neighborhoods.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of up to \$500 for the Los Angeles Fire Department Operations South Bureau Annual Fire Service Day (see agenda item II b).

b. Presentation from LADOT regarding Pico Blvd Safety Project updates

Severin Martinez from LADOT presented an update on the Pico plan which involves:

Removing parking on north side of Pico, losing 270 parking spaces out of the existing 480

Losing a few on south side because of visibility, but also adding some parking back on south side

Adding parking on side streets where possible

More hours of allowed parking for 95 spaces, eliminating no-parking hours

New lights - @ Manhattan and @ New Hampshire

Dedicated bus pull-outs so you don't get stuck behind when they're loading/unloading

A lengthy discussion followed, with board members raising numerous concerns regarding parking, safety and environmental impact on side streets from cut-through traffic, traffic delays, emergency vehicles, loading and unloading, left-turn lanes and the contracting and consulting processes.

c. Approval of purchasing up to \$500 to facilitate OPNC hybrid meeting

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d. Review LANCC Charter Reform Neighborhood Council Leader Letter and possible action to sign on from OPNC. A reminder to board members to review the letter before the February 4 deadline.

V. FINANCES ([click for MERs](#))

a. Treasurer's Report

OPNC has about \$9,000 left in the fiscal year, with about 1500 available for NPG's. We can roll over up to 10k to next year's budget.

b. Approval of January 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

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VI. 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 February 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

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VII. BOARD BUSINESS

- a. Appointment of Samuel Bark as an East Area At-Large representative

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- b. Discussion regarding upcoming PLUM committee and transportation committee agenda items

- c. Updates from the Outreach committee

OPNC sent a letter to City Planning supporting Oxford Square's concerns on the 4201 Pico project. The city has subsequently approved the project with no amendments addressing OPNC/Oxford Square concerns. The City Council will be involved in approving details.

VII. ADJOURNMENT