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PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OFFICERS

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TREASURER

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PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REGULAR GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 1st, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Kolping House – Auditorium (Parking available)
1225 S Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

Jesus Bañuelos (Renter Representative)
Cynthia Rodriguez (Homeowner Rep)
Erica Jung (Resident Homeowner)
Miguel Martinez (Community Based Org.)
Edgar Hernandez (Member at Large)
Louis Shapiro (Resident Tenant)

Peter Sean (Business Rep)
Estrella Galindo (Community Based Org.)
Hyoung Joong Kim (Renter Representative)
Sunny Kim (Senior Citizen)
Silvia Velasquez (Resident Tenant)

The Neighborhood Council system enables civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of volunteer stakeholders who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities and bringing government to us.

1. WELCOMING REMARKS:

- a. Call to Order and flag salute
- b. Roll Call

Jay Park – Present

Zoila Banuelos - Present

Yohan Chang – Present

Jovita Carrillo - Absent

Peter Sean – Absent

Sunny Kim - Present

Edgar Hernandez - Absent

Jesus Banuelos- Present

Hyoung Kim – Present

Miguel Martinez – Absent

Cynthia Rodriguez – Present

Erica Jung – Present

Louis Shapiro – Present

Silvia Velasquez – Present (Arrived Later 7:02 pm)

Estrella Galindo - Absent

10 Present, 5 Absent

2. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

Patty Brindle, Rampart Division – A couple of different things I want to go over. The

heat will hopefully die down but there has been a huge increase in crime. Heat brings crime and it aggravates people, so it may cause more people drinking and instances of domestic abuse. We see a huge dip in crime usually when it rains. Do not be afraid to be a good neighbor and call the police. If you don't think it constitutes calling 911 you can call the non-emergency number 1877 Ask LAPD. My area still is far from crime, I feel like a lot of times people do not report on this part of town and call for reporting on certain things. One "feel good" story, a few years ago most of the calls were gang related, but nowadays its more about homeless calls. We try to help the homeless with cleanups.

b. City and other Government Agencies

Miguel Santiago; California Assemblyman – I would like to bring up a few issues regarding the homeless issues. In the beginning of the year we had several different press conferences and we had a lot of surplus dollars to help out with these issues. LA would get its largest share, we would get close to about \$250 Million. We agreed that we wanted to change the definition to reflect and give medical attention to homeless people. We wanted to change the definition to give help to those groups. We had a woman in Sacramento who wanted to help but she was unable to go through conservership. It would be a two-year conversation. What we also did was tackle the issue on human trafficking. For the issue of free Community Colleges. Anybody who attends a community college the first time, we will eventually make this into a thing as the years go by. This year what we did was announce the bill and it would allocate \$10 million. A couple of things happened that we already missed. What was unique this time, the administration separated parents and children. The administration was good at doing something big and something bigger without people noticing.

3. **General Public Comments** - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. This agenda item will last a total of 15 minutes and no individual speaker will be allowed more than three minutes.

Patricia Kim; KaFLA – I would like to talk about the changes of motions by David Ru. The definition to change the meaning of the change in stakeholder. I would like to have an agendize item for neighborhood councils to have a direct definition of stakeholder and to send a statement to make our community impact statements much stronger. The request is to agendize this item.

Jay Park – Please send a formal email to our temporary Council Mailbox.

Connie Yang, Community Member – There is a huge issue with parking regarding. A lot of cars are parking in one-hour parking zones and residents are unable to park in their homes.

Zoila Banuelos – What area?

Connie Yang – Pico and Hoover. There is usually a lot of space, but people just leave their cars there.

Zoila Banuelos – You can talk to your representative in District 1. Talk to your neighbors and see what kind of solution they would like.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Outreach Committee presented by Zoila Banuelos

Zoila Banuelos – We went to the Congress for the Councils and there is something I would like to share with you. We want to do more events for the Outreach. Another plan would be to invite different organizations. Before there were studies there was outreach from the board. There are a lot of homeless people and they go to school so there are a lot of things we can help provide. There are a lot of supplies that can go through LAUSD to the schools. The police gave shoes to low income families and they do this every year. But I found out that in order to help out we can send a letter to LAUSD. Now regarding the homeless programs, they are trying to centralize the assistance. I found out they have a lot of info at the Congress. Let's say a family is homeless, there is a number to contact for the families. We can use these programs for different purposes to help the community, especially the homeless.

b. Quality of Life and Safety Committee

Jesus Banuelos – Nothing to report.

c. Transportation Committee

N/A

d. Zoning, Planning and Land Use

Erica Jung – We have a few items do discuss this month.

e. Youth Committee

N/A

5. MOTIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

a) **Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the months of July and August 2018.**

Zoila Banuelos makes a motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure report for the month of July

Hyoung Seconds motion

9 Yes, 4 Absent

Unanimous vote of approval to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for the month of July 2018.

Zoila Banuelos makes a motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure report for the month of August 2018.

Cynthia Rodriguez seconds motion

9 Yes, 4 Absent

Unanimous vote of approval to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for the month of August 2018.

b) **Discussion and possible action to approve the Minutes of the September 10th, 2018 General Board Meeting.**

Peter Sean makes a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 10th, 2018 General Board Meeting.

Yohan Chang seconds motion

Unanimous vote of approval to approve the Minutes of the September 10th, 2018 General Board Meeting.

- c) Discussion and possible action to pay \$1,108.80 to AppleOne Employment Services for the invoice regarding the month of August 2018.

Peter Sean makes a motion to pay \$1,108.80 to AppleOne Employment Services for the invoice regarding the month of August 2018.

Yohan Chang seconds motion

9 Yes; 4 Absent

Unanimous vote of approval to approve to pay \$1,108.80 to AppleOne Employment Services for the invoice regarding the month of August 2018.

- d) Discussion and possible action to pay \$333.33 to the Kolping House for the invoice regarding the month of October.

Cynthia Rodriguez makes a motion to pay \$333.33 to the Kolping House for the invoice regarding the month of October.

9 Yes, 4 Absent

Unanimous vote of approval to approve to pay \$333.33 to the Kolping House for the invoice regarding the month of October.

- e) Discussion and possible action to pay \$100.00 to the Kolping House for the invoice regarding the extra day used to reserve the auditorium in the month of June 2018.

Peter Sean makes a motion to pay \$100.00 to the Kolping House for the invoice regarding the extra day used to reserve the auditorium in the month of June 2018.

Jovita Carrillo seconds motion

Unanimous vote of approval to approve to pay \$100.00 to the Kolping House for the invoice regarding the extra day used to reserve the auditorium in the month of June 2018.

- f) Presentation by Ben Creed regarding an update on 1250 Westmoreland & 1255 Elden, including sharing design concepts for 1035 Berendo & 1055 Mariposa.

Ben Creed, West Hollywood Housing Corporation – I am a representative of the West Hollywood Housing Corporation. We are a mission driven nonprofit organization. We have developed or rehabilitated 82 building and helped many residents. Our roots are in Los Angeles, but we also have properties in Glendale. In 2015 we came back to present to the Neighborhood Council. We also presented Eldon Elms. Construction will start this year and this year and end in 2020. The City of Los Angeles owns these two sites and to have to have non-profits develop these housing projects.

Sheryl, Resident Services Coordinator – Our goal is to have our families thrive. We have health and wellness. For our education we partner with a national profit called Jump Start that helps kids learn to read. We have different organizations come in and help our families thrive.

Judy, Resident Services Coordinator – Since we opened in October 2015, we have helped many people get out of homelessness.

Jovita Garcia – This program was very favorable from me and my family. She lived in a Church converted into a homeless prevention area. My entire family household has changed. Before my family of 5 lived in a small apartment but now we have a nice 3-bedroom home to live.

Neil Silverstein, Principal Architect – We specialize in multi-family projects. We are very excited for Berendo Sage and it will be a great solution to help out the community. The landscape of the trees is connecting, and all of the units are fully accessible. I think it will be a great asset to the community.

Jay Park – Will there be secure parking underground?

Neil Silverstein – Yes, there will be secure parking. There are many places for bicycle parking as well. The requirement for this parking is zero so we are adding this as well.

Otis Odell – We have been practicing in Los Angeles for well over 30 years. This site is on Mariposa. There is a total of 40 residential units and each of the floors has 8 units. 4 on the north 4 on the south around a common corridor that is open air. In this solution we have more of an art-deco informed design. We think it is going to be a great addition to the neighborhood.

Amber, Director Homeless Healthcare LA – We work with very vulnerable populations and help many people. We do a lot of disease prevention programs as an agency. If clients need additional services, we can help with onsite programs. Anything that would help them be successful, we would be doing these things to help clients. We believe in building communities in the homes, so we do community-based meetings to help everyone be informed and connect.

Ben Creed – We would love to hear any questions or feedback.

Jovita Carrillo – I know this is for low income people, but what would be the least for a low-income person to pay.

Ben Creed – Half of the units will be reserved for low income, so the rule of thumb would be 30% of the rent. The other half that helps with homeless residents is for those that come with a voucher. Usually but not always the median is less than before.

Erica Jung – These buildings are still owned by the City?

Ben Creed – That is correct.

Erica Jung – The reason I am mentioning this is because we have many issues in the City so there was a program put on Vermont and seventh. You guys put the low-income property.

Ben Creed – The Fair Housing Laws state that we must do a lot of advertising and publicity, then after we will be able to directly do extra advertising to neighborhoods. What we can show you is where we have advertised and show you to

Peter Sean – We have to study this, we have 48,000 people living in this community. Just because a few council members say yes does not mean 48,000 people will as well.

Ben Creed – The City has told us to reach publicity.

Brian Schafer – I want to know how long you give or what percentage do you give or how do you help them pull themselves back up. My concern is that people are able to help themselves.

Judy – We work with these people directly and we help council them into creating better lives. We have people who were homeless but now are living well with jobs and children who are going to college and moving onto the University level.

6. Board Member Comments (15 minutes)

- a. Comment on Member's own activities/brief announcements.
Jay Park – We will be having an election soon.
Yohan Chang – The ATT service got canceled because Miguel put his social security number contract. I spoke to the funding representative warned him against it. So, we will have to fix this issue in order to get our internet and email back.
- b. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights/ask staff questions for clarification.
- c. Introduce new issues for consideration by the PUNC at its next meeting and to place on the future agenda.

7. Meeting Adjournment – 7:50 pm

The public is requested to fill out a **"Speaker Card"** to address the Board on any agenda item before the Committee takes an action. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker. The public may comment on a specific item listed on this agenda when the Board considers that item. When the Board considers the agenda, item entitled "Public Comments," the public has the right to comment on any matter that is within the Board's jurisdiction. In addition, the members of the public may request and receive copies without undue delay of any documents that are distributed to the Board, unless there is a specific exemption under the Public Records Act that prevents the disclosure of the record (Govt. Code § 54957.5). In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at 1225 S. Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015, at our website by clicking on the following link: www.picounionnc.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact **the PUNC office at 213-738-0137**

The Pico Union Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the first Monday of every month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. The agenda for the regular and special meetings are posted for public review at 1) **Normandie Recreation Center** 1550 S. Normandie Bl. 2) **Berendo Middle School** 1157 S. Berendo St. 3) **Leo Politi Elementary School** 2481 W. 11th St. 4) **Magnolia Ave. Elementary School** 1626 S. Orchard Ave. 5) **Tenth Street Elementary School** 1000 Grattan 6) **Pico Union Branch Public Library** 1030 S. Alvarado St. 7) **Toberman Recreational Center** 1725 Toberman St.

The Pico Union Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability. Upon request, the Pico-Union Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs,

services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure the availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Pico-Union Neighborhood Council at (213) 738 - 0137 or please send an e-mail that states the accommodations that you are requesting to Picounion09@att.net.

Process for Reconsideration - An official vote or action of the Board may be reconsidered upon request as follow: a.) Reconsideration may take place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. A member of the Board, at either of the meetings, shall make a motion to reconsider the action or decision. If approved by majority vote of the Board, the Board may immediately rehear the matter and take action. b.) A motion for reconsideration may only be made by a Board member who previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action or decision taken.

PROCESS FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE: Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall then refer the matter to an ad hoc grievance panel comprised of 3 Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the Council secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from time-to-time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance and to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved. Thereafter, a panel member shall prepare and submit a written report to the Board outlining the panel's collective recommendations for resolving the grievance, no later than two weeks after it has met with the person submitting the grievance. The Board of Governors may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to any meeting by the Board, but the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with Board Rules or these Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, and/or state and federal law. In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process, then the matter may be referred to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consideration or dispute resolution in accordance with the Plan.