

# CITY OF LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA



## PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OFFICERS

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## PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Peter Sean  
Louis A. Shapiro  
Estrella Galindo  
Hyoungh Joong Kim  
Sunny Kim

October 2, 2017 at 6:30pm  
Kolping House – Auditorium (Parking available)  
1225 S Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015  
[www.picounionnc.org](http://www.picounionnc.org)

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) **Comments:** Jay Park: We realize that there was a tragedy in Las Vegas and many people have lost their lives as a result. Let us come together for a moment of silence.

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#### b) Board Roll Call

- Jay Park
- Zoila Banuelos
- Miguel Martinez
- Silvia Velasquez
- Jesus Banuelos
- Erica Jung
- Sunny Kim
- Hyoungh Joong Kim
- Louis A. Shapiro - Arrived 6:42pm

### 2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the board's subjects matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker. (2 min) (Representative from government offices, Police Department, and community-based organizations

- **City Representative:** This is the last time that you can take the demographics survey. The city council has pushed the item till tomorrow and the neighborhood council must submit a worksheet by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Pico Union does not have a community impact statement, you must make that an agenda item for next time.
- **Morgan, Pico Union Projects:** We are a community center event space that you help sponsor. We offer workshops and do tutoring for kids. If you have any events coming up we are an event space, feel free to contact us.

- **Louis G:** This Saturday is the reopening for Red Shield, we are also going to have a resource fair. Everyone can come this Saturday at 10am. This Thursday, Mayor Garcetti and members of the council will launch the Safe Routes to School Project. The Mayor will walk 200 kids to school to advocate for safer ways to school.

### **3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

- **Miguel:** I emailed Mario from empower LA and there is a problem with our account. I was unable to print out the MER but we only had one expense this month which was the \$400 ATT bill. The NPG for Levitt Pavilion was approved but we are still waiting for them to respond. The current expense we have is \$3000. Approval for NPG and Empower LA approved the check, but the check got lost so we may have to reapprove it.

• **MOTION: Miguel - Motion to approve \$500 Pico Union Project NPG**

• **SECONDS: Peter Sean**

• **Unanimous Approval to approve \$500 for Pico Union Project NPG**

a) Approval of Monthly Expense (**September 2017**);

**Jay:** We will postpone this discussion for next meeting.

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENT FOR UPCOMING EVENTS / CITY DISCUSSION**

- **Zoila:** We have different events coming up including Red Shield and a recycling program to teach younger kids the importance of recycling. The flyers have the information provided.
- **Jesus:** The community wants to request bumps to put on Normandy street so there is less dangerous speeding there. I am gathering signatures for this approval.
- **Louis:** A speedbump costs a quarter of a million dollars to install, the important thing to do is to let the city know that there is a speeding problem. 24 hours twice a year is the window for when you can apply to have speedbumps installed. Once you apply and have the inspector see, you need 67% of signatures in your neighborhood to approve and have them installed. The next application is in March. Sometimes your street may not be approved as emergency vehicles use it as a route for emergencies.

### **5. COUNCIL ELECTION SPEECHES**

- **Jovita:** I have lead community cleanups and I am a proud member of Pico Union. I will also be very proud of joining the council. I am married with 3 children, since I was married I have been helping the community.
- **Peter:** How do you think you will help the community while being a council member?
- **Jovita:** I will do my best to help the community with planning to making sure helpful efforts are done.

• **MOTION: Approval for Board Membership of Jovita**

• **Unanimous Approval: Jovita is now part of the Neighborhood Council**

- **John:** I have been with the Pico Union community for 15 years. When I was a kid I would always be in my parent's business and I've known many generations of people who are part of the community. I've always wanted to help the community ever since I worked with KYCC and the council. The community is very important to me and that is why I want to join.
- **Peter:** What is your ambition for joining?
- **John:** I hope to become Mayor of LA one Day.

• **MOTION: Approval for Board Membership of John**

• **Unanimous Approval for John is now part of the Neighborhood Council**

- **Police Officer:** What I brought in the back were burglar prevention flyers. What is important is that we talk about community. Many people from many backgrounds are coming together. It is amazing that community groups are coming together and donating aid items and holding prayers. It is how we come together that is important. This weekend will be the Greek Festival at St. Sophia's. The following weekend is the Korean Festival at Seoul Park. I want to reiterate that these will be a safe event because we have doubled the amount of police.
- **KYCC Representative:** Good evening, I am the human resource manager for KYCC, I am here to talk to you about an upcoming event: The Holiday carnival. We provide a great time for family, Santa will be there, food will be provided and it will be a family packed day. We would like to promote it and would like to get the word out and we are also looking for any toy solicitation. If there is any organization that will help with toy donations it will be great.
- **KYCC Development Manager:** It has been a great experience for KYCC to partner with great organizations. Sharing this event has helped a lot and there is a lot of compassion and care that come with it. It is not about funds but more about serving a community we care about. I have brought packets that talk more about the events, we had over 50% of attendees from the Pico Union area. We are asking for \$1000 for KYCC so we can work towards a toy donation. These days it is a little bit difficult for families to be able to get toys due to economic problems. We have families coming out at 6am to get toys for their kids and at 10am when we open our doors, we allow families to come in and have fun. We would love for everyone to participate and if you have youth they can volunteer and learn to help the community.

**6. MISSING COUNCIL MEMBERS DISCUSSION**

- **Jay:** We have sent a letter to absent council members and we await their response. Our secretary is also resigning and we would like to thank her for her help.

**MOTION: Approval for Monthly meeting will be approved next GBM**

**Unanimous Approval**

- **Miguel:** Can we discuss the DACA emails now or next meeting? This is a community impact statement to have it approved today.
- **Jay:** We can vote to approve it today.

- **Peter:** I heard that the DACA can be extended for 2 years to approve it.
- **Miguel:** DACA is a temporary solution, what we are asking in the community impact statement is for us to have a more permanent solution to help.

• **MOTION: Miguel makes motion to approve follow up on Community Impact Statement to support Dream Act**

• **SECOND: Zoila Seconds**

• **Unanimous Approval of motion**

**6. Board member comments – comments from board members on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction.**

• **MOTION Estrella Motion to adjourn meeting**

• **SECONDS: Peter Seconds**

**7. Meeting adjournment at 7:40pm**

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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 is 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. 11<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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**Process for Reconsideration** - An official vote or action of the Board may be reconsidered upon request as follows: 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.