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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Peter Sean
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Estrella Galindo
Hyoung Joong Kim
Sunny Kim

Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:30pm
Kolping House – Auditorium (Parking available)
1225 S Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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. Call to order & Flag salute
- b. Board roll call

Board Officers

Jay Park (President) - Present

Zoila Banuelos (Vice President) - Present

Miguel Martinez (Treasurer) - Absent

Silvia Velasquez (Secretary) - Present

Board Members

Erica Jung - Absent

Jesus Banuelos - Present

Cynthia Rodriguez - Absent

David Torres - Absent

Peter Sean - Present

Louis A. Shapiro - Present

Estrella Galindo - Present

Hyoung Joong Kim – Present

Sunny Kim – Present

Jovita – Present

John Chung – Present

12/15 Members Present

2. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Representative from government offices, Police Department, and community-based organizations)

- a. LAPD Senior Leads – Olympic and Rampart Divisions
- b. LA City & other Government Departments/Agencies

Mario Hernandez: Few updates from the department. Starting January, the dept. is going to be offering Civic You 2.0. It incites community engagement from councils and gives tools to engage in government through city hall. We ask the council to elect 2 board members, one male one female to attend. Effective November 1st funding request forms will be replaced. Elections are pushed back to 2019, what that means is existing board members your terms are extended 1 year. Amending by laws will be finished in November 15th. Each neighborhood council will be allocated to the elections.

- c. LA City Council District Representative

Luis Gonzalez: This Thursday we will have a cleanup event on Union and 14th street. We are also going to have Christmas celebrations in December. Right now, in November. As you know to honor Silvia Velasquez, she served very well in PUNC. She always advocated for her community and her area. I would like to present a certificate of commendation from the City of Los Angeles.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDAITEMS:

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the board's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker (2min)

Esperanza Guevara, Service Academy Representative: I am here to introduce myself to the community. Anyone interested in applying to the 4 military academies are accepting apps to January 1st. If you know anyone who is interested in joining the service academy, the benefits are that it is all covered and when students graduate they will be given a leadership position.

Ellen Sell: A year ago this council helped us with funds and we would like to request the help again. We are an afterschool program for kids 4-17 years of age. We do dance theater and music and we have 93 classes. 63 school classes and music classes with different instruments. We do 6-12 performances a year. We have 200 students and We help their families. We have some families that have 3-4 children. You gave us \$500 dollars last year but we would like around \$1000.

Jay Park: How many members do you have?

Representative: 230. 75% of our kids come from Pico Union.

Silvia Velasquez: I would like to say thank you to Mr. Gonzalez. The reason I will be leaving the council is because I will be a full-time student.

Estrella Galindo: Luis do you have any flyers for the cleanups?

Luis Gonzalez: You can go on the website or on the day of we are already going to be there.

New Hampshire Resident: I live in New Hampshire neighborhood and there is a lot of difficult parking at night time. We are asking for a restriction for residential only at night.

Luis Gonzales: We need to do an outreach to the people from 3 or 4 blocks on this. We need to have a lot of support for this so it can be recognized as a large issue. You must establish a group to talk to the neighborhood about it. We need 70% of people who are for it. The more people you can get to the meeting the better because they can get signatures that way.

William Kim, Happy Village: Happy village is a nonprofit organization. We have scheduled December 2nd 10-4. We will have an event that will have acupuncture and we will have a fund raiser to help the homeless people. Everybody come join us, this ear we will collaborate with PUNC.

Estrella Galindo: Are you going to have physical therapy and acupuncture at the event?

William Kim: Yes.

Jay Park: Send us a letter so we can alert the city about it.

Peter Sean: How many people came last year?

William Kim: 5000 people came. We work closely with Korean broadcasters and we invite more Latin people to come and enjoy this event.

Peter Sean: What if there an overflow of people and you cannot provide the service and help the people at the same time.

William Kim: The event is an all day and it is first come first serve, no appointments.

Kolping House President: I want to thank you all for using the Kolping House for a meaningful ground. If any of the groups wish to use the auditorium they can. The Kolping House helps by giving men a hand up not a hand out. If someone wants to help and give themselves a boost they are welcome to. This group is welcome to our Christmas party. We only require a person to be able to afford \$30 a night, utilities and food included. We are also working on adding Wi-Fi to the auditorium. The event date for the anniversary will be on February 25th. It will cost \$50 a person to participate. The Christmas party will be from 10-4pm.

Gabriella: Thank you to the neighborhood council fir coming in. We are offering free fitness classes for adults in Toberman Park so we can advocate fitness in the neighborhood. The classes are free.

Christine: I am here today because I wanted to share the inter-generational tutoring program and we are looking for volunteers age 50+ so they can help with mentoring.

Jose Ramirez: We want to share this opportunity with the community, this is the first time we will be sharing the opportunity with the community. We will be helping students with different subjects. We are with 498 schools now and we create a big impact on the students because of the volunteer mentors.

Christine: We serve several schools in the area already and this year is a pilot year to help at other elementary schools. There are a lot of schools in need and we search specifically so we can help them.

Lisa Kim, KYCC Representative: We are soliciting for toys we can give away. We equivilate one toy for \$10. We are contacting a lot of corporates and foundations so they can give to us so we can give to the community. We are dedicating a giving Tuesday so we can give gifts to give out. We will open at 10 and close at 3pm. The event is on December 16th, all the families will line up around 6am. We always provide toys and different organizations helps us by giving toys and school supplies. We have over 25 different programs and services, our purpose is to bring the communities together so we are strong diverse. We have outgrown the other schools so we are reaching out at Pico Union so we can expand our community. We are requesting \$2000 for the event, which will also go to future events.

Luis Gonzales: We will be doing a beautification project. We did about 12 community cleanups in 12 months. In addition to that we have created new neighborhood associations and the City of LA decided to fund \$2000 as a sponsorship to help. We will be utilizing those funds to do beautification projects. We will be focusing on beautifying New Hampshire.

Will Kim: The beatification projects that we have done around the city. We are working with Jovita, who lives close to the target area and can maintain the project. This area is a wall like most of our targets that we choose to beautify. There is a lot of graffiti and loitering we wish to stop in these target locations. We also helped John and his family by beautifying a part of his liquor store, which was constantly tagged with graffiti. We will be weeding, pressure washing the wall, have people engage the space.

Jay Park: Our ethics trainings must be completed. David Torres has told us in the executive board meeting that he will be resigning. I will ask for someone to be nominated to be secretary.

Silvia: I would like to nominate Louis Shaprio because he is a faithful board member.

Jay Park: I would like to nominate John Chung. Now we must vote on the matter.

Louis Shapiro: 6 votes.

John Chung: 4 votes.

Jay Park: Louis A. Shapiro is now our new Secretary.

Estrella Makes Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Jay Park Seconds

Meeting Adjourned 7:45pm

7. REQUEST/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. MEETING ADJOURMENT

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 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. 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.