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PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Peter Sean
Estrella Galindo
Hyoung Joong Kim
Sunny Kim
Yohan Chang

December 4th, 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

Jay Park - Present

Zoila Banuelos - Present

Miguel Martinez - Present

Yohan Chang- Present

Jesus Banuelos – Present

Estrella Galindo – Present

Peter Sean - Present

Erica Jung - Absent

Sunny Kim - Absent

Hyoung Joong Kim - Present

Louis A. Shapiro – Present

Jovita Carrillo – Present

Cynthia Rodriguez - Present

2. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

a) LAPD Senior Leads – Olympic and Rampart Divisions

Officer Patty, Lampard Division: Addressing that crime goes up during the holidays, sometimes people are careless, they leave things in the car and criminals take advantage of the opportunity. Mainly in Pico there are Car break-ins and car threats. Always check to lock your car and set your alarms. Make sure you put your stuff in the trunk and not leave it anywhere. Since it is Christmas times be aware of holiday safety, don't leave anything plugged in, Christmas trees can be fire hazards.

b) LA City & other Government Departments/Agencies

Mario Hernandez: Typical Housekeeping, if there is any board member that has a conflict of interest you may want to refuse yourself from that item before it is sent to your department. The department is holding Civic U 2.0. We are asking 2 members, one male one female to come on January 8th and the last day to register is December 15th. Neighborhood councils are required to have an inventory list. Funding has started releasing year end date: June 20th, 2018 is the last day the Neighborhood Council with have their funds. The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners have created a funding equity work group. The last day to apply for the workgroup is December 15. Ignite LA for young women ages 14-24 interested in public service. CIS's: Pico Union has submitted 0 agendas. There are 6 Board members are not eligible to vote on anything tonight due to the ethics trainings. The members are Erica Jung, Cynthia Rodriguez, Estrella Galindo, Peter Sean, Sunny Kim. Everyone here is extended one year because elections have been extended to 2019.

First-Responder Pham: Holiday Safety: Cooking, A lot of people and kids can be burned from cooking food. There are also a lot of fire calls from people who leave food cooking and it catches fire. Electrical power strips and Christmas trees can cause fires. Space heaters can also cause fires. This area has a lot of vacant buildings and there have been fires from homeless people creating warming fires that cause fires, if you see anyone trespassing call the PD. Change smoke detector batteries when they need to be replaced. Drinking is also a problem, make sure you call Uber or Lyft and don't drive. A lot of times during the holidays we get more calls for suicides so keep an eye out for someone who you think is going through a tough time. Info line for spark of love (213)-847-3816.

Peter Sean: What would be the best type of battery for the smoke detectors?

First-Responder Pham: Lithium batteries and lithium taking smoke detectors last for 10 years usually. Always test the smoke detectors to make sure they work.

c) LA City Council District Representative

- 3. 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

Esperanza Guevara, Congressman Gomez staff: We will be having mobile office hours for the community. If you guys would like to tell me any flag locations for the office ours. We will also be having federal grant workshops.

Miguel Martinez: In the Magnolia center there are pre-schools that have good potential to hold these workshops.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- 4. BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS** – general monthly activity report

a) Treasurer report for the Month of November 2017

Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) on ONC's funding account, including review and approval of the monthly bank statement.

Miguel Martinez: We have spent \$5,374 this month.

Peter Sean: Balance after we pay the bill?

Miguel Martinez: The balance we have is \$32,522 but I have not received any bills yet.

Peter Sean: The end of the fiscal year will be June 30th. We have to allocate the money from the office or other categories so we can figure out how to allocate it.

Miguel Martinez: The old MER was better because it had more detail but this new one does not allow people to see exactly where the money is going.

b) Committee Chairman Reports

1. Outreach Committee – Zoila Banuelos

Zoila Banuelos: This is regarding the homelessness problem in Pico Union. We have Quality of life agenda item almost every month.

Mario Hernandez: There are 3 places to send to. The NC Support, on the website, to post it in a physical location.

Louis Shapiro: The alliance of neighborhood councils meeting, there is going to be a brainstorming of all of the councils to talk about the homelessness problem. One of the problems is helping the homeless with food and another is helping them with citations by getting lawyers to help them get rid of them. We also must have parking for those who sleep in their cars and storage for people to put their items.

2. Quality of Life and Safety Committee – Jesus Banuelos

Jesus Banuelos: There is a business on Washington and Mariposa that is requesting to sell Alcohol. What happened now is that the business is in front of a bus stop, so the deliveries are taking up the bus stop and people are complaining. We already sent a letter to LA to take care of this event.

3. Transportation Committee Hyoung Kim

Hyoung Kim: There is nothing to report.

4. Zoning, Planning, and Land Use Committee – Erica Jung We have an agenda item we will discuss tonight

N/A

5. Youth Committee – Estrella Galindo

Estrella Galindo: I have not held a first meeting, I am planning to hold one on December 11th. I am going to be contacting everyone who have been giving me their numbers.

5. MOTIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

a) Motion to Approve November 13, 2017, November General Board Meeting Minutes

Peter Sean makes motion to approve November 13, 2017, November General Board Meeting Minutes

Estrella Galindo Seconds

Board Approves the November 13, 2017 General Board Meeting Minutes, aside from those who were ineligible to vote due to the ethics trainings.

- 10 yes.
- 2 Absent. Erica Jung, Sunny Kim.
- 1 ineligible. – Cynthia Rodriguez

- b) Impact statement Quality of Life meeting and the Library of Congress - The Council will overlook the institutions and organizations to help in the area of Pico Union with homelessness, mental issues, and keeping the area as clean as possible. The Council have a census to cover different reasons as to why people are homeless in Pico Union, could it be drugs, mental issues, incomes are too low, etc. The Council will discuss and create a community impact statement for the Quality of Life meeting to bring together businesses and institutions to help those in need in Pico Union.

Zoila Banuelos: We need to figure out if we need a census or anything to go along with this.

Miguel Martinez: There is a count for the homeless population every year so we know what to do.

Mario Hernandez: I sent a form that the board appointed. To submit a community impact statement, you must attach it to a council file.

Jay Park: We want to push this agenda item to the next meeting.

- c) Pico Union Official Partnership with Mission City Community Networking – Mission City Community Networking is a non-profit and serves the community through a medical clinic. Their goal is to provide, advocate, and model health care and social services for uninsured and low – income families in the communities. Anybody who is undocumented, they help them with medical services no questions asked. They recently opened up in Olympic and Vermont corner. They provide many medical services and examinations. Mission City Community Networking wants to get an official partnership with the Pico Union Neighborhood Council so the Council may relay those who are in need of medical care in Pico Union to their clinic so that they may provide their services for them.

Mark Lee: We are a nonprofit organization in 22 clinics. We specialize people who have Medicare or help people who are undocumented. Out of 10 people in Pico Union 6 are undocumented. We provide free service, all we need from Pico Union is a partnership/work together so we can help those in need of medical service. We reach out to the St. Thomas Church and they were on board with us too. We ask for your partnership and by that we mean any people who need medical help will be sent to us for help. We want to identify those who need help and provide medical service for them.

Peter Sean: Do you share documents with other organizations?

Mark Lee: We do not share documents with ICE or any affiliation that threatens our clients

Estrella Galindo: Do they need to prove they live in the area?

Mark Lee: All they need to do is sign an Affidavit that shows they live there. We do not deny service to anyone, we are a non-profit organization.

Peter Sean: How big are the clinics?

Mark Lee: Each clinic is up to 4000 square feet. Schedule is Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm. We are a federally approved clinic.

Mark Lee: We are working to set up free shots for Hepatitis B.

Peter Sean makes motion to approve Mission City Community Networking partnership with the Pico Union Neighborhood Council.

Yohan Chang Seconds.

Miguel Martinez Abstains

- 9 yes,
- 1 abstain - Miguel Martinez
- 2 absent – Sunny Kim, Erica Jung
- 1 Ineligible – Cynthia Rodriguez

Official Partnership (If anyone comes to the council they will refer them to the Mission City Community Networking's Clinic.) letter approved for Mission City Community Networking.

Mario Hernandez: The question should be to the City Attorney to further define what a partnership means.

Mark Lee: I am speaking as a member of the public when I say that you may take the advice Mr. Hernandez provides but you may still continue pursuing further legislation.

- d) Business Cards – The Council needs to get nametags and business cards that show they are official members of PUNC and for easily giving out contact information to the public. Some of the council members already have business cards but we must find out who does not and take account of it so we know exactly who needs them.

N/A

- e) David Torres Official Resignation – David Torres has reached out to the board and stated his official resignation from his position as a Community Interest. The board will discuss the proper way to proceed with his resignation with official documentation and discussion to who may take over his position or to leave it vacant until someone else decides to take over. David has sent an email that was presented at the last Executive Board meeting which stated

his official resignation, bringing closure to reaching out to him and allowing the Council to move along with refilling his position as Community Interest.

Jay Park: We discussed at the last meeting that David Torres has resigned from the Board. We should have an election to cover his position.

Peter Sean makes motion to accept David Torres' official resignation.

Zoila Banuelos seconds motion.

Unanimous decision to accept David Torres' official resignation.

- 10 yes
- 2 absent – Sunny Kim, Erica Jung
- 1 ineligible – Cynthia Rodriguez

- f) Anna Van, Climate Corps Fellow at Climate Resolve – Climate resolve is an LA-based nonprofit organization whose mission to create real, practical solutions to meet the climate challenge while building a better city for Angelenos. Climate Resolve would like to offer the Pico Union Neighborhood Council a presentation about local climate change impacts -- how climate change will affect your neighborhood -- as well as associated energy and water solutions for homeowners and businesses in Los Angeles.

N/A

- g) Amit Thakkar, Sponsor of the city-wide policy-making challenge with Councilman Ryu - There has been a competition created by Councilman Ryu in order to create more transparency and rebuild trust between communities and City Hall. The competition consists of sharing ideas to improve transparency within government, they are to be submitted to the Lawmaker website and on December 11th, the top voted idea on the site will be chosen as a source of inspiration for legislation by Ryu.

Amit Thakkar, Lawmaker.com : Anyone in the city can propose a new law. The site Lawmaker allows people to submit laws that their representatives can read. There is a competition going on Lawmaker that allows the Representative to choose the most popular law and the representative can work that into new law.

6. REQUEST/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Jay Park: We will talk about a Land Use committee meeting.

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miguel Martinez: Will we have an executive board meeting on Christmas day?

Jay Park: The Next year's first GBM meeting is Jan 8th. The Executive board meeting will be moved to December 26th.

Louis Shapiro: Brian Schafer presented problem in the garbage collection for the house bill in an almost double jump in increase of payment. Is there something that we can do to help this situation.

Jay Park: Can you check with the Treasurer about this and find out exactly why this is happening.

Brian Schafer: They said the new rate is going to be \$700 dollars. We don't know what will happen individually but for our businesses individually.

Jay Park: We will discuss this later on with Louis.

9. MEETING ADJOURNMENT – 8:18pm.

Estrella motions for meeting adjournment

Jay Park seconds.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18pm

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) Normandy Recreation Center 1550 S. Normandy 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.