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**PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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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)

**PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
REGULAR GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

February 4th, 2019 at 6:30 pm
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 and flag salute
- b. Roll Call

Board Members	Present	Absent
Jay Park	X	
Zoila Banuelos	X	
Yohan Chang	X	
Erica Jung	X	
Hyoung Kim		X
Jesus Banuelos	X	
Sunny Kim	X	
Edgar Hernandez		X
Peter Sean	X	
Louis Shapiro	X	
Miguel Martinez		X
Estrella Galindo		X
Cynthia Rodriguez		X
Silvia Velasquez		X
Jovita Carrillo	X	
Total:	9	6
Quorum has been met		

2. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

Albert Vasquez, Senior Lead Officer – I am one of the new Senior Leads at Olympic. I wanted to pass on a couple of messages. We had a shooting on Pico when there was an attack. We are working to help the homeless and help those areas become better.

Jay Park – We would like to also invite one of the new captains to come speak at our next meeting.

b. City and other Government Agencies

Mario Hernandez, Empower LA – Any board member who has a conflict of interest, please recuse yourself to an item prior to being heard. The department has not received the BAC from the items. That just needs to be submitted. The timeline to receive the City Vanguard award has been extended to February 15th. If you have done a great job as a Council, you may be able to receive this award. The clean streets challenge by Mayor Eric Garcetti is coming up as well. You can contact John Darnell for more information on getting a City Job. The department of neighborhood empowerment is partnering with neighborhood agencies to start the Homeless Resource Fair. The location of these event will be in Grant Park.

Louis Gonzales, City Mayor's Office – 2019 We are doing a lot of coordinated things with Pico Union. We will be doing community cleanups every single month. We will be doing 2 community cleanups a week. I am going to send you a full list of what will be occurring. Also, our SpeedComm program, it is difficult to install something like that as it is expensive. We are going to also be looking at Venice and Toberman. There will be different events and different actives going on as well. This Saturday we will be having a movie events as well as other listed in this flyer. This year is going to be a great year for Pico Union.

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.

Lali De Aztlan, De Aztlan Group/Sandstone – We are going to be having an open house in 1330 West Pico Blvd. We are inviting the Council and community to come, and it will be fun for kids as well. It is an indoor event. This will be from on Saturday, February 9th, 11:00pm - 2:00pm. We hope you guys can come by and we will be giving a formal invitation to you soon.

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Outreach Committee presented by Zoila Banuelos
Zoila Banuelos – We went to the homeless count. We went to St. Thomas and they had sent a notice to the churches. They wanted to help out the community.

Cholesterol Checkups Feb 10th, 2019 at St. Thomas every month.

b. Quality of Life and Safety Committee

Jesus Banuelos – one of the issues that we have on Washington and Mariposa is the Uber Eats. There are too many people coming to pick up and deliver. Sometimes it gets crazy there and it may become dangerous due to the traffic.

Jay Park – I think that the transportation committee and the quality of life committee should work together on this issue.

Albert Vasquez – We are currently working on this issue and to figure out a solution.

Louis Gonzales – I think that if the Council can take a position on an issue, you can send the Mayor's office regarding the support on the issue.

Mario Hernandez – A letter can be sent in support of fixing the issue.

Jay Park – We can have a letter be sent officially from the Council, we can start working on it soon.

c. Transportation Committee

Louis Shapiro – Nothing to report.

d. Zoning, Planning and Land Use

Erica Jung – I had received a package from Ben Creed, who had presented last year. We need to look through this application before we schedule a Land Use Committee Meeting event.

e. Youth Committee

N/A

5. MOTIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

a) Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the month of December 2018.

Yohan Chang - We did not do much when it came to spending in January. Just payments to the Kolping House, phone bill, and AppleOne Payments.

Zoila Banuelos makes a motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the month of December 2018.

Jovita Carrillo seconds motion

Unanimous vote of approval to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the month of December 2018.

b) Discussion and possible action to approve the Minutes of the January 17th, 2019 General Board Meeting.

Jay Park – We have sent out the minutes in the form of email as well, we also have it here so we can quickly look at the minutes.

Louis Shapiro makes a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 17th, 2019 General Board Meeting.

Zoila Banuelos seconds motion

Unanimous vote of approval to approve the Minutes of the January 17th, 2019 General Board Meeting.

c) Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG Application for up to \$1000.00 by Prevencion y Rescate to add fencing to their garden to prevent damages.

Jose Diego, Ministry of Prevencion y Rescate – The area we are building around because there was a lot of defecation and public intoxication around the area. We have volunteers that look after the plants itself. The only thing is that there is caution tape around as well. We try to get plants that do not need irrigation.

Jay Park – How many people will participate in this project and how?

Louis Gonzales – We are working with volunteers to start this fence. Last year we were able to accomplish something there. We are starting a phase two to help out with this project with their efforts. Every single day we have problems with people drinking in public. We were sending a lot of resources from the City.

Erica Jung – How long is this area?

Jose Diego – It is about 40 feet across.

Zoila Banuelos makes a motion to approve an NPG Application for up to \$1000.00 by Prevencion y Rescate to add fencing to their garden to prevent damages.

Erica Jung seconds motion

Unanimous vote of approval to approve an NPG Application for up to \$1000.00 by Prevencion y Rescate to add fencing to their garden to prevent damages.

- d) **Discussion and possible action to have Pico-Union Neighborhood Council join with job training processes by the City.**

Moises Gomez, BID Program Manager – We are encouraging people to come train for certain city jobs. This program takes money from grants and work source from the City. This is an opportunity to train in things like hospitality, restaurant management, and barista training as well. These developments help provide training for free. 90% of people who come to these trainings do not pay at all. The location is at the old LA Police station. In culinary trainings they help out through these trainings. I am informing you and the people here so that we have a moving dialogue of what is going on.

Jay Park – We will be discussing this at our next Executive board meeting and we will decide what we will be doing

Jay Park makes a motion to have discussion and possible action to have Pico-Union Neighborhood Council join with job training processes by the City at the next Executive Board Meeting.

Jovita Carrillo seconds motion

Unanimous vote of approval to have discussion and possible action to have Pico-Union Neighborhood Council join with job training processes by the City at the next Executive Board Meeting.

- e) **Board Member Comments (15 minutes)**

- a. Comment on Member's own activities/brief announcements.

Louis Shapiro – I think we can get free publicity at bus stops/benches.

Mario Hernandez – You can create a design and then after the proper department will be able to place it on the bench.

Jay Park – We will work on something and submit it to the City.

- 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.

f) Meeting Adjournment – 8:01 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.