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PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2011

6:30pm

Kolping House

1225 S. Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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**1. Call to Order at 6:33pm**

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:** Mark Lee, Rick Rodriguez, Jane Scott

**Excused:** Raul Claros

Quorum is present.

**3. Discussion of possible items for the March 7, 2011 General Board meeting agenda**

- a. Action Item: Motion to approve the LA Bicycle Plan presentation for the March agenda. Presentation by Jeff Jacobberger.

Jane moves to approve this item for the March agenda. Rick seconds. Unanimous agreement.

- b. Action Item: Motion to invite Chang Lee to give a presentation update on the KAFLA OCERT program supported by the PUNC in 2010; to be included in the March agenda.

Rick motions, Jane seconds. Unanimous agreement.

- c. Action Item: Motion to add the National Children's Study presentation to the March agenda. Meka Webb to present.

Meka Webb says the focus is to figure it out how the environment is affecting children's health. Focusing on female of reproductive range, and they've selected the 90015.

They're working with various clinics and family centers in the area. They would like to hand out flyers and distribute posters, to improve outreach.

Jane motions, Rick seconds. Unanimous agreement.

- d. Action Item: Sonia Polanco's presentation on MHAP Center on the March agenda.

Sonia is from St. Vincent Hospital in the Community Outreach Coordinator. They are interested in spreading the word on chronic diseases, such as late stage breast cancer.

They provide free diagnostic services. They are requesting \$3,000 in support of their efforts in the community.

Mark recommends \$500.

Rick motions, Jane seconds. Unanimous agreement.

- e. Action Item: Motion to add the item of those with unexcused absences to the March agenda.

Jorge Dominguez has had 2 consecutive absences at the Board meeting. Jane doesn't like that people leave early.

Jane motions to add action item E, Jorge Dominguez's consecutive absences on the agenda, Rick seconds. Unanimous agreement.

- f. Action Item: Motion to invite the Sierra Club Beyond Coal Campaign to give a presentation, add to the March agenda. Vicki Kirschenbaum to present.

Evan Gillespie is here on the behalf of Vicki Kirschenbaum, they are requesting support for the Sierra Coal Campaign. There is a growing issue of using coal, increased energy costs, health and environmental cost. They are seeking to end coal use by the end of the decade, rather than 2027 as approved by the City Council.

Jane says the cheapest solution seems to be going nuclear. Rick agrees, in 2020 it sounds too soon, because of the current economic situation.

Rick motions to put this item on the agenda, Mark seconds. Mark & Rick in favor, Jane opposed. Motion passes.

- g. Action Item: Motion to invite the CRA to give an update presentation on projects in the Pico Union area. Kenyon Price to present.

Jane motions, Rick seconds. Unanimous agreement.

- h. Action Item: Motion to add the presentation and request for \$1,500 in support of the 8<sup>th</sup> annual National Central American Roundtable event downtown, by Francisco Riveria to the March agenda.

Rick motions, Mark seconds. Two in favor, Jane opposed. Motion passes.

- i. Action Item: Motion to add the Pico Union Soccer tournament funding request of \$500 to the March agenda.

Raul is seeking \$500 for the April tournament. Jane motions, Rick seconds. Unanimous agreement.

- j. Action Item: Motion to add the item of District 2 concrete posts to the March agenda. Jane Scott.

She says there will be concrete post or a rod iron fence across the area.

Jane motions, Rick seconds. Unanimous agreement.

#### **4. Public comments on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction.**

Solveig Atwood wants to discuss the two buildings on Alvarado. Jane says Kenyon Price is the person to ask about this issue. A private person bought the property. Jane says that Gloria Frias who is the head of Pico Union Neighborhood Housing Department purchased it, and that is under the CRA. Jane says they don't have the money to do anything about this situation.

Mark asks if Fredy can put it on his Zoning agenda. Fredy says they need more information and will give to her at the next meeting.

The homeless person, the taco truck and the van is no longer there anymore. She would like to put 1115 S Alvarado issue on the Zoning agenda.

Fredy says she will find out and will inform her on the next meeting.

Jane motions to put the issue of 1115 S Alvarado St on the March agenda.

Fredy says he thinks the Francisco Rivera request is too much, he thinks they should give \$500.

**5. Board Member comments on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction.**

**6. Meeting adjournment at 7:12pm. Jane motions, Rick seconds. Unanimous agreement.**

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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](http://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*

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**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.

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