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PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2011

6:30pm

Kolping House

1225 S. Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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1. Call to Order at 6:35pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mark Lee, Raul Claros, Jane Scott, Rick Rodriguez

3. Discussion of possible items for the May 6, 2011 General Board meeting agenda

- a. Action Item : Motion to include an action item to having food and refreshments at upcoming Board meetings on the May agenda.

Raul said Melvin answered the question that they could allocate funding to purchase refreshments for the Board.

Jane objects and suggests moving the meeting later. She thinks it's a waste of money.

Raul says it is for the community.

Mark says budget wise, if we will be getting rollover funds for next year.

Raul says if they might lose the rollover funds.

Mark thinks the new Executive Board should decide on this for the new fiscal year.

Jane thinks its disruptive to the meeting, they bring their kids.

Raul says he's been to other meetings and they served food, but it wasn't disruptive. They do this at CPAP, they have 15 minutes of food and networking.

Raul would like to put this on the agenda.

Mark says they did serve food at Magnolia, it was disruptive as Jane said, but he still thinks the new Executive Board should come up with a solution.

Raul says this is a way to meet the local restaurants half way, to utilize their services, and donate some funds to them.

Jane says this is a conflict of interest.

Rick says it is not a conflict of interest, if they do this in a certain way. If you have an item related to the restaurant, that person doesn't serve. Rick thinks the community is asking for food and drinks.

Carmen says maybe they should start with soda and water with cookies to see how it goes.

Rick says they should start out with \$50.

Jane says the mayor's meetings have stopped serving food.

Carmen doesn't see anything wrong with this.

Raul asks where the elections are on the agenda, it is item C.

Mark asks if they can bring water without Board approval.

Raul motions to put this item on May's Board agenda. Rick seconds. In favor: Raul, Rick, Opposed: Mark and Jane. Motion does not pass.

Carmen says there is something wrong, because this is even numbers.

- b. Action Item: Motion to invite Gloria Farias from the Pico Union Housing Corporation to give a presentation on the Casa's Alicia and Gryd gang problems in the May agenda.

Raul says they Gryd is a gang reduction program, she must have gotten funding from the mayor's office. He doesn't oppose it.

Carmen says she's been asking for support for the program.

Raul says perhaps she's trying to identify this area as a Gryd area.

Mark says Aztec is coming in June.

Rick motions to add this item on the agenda, for Gloria Farias to give a presentation in the May agenda. Jane seconds. In favor: Rick Rodriguez, Jane Scott, and Raul Claros. Abstain: Mark lee.

- c. Action Item: Motion to add the elections of a new Executive Board on the May agenda.

Mark likes to remind everyone of the responsibilities of the Executive Board, and he would like to get everyone trained for June, so they can take over on June 30.

Jane asks if each office will be voted on, with open nominations.

Carmen asks for everyone to please explain what needs to be done for each Executive Board.

Raul says the elections are for the 4 positions. The chairs stay the same, what happens if there is a new vice president, they will take over the outreach committee.

Raul motions to add the elections for the next Executive Board on the May agenda.

Rick seconds. Unanimous agreement.

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

No public members.

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

Carmen says the National Night Out is coming up for the police station in August. Mark says they should come in July to request funding. They should do both Olympic and Rampart.

Mark says there is a group that has a parade on Pico and Alvarado, the Central American Federation, they came a month late. They should come in June.

6. Meeting adjournment, motioned by Jane, Raul seconds. Unanimous agreement. Ends 6:58pm.

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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.

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