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PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
ZONING, LAND USE & PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2012 7:00pm
Kolping House
1225 S. Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015

1. **Call to Order** 7:00 pm
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Mark Lee, John Cameron Kelley, Victor Citrin, Rick Rodriguez
3. **Action Items & Presentations:**
 - a. Case #ZA-2010-1762-ZV Case ENV-2010-1763-EAF- Addition to existing chapel at 1605 S. Catalina St. Los Angeles, 90006. The presentation was made by Alex Choi, consultant with Ajin Heintz & Assoc. Inc. representing the owners, Community Funeral Services, Inc. At issue was the Variance Permit necessary to: (1.) Continuance, operation and maintenance of existing use of old historic chapel parlor in A1-1 zone. (2.) Providing full service mortuary, funeral chapel and parlor with crematorium. (3.) Building of two story structure for a new chapel, crematorium and underground parking located in the A1-1 zone. (4.) Expanding funeral parlor parking with twenty-seven (27) more parking space with a total of sixty-six (66). This variance will not affect the community in any adverse way, but rather improve its harmony. Rick Rodriguez motioned to accept the variance permit, seconded by John Cameron Kelley and unanimously approved.
 - b. Discussion of public complaint against Wako Restaurant at 2904 Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, 90006 regarding unsightly trash that effects public sanitation as well as congested parking. The owner of the restaurant was present. Pictures were passed around showing spilled trash on the public sidewalk and dark grease spills. The owner responded that the restaurant was very popular and traffic has always been congested at peak hours. After much discussion, Mr. Choi and the property manager agreed to clean up the mess and the owner will provide valet parking for his customers
4. **Board Member Comments:** Victor Citrin commented on his frustration in dealing with the City regarding the off-ramp near his home and the direction of the flow of traffic. Ultimately he would like to be able to drive straight down Connecticut St.
5. **Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.**

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The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 3 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 Zoning, Land Use and Planning Committee holds its regular meetings on the third Thursday 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 and 6) Pico Union Branch Public Library 1030 S. Alvarado 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 Neighborhood Council Analyst Gabriela Quintana at (213) 473-0357 or please send an e-mail that states the accommodations that you are requesting to gabriela.quintana@lacity.org.

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.