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PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2012 at 6:30

Kolping House Auditorium

(Ample parking in the rear of facility)

1225 S. Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90013

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1. **Call to Order** at 6 :40pm.
- 2 **Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 3 **Welcome Remarks:** Peter hoped this year the meetings would be conducted with a high standard of decorum in order to attend to business efficiently, fairly and with full participation.
4. **Roll Call.**

Present: Jesus Banuelos, Zoila Banuelos, Humberto Camacho, Raul Claros, Jorge Dominguez, John Cameron Kelley, Dora Lyons, Rick, Rodriguez, Jane Scott, Peter Sean, Carmen Vaughn.

Excused Absent: Susana Arreguin, Fredy Castellon, Mark Lee, Sang Park.

5. **Approval of Minutes** for the December 2011 meeting tabled to next month's meeting.
6. **Public Comments:** Comments from the public on non-agenda items with the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to three minutes per speaker.

Raymond Yu announced the Chinese New Year parade and festivities happening in Chinatown Jan.23rd.

Victor Citrin clarified that the Community Impact Statement Committee's task is to research and develop a concise statement regarding quality of life concerns of the Pico Union community and how various development projects will affect the community. The Committee is composed of Humberto Camacho, Victor Citrin, Rick Rodriguez and Ray Scott.

Barbara Hupp requested funds for lighting and other equipment for the students at the Salvin Special Education Center.

Steve Chu announced that the APAIT Health Center will be holding its Open House on Friday, 20 2012 from 10AM to 7PM. Attendees can take a guided tour through the facilities, learn about existing and developing services, meet the staff and enjoy some refreshments. The ribbon cutting will take place at 11AM.

Daniel Banando informed all about a potentially dangerous stray dog, probably a Pit Bull, that is wandering the neighborhood. He also pointed out that the "walk signal" at the corner of Pico and Union is still broken after a year.

Victoria Echeagaray expressed great concern and fear of losing her home which is constantly under city inspection.

7. **Treasurer's Report: Jane Scott**

Expenditures:	\$2000.00	(CD1) Alvarado Terrace Holiday Festival backpacks
	<u>938.46</u>	People in Progress
	\$2938.46	Total Expenditures for 2 nd Qtr. 2011-12
Allocated	\$3191.08	2 nd Qtr. Allocation
	<u>\$2938.46</u>	Less expenditures
Roll Over	\$ 252.62	Amount rolled over to 3 rd Qtr.

8. **Government Representative(s) Report.**

No Representatives present.

9. **LAPD Report.**

No representatives present.

10. **Standing Committee Reports:.**

11. a. Zoning, Planning & Land Use Committee: Chair - Mark Lee not in attendance and tabled till next meeting. The next Zoning Committee meeting will be on January 26th at 7pm.
b. Quality of Life Committee: Chair - Rick Rodriguez is researching the issues around Council re-districting and the effect on the Pico Union community. The next Quality of Life Committee meeting will be on January 27th at 6:30.

12. **Action Items & Presentations.** All items limited to maximum of 5 minutes unless stated otherwise.

- a. Peter Sean calls for the nomination of Board Vice President. Raul Claros nominates Humberto Camacho. At this point Secretary Kelley reminds the Board that board members must have successfully completed the Ethics test in order to vote on any issue. A newly elected board member has 30 days to take the test. Kelley asks each Board Member if he or she has taken the test all answer affirmatively except for Humberto Camacho who will take the test within 30 days. Kelley then asks Camacho that if qualified does he accept the nomination. Camacho answers in the affirmative. Zoila Banuelos nominates Rick Rodriguez. Rodriguez accepts the nomination. Both nominees make statements regarding their qualifications and goals if elected to the position. Kelley moves to take a vote. Seconded by Jane Scott
Those in favor of Humberto Camacho: Raul Claros, Jorge Dominguez, Humberto Camacho, Carmen Vaughn. (Camacho-4)
Those in favor of Rick Rodriguez: Rick Rodriguez, Zoila Banuelos, Jesus Banuelos, Dora Lyons, Jane Scott. (Rodriguez-5)
Rick Rodriguez is voted Vice President.
- b. **Presentation** by Alex Shoor with Consensus Inc. Shoor is part of an outreach team that is gathering consensus for the California High-Speed Rail Project. He and his colleague Veronica Yniguez are concerned with the section north of Union Station and the section between Los Angeles and Anaheim. Shoor indicated that the project is in the early stages of development. The primary issues that support such a project are population growth, decreasing the amount of vehicles on the road, job opportunities over the next 20 years and the environment. The project will not go forward without funding. For more information regarding the project. log on to www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov

13. **Board Member Comments:** Jane Scott comments that the planter pyramid project is finally completed. Carmen Vaughn suggests that a Certificate of Appreciation be awarded Andy Corona for the fabrication of the planters caps.

14. **Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm**

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 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) 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 out lining 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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