

# CITY OF LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA



**PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
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**Jay Park**  
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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**

**April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 pm**  
**Kolping House – Auditorium (Parking available)**  
**1225 S Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015**  
[www.picounionnc.org](http://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	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>
Quorum has been met		

**2. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

**Susan Garcia, LAPD** – We are having homeless issues in which it is getting warmer and people tend to drink more. So there is more violence and that is dangerous. Another thing that comes with warm weather is an increase in burglaries because people leave their windows and doors open. The 3 Eleven app really does work. The more people that do it the more its used. June 26<sup>th</sup> is going to be the Summer Night lights at Normandy Park.

**Albert Vasquez, LAPD** – A lot of marijuana business get in trouble because they sell the products illegally.

**Peter Sean** – When and where is someone allowed to smoke marijuana?

**Susan Garcia** – Legally you are only allowed to buy it from dispensaries. People are only allowed to smoke it at home. But people who smoke in public are cited.

**Patty Brindle, LAPD** – Crime for all of Rampart is definitely up. Some of it is down from MacArthur Park and North. Please report all crime, the only way we can get resources down here is for people to report crime. We rely a lot on the community as our eyes and ears to catch criminals and report crime. A couple of community members dropped off photos of gang members who were tagging. These individuals were caught and were charged in court. We have an Easter event coming up on Rampart station.

**Andrea Amaya, Mayor's Office** – One of the bigger issues the City is facing is homelessness. We want to make sure the homeless are being housed. The Mayor asked different representatives for more money to help the homeless population.

b. City and other Government Agencies

**Mario Hernandez, Empower LA** – We have elections coming up soon. Your board action certification for your inventory is overdue. The problem with not getting this done is that your funds may be frozen. The inventory list has to vote on it. The homelessness resource fair has been rescheduled to April 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 1pm at Grant Park. We are inviting service providers who work with the homeless community to bring their services and help the homeless within your boundaries.

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 DeAslan, Sandstone Properties** – We have unveiled the hotel in the community and had about 200 community members come out.

**Ellen Sell, Angelica Center for Arts** - I am here to make a proposal for \$1,500.00 for our after-school program for music, dance, and more. We serve about 250 kids a year in tuition free classes. We have worked with the PUNC for years now and appreciate your support. We do performances and when you bow down you stand up taller, which helps the kids' self-esteem.

**Jay Park** – Thank you Ellen, we will take a look at this at our Executive Board Meeting.

**Alice Lee, KYCC** – I wanted to let you know April 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 2pm. It is a drug/disposal event where we can properly get rid of your medicine.

#### 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Outreach Committee presented by Zoila Banuelos  
**Zoila Banuelos** – March 29<sup>th</sup> we had a Move Night at the Kolping House. Hopefully in the future we can have more events. It was a nice event.
- b. Quality of Life and Safety Committee  
**Jesus Banuelos** – As well as the Move Night, we also went to a Health Fair and it went well, many community members had come out.
- c. Transportation Committee  
**Louis Shapiro** – Nothing to report.
- d. Zoning, Planning and Land Use  
**Erica Jung** – We were supposed to have a meeting last Monday, where there was a hotel being made. We tried to contact them but there were no answers, so the meeting was canceled. However, there will be a meeting next month.
- e. Youth Committee  
**Edgar Hernandez** – Last week we met with Loyola Highschool and the Youth Policy Institute. We want to make a free program to help kids with SAT's and have tours of colleges.

#### 5. MOTIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

- a) Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the month of February 2019.

**Zoila Banuelos makes a motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the month of February 2019.**

**Louis Shapiro seconds motion**

**Unanimous vote of approval to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the month of February 2019.**

- b) Discussion and possible action to approve the Minutes of the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 General Board Meeting.

**Louis Shapiro makes a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 General Board Meeting.**

**Peter Sean seconds motion**

**Unanimous vote of approval to approve the Minutes of the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 General Board Meeting.**

- c) **Discussion and possible action to pay up to \$100.00 to the Kolping House Invoice regarding the extra day usage for the month of April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

**Yohan Chang makes a motion to pay up to \$100.00 to the Kolping House Invoice regarding the extra day usage for the month of April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

**Hyoung Kim seconds motion**

**Unanimous vote of approval to approve to pay up to \$100.00 to the Kolping House Invoice regarding the extra day usage for the month of April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

- d) **Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant Application from Levitt Pavilion Los Angeles for up to \$2,500.00 to in support of their summer concert series in MacArthur Park.**

**Carla Contreras Cabrera, Levitt Los Angeles** – We would like to thank the Pico Union Neighborhood council for their contribution last year. We are starting our Summer Concert series and would like to request funds to have it done. The PUNC will get a lot of outreach by being allowed a booth for 3 days and will be recognized on our social media page.

**Jay Park** – How many Neighborhood Councils have you requested from?

**Carla Contreras Cabrera** – If you look within the pamphlet you can see that we have requested from 2 other NC's.

**Peter Sean** – We provided you \$1,500.00 last year. What changed it to \$2,500.00?

**Carla Contreras Cabrera** – We had a lot of people come out and we had more community members come out. If there are more people that means we need to get more tables, chairs, etc. It is up to you guys to determine how much you would give to us.

**Jovita Carrillo** – Where do you get the artists for the concerts?

**Carla Contreras Cabrera** – We have a lot of cultural nights from the music. Some days it will be Mariachi, Merengue, Hip-Hop, and others.

**Yohan Chang** – We started this year's budget lower than other Neighborhood Councils. I think we can do \$1,500.00.

**Peter Sean** – I agree.

**Peter Sean makes a motion to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant Application from Levitt Pavilion Los Angeles for \$1,500.00 in support of their summer concert series in MacArthur Park.**

**Erica Jung seconds motion**

**10 Yes, 1 No, 3 Absent**

**Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant Application from Levitt Pavilion Los Angeles for \$1,500.00 in support of their summer concert series in MacArthur Park has passed.**

- e) **Discussion and possible action to allocate funds for and request translators for Spanish/Korean to assist the public on the election day.**

**Jay Park makes a motion to allocate funds for and request translators for Spanish/Korean to assist the public on the election day.**

**Zoila Banuelos seconds motion**

**Unanimous vote of approval to approve allocating funds for and request translators for Spanish/Korean to assist the public on the election day.**

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

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

- g) **Meeting Adjournment – 8:05 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 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](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**

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. 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.