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## PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

June 26, 2017 at 6:30pm  
Kolping House – Auditorium (Parking available)  
1225 S Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015  
[www.picounionnc.org](http://www.picounionnc.org)

### 1. Call to Order

6:30pm  
Track #9

### 2. Roll Call

Jay Park  
Zoila Banuelos  
Silvia Velasquez  
Miguel Martinez

### 3. Welcome Message

**Jay:** Thank you for everyone who is attending, as this is our first meeting of the 2017-2018 fiscal year. We have two new members on our Executive Committee. I want to thank you guys for supporting and trusting in me as your President once again.

Our next meeting will be our General Board Meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Public comments** – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the board's subjects matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker. (2 min)

### 5. Discussion and Possible action items to appear on the General Board agenda for July 10, 2017.

#### a) Approval of Monthly Expense (**June 2017**);

Without Printer and Projector which were the final purchases of the year, our total is: \$1,930.88  
For the month of June

Final Balance: \$10,000 but on the bank it is around \$11,000

If costs from Printer and Projector do not go through for the 2016-2017 year, then it'll go on our budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

We have to finalize and approve this for the General Board Meeting and Zoila has to make sure and make things clear at the City hall. Anybody make a motion?

Miguel Martinez makes motion to approve the monthly Expense of June, Silvia Velasquez seconds the motion.

•Unanimously approved by board

#### b) Approval of **June 8, 2017** Minutes;

Silvia makes motion to approve the minutes from June 8, Jay seconds the motion

•Unanimously approved

- c) *Gary Gamponia* – Recruit and organize professional musicians to bring a very special kind of joy (and a special kind of “medicine”) to the sick, lonely, dying people in nursing homes (specifically). Want the neighborhood council to provide support with a Neighborhood Purpose Grant.

Gary: We recruit very popular musicians and gather around a group of 7, and we play for the individuals who are sick and lonely in nursing homes. These people are really sad and the entertainment system at these places are very bad. The average time a person spends at a nursing home is about 18 months, then they pass away. We want to show these people that we care about them. We have played at the 3 nursing homes found in this neighborhood. We have and will continue to do this with or without your help, however with your help, we can push for more and make more shows in a year (as there are 350 nursing homes in Los Angeles). We are asking for \$1200 and that amount is not going to pay for the musicians, we are a volunteer program, this is solely to move our programs forward.

Zoila makes a motion to grant up to \$1200 to Gary Gamponia’s organization. Jay Park seconds the motion.

Jay Park – Yes

Zoila Banuelos – Yes

Miguel Martinez – Abstain

Zoila Banuelos - Abstain

•Action item will be discussed at the General Board Meeting

- d) **Transparency in the General Plan development process** (Submitted by Ira Koslow on behalf of WRAC) ( [President@venicenc.org](mailto:President@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The VNC requests that the Planning Department Work Group meetings now underway about our shared ideas and ideals for the Los Angeles General Plan and its many elements be made fully transparent, be set at evening and weekend hours; be open to the public as of now; include representatives from the Neighborhood/Community Council system; and expand from the four meetings, now nearly completed in closed-door meetings, to four additional meetings that follow the above prescription. Minutes and general discussion notes should be made publicly available from past and future meetings. We further request, in the same vein, that the Mayor’s Planning Task Force and Transportation Infrastructure Steering Committee for the General Plan be made fully transparent, be set at evening and weekend hours; be open to the public as of now; and expand its closed-door meetings to several additional meetings that follow the above prescription.

**Jorge:** I highlighted key text which sums up the necessity of community involvement of the community plan updates. The reason why I am here is because the general and community plan updates hadn’t happened for about 10 years. Some of these meetings were taking place behind closed doors. They promised transparency, and this is an issue because they have been quiet meetings. This is an ongoing process and we continue to get support from various neighborhood councils. The goal is to come once again during the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and present to the entire board. As we get those letters in, we collect these and make a council file. We are mainly focusing on getting these meetings open to the general public.

**Jay:** How many neighborhood councils have you guys been to already?

**Jorge:** I am not sure how many of the 96 councils we have visited, maybe somewhere between 50 to 70, but we already have had 20 letters sent to us.

**Zoila:** Is this going to be an Impact Statement or just a letter to you guys:

**Jorge:** I think the Community Impact Statement is something we will do in an addition, but what we are asking for right now is just a letter of support.

Miguel Martinez makes motion to allow presentation and approval on July 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Zoila seconds the motion.

•Unanimously approved

**6. Board member comments – comments from board members on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction.**

**Jay Park:** We have two individuals who once again want to be part of our board.

I’d like to nominate Sunny Kim for the Senior Citizen position, who was previously part of our board.

Sunny Kim accepts nomination.

Miguel Martinez makes motion to vote in member during next GBM, Silvia seconds motion.

•Approved unanimously

The second individual is not present today; however, we are nominating her for the homeowner position.

She has already accepted the nomination, but could not make it to the meeting tonight.

Silvia Velasquez makes motion to vote in new candidate during next GBM, Miguel seconds motion.

•Approved unanimously

Zoila:

**New Budget 2017-2018**

Operations: \$24,000

Outreach: \$5,000

Community Improvement: \$5,000

Neighborhood Purpose Grant: \$3,000

Elections: \$5,000

Total: \$42,000

Around \$37,000 is for our expense.

Jay Park makes motion to approve this budget during the General Board Meeting of July 10<sup>th</sup>. Silvia seconds motion

•Approved unanimously

Jay Park makes motion to make Zoila Banuelos the second signer, instead of Jay himself. Silvia seconds the motion.

•Approved unanimously

•We also have to choose 5 new committee chairmen for the year of 2017-2018

Jay Park makes a motion to elect committee members during the next GBM meeting. Silvia seconds motion.

•Approved unanimously

Silvia: I’d like to make a request for the police to be present at our next meeting

\*Swear in Ceremony at the Start of next GBM

\*\$1200 Office supplies

\*\$800 for food

**7. Meeting adjournment**

Zoila makes motion to adjourn meeting, Silvia seconds the motion.

•Meeting adjourned unanimously at 7:41pm

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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.