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GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Monday, June 5, 2017 at 6:30pm
Kolping House – Auditorium (Parking available)
1225 S Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015

Peter Sean (Business Rep)
Louis A. Shapiro (Resident Tenant)
Estrella Galindo (Community Based Org)
Hyoung Joong Kim (Renter Representative)

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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:

Jay: Good evening everyone, it's already June, and we have reached the end of the fiscal year.

I apologize for my voice, it is a little raspy, unfortunately we do not have quorum and cannot move on forward with our council meeting. We plan to put together a special meeting by the end of the week.

a. Call to order & Flag salute

6:35 pm

Track #7

b. Board roll call

Jesus Banuelos

Zoila Banuelos

Jay Park

Louis Shapiro

Hyoung Kim

(Not enough to make quorum)

2. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Representative from government offices, Police Department, and community-based organizations)

a. LAPD Senior Leads – Olympic and Rampart Divisions

Officer Garcia: Right now we shifted from the car thefts, and we moved onto robberies along Hoover, along the Olympic side. Hispanics are approaching individuals who are not aware of their surroundings and snatching their phones right out of their hands. I want everyone to be aware of this and also to not think twice about reporting a crime.

Officer Patty: Couple of quick crimes I want to go over. Cars getting broken into have been huge in the past few weeks. Please don't leave your bags, phones, pocket change, etc. When you go shopping, leave your items in the

trunk. In regards to violent crimes, we have been doing very well this year. We are at about 21 for this year. Summer Night Lights starts in about two weeks. Whoever does come, please come over and say hi to me.

Question: Do you think people are not reporting crime because they are afraid?

Officer Patty: Yes, but like we've mentioned before, we have a direct line, and you can report something anonymously. You calling it in, gives us the probable cause to look into the suspicious activity. Call more, that is how we get more resources down here too.

Question: Most of the tenants are telling me that these teenagers get into the buildings of Union and vandalize the parking lots.

Officer Patty: For things like this, she wants to say that, these people don't live here, they are disturbing the peace. Being specific with all the facts is necessary for the officer to know what is exactly going on. Make sure you request that you want to be anonymous – things along those lines.

Captain from Olympic Station: I wanted to stop by tonight and show my support to the community. Obviously the neighborhood encompasses both our stations. We work together with Rampart to ensure safety within our neighborhood. We want to hear your concerns. Were just like a business, we want to hear about your concerns, or what we are doing right or wrong. We like it when we get calls or emails from the public/community. My name and last name at LAPD.org is my email. Our Senior Lead officers are great, and Officer Patty is one of our best, shes very proud and energetic. Anybody have questions?

Question: There are a lot of students that make the videos and then get it passed down to other students and it goes on. As a parent this really concerns parents. My children go to Berendo and I want to know what is going on with this.

Captain: I have not heard about this, however I can look into it and see what I can get out of it and reach out to you. In this generation and the kids these days, with all the access to technology, but I am glad you brought this up, I will definitely reach back out to you guys on this issue.

The first Tuesday of August (August 1st) – 11th and Vermont

-We will walk and then have a stage with some food. There will be activities for the kids. It is a great event for free. That is all we have for today, but please feel comfortable, if there is anything you want to get across, feel free to visit our station or give us a call.

b. LA City & other Government Departments/Agencies

Mario Hernandez – Pico Union currently still has about \$15,000 in the account. June 7th is the last day you can issue checks and June 11th will be the last day to use the bank card. Anything that still needs to be done should be done before June 11th.

5 board members are still missing Ethics Training Certification

c. LA City Council District Representative

Luis Gonzales: I was about for about 3-4 months, but I have been back for about 2 weeks now. It is going to be a busy summer for us. As you may know, the Summer Night Lights starts July 28 this year: We have many resources and activities going on. I do not have a flyer for this yet, but I will have one by next week.

I got elected to serve for another term.

June 29th, 6pm: Multicultural event

July 1st, Firework show at MacArthur Park – will start around 6:15pm

July 19th – Housing Workshop at St. Thomas

July 30th – Summer Fest to celebrate the different cultures in Pico Union (Musical and Dance – Free for the community)

August 1st – NNO (National Night Out) & Community Clean up before NNO actually begins

These are the most important events we have upcoming, and it is great to be back. Thank you very much.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS:

(Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (Up to two minutes per speaker)

Hari Kim: Youth Story Telling – Feel free to share this event with any youth. It will be on June 14th in Chinatown.

Survey in the community about prescription drugs and marijuana. Whoever might want to do this survey is also eligible for a gift.

Thank you to the Pico Union NC for approving us.

*We have a sample statement here

Lori – Pico Union Project: Community Update – We offer a free bi-monthly farmers market. It is every other Thursday. We offer cooking classes. I will leave flyers here for everybody.

David: We will continue on with our event at Toberman. We raised \$2,000 and we are \$1,500 short but during the next Fiscal Year we will see if we can work something out. If there are any businesses that would like to sponsor our kids sporting event which would be great. I will leave some flyers down here. Thank you for your time

Gary: You may have seen me on the LA Times or on the news channel. What I do is that I recruit very good musicians and I put them together and we perform for the sick, lonely, dying, people in nursing homes, because we believe that the focus is needed to be put there. They are so lonely that sometimes coming up to them and simply having a nice conversation will make them cry. I have been in at least 200 nursing homes during the last 7 years, and nursing homes do not seem to care about the entertainment or overall care of their patients. We have been doing this for the last 7 years, but not once have we asked help from the community. Today I want to ask you guys to refer us to the correct committee so we can receive help from you guys. Thank you for your time, I will leave a card down here.

Miki: The City is right now is holding meetings to construct things in the city, but they were not open to the public. Several councils have written letters and passed motions to bring awareness of this matter. If anyone can come and consider our motions we have emailed, that would mean a lot. Thank you.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

5. BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Items 5a and 6a to d will be covered during our Special Meeting which will occur on Thursday, June 8th.

We also have two new members who will also join our council

- General monthly activity report:

- a) Treasurer report for the Month of May 2017
 - i. Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) on ONC's funding account, including review and approval of the monthly bank statement.
- b) Committee Chairman Reports
 - 1. Outreach Committee – David Torres
 - 2. Quality of Life and Safety Committee – Jesus Banuelos
 - 3. Transportation Committee Hyoung Kim
 - 4. Zoning, Planning, and Land Use Committee – Erica Jung
 - 5. Youth Committee – Elizabeth Guevara

6. MOTIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

- a) (Discussion/Possible Action Items)
Approval of Monthly Expense (May 2017);
- b) Approval of May 1, 2017 General Board Meeting Minutes;
- c) Pico Union Housing Corp – *Gloria Farias*
 - 1) Graff Lab Mural Presentation
 - 2) Mirror Programs
 - 3) Letter of Support
 - 4) PUEDE Center
 - 5) Restoration & Revitalization of Pico Blvd Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on July 7,8,9
 - 6) Pico Union Chamber Commerce

-We are here to follow up on our project you guys supported us with in your previous meeting. Our target walls are the ones we can cross over and fill with murals. July 7, 8 and 9, we will do the murals within 3 days. People all over the world come over to paint at that spot (Graff Lab). The PUEDE center is already taking off, which we have connected with the UCLA Extension to create this program. We help students who had previously dropped out to have a chance and get a union job. We offer courses on how to build a plan and be productive for your community. If you look at the packages that we passed to you guys, you can see the murals and see the artwork that will be put on the walls. We want everyone to like it. We are also working with Trade Tech College. Our theme is Peace, Love and Education.

- d) As the end of the fiscal year is approaching, the council wants to make last minute purchases for the office, as well as items that would be beneficial for meetings. These items are: Printer, projector, and name tags for board members.

Printer - \$400

Projector - \$1000

Name Tags - \$500

(Each item will be voted on separately)

7. REQUEST/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zoila: I want to gather the board together, make a cleaning day for our office, and also do an inventory of all the things in the office. We need to update and make a new list, as the one of we have in the office is outdated. Cleaning Day will be June 19, from 5:30 – 7:30

Jay: We will have a cleaning on June 19th. We are asking all board members to come and help us clean up and create a new inventory.

We will postpone July's meeting to the 10th because of the Holiday

July 26th – We will have our Executive Meeting

9. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Jay Park makes motion to adjourn meeting, Louis Shapiro seconds

•Meeting adjourned 7:32 pm by unanimous decision

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 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 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.

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.