

CITY OF LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA



**PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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**PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEMBERS**

Jesus Bañuelos (Renter Representative)
Cynthia Rodriguez (Homeowner Rep)
Erica Jung (Resident Homeowner)
Edgar Hernandez (Member at Large)
Louis Shapiro (Resident Tenant)

**PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
REGULAR GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Yohan Chang (Business Representative)
Wilfredo Piñeda (Community Based Org)
Hyoung Kim (Renter Representative)
Sunny Kim (Senior Citizen)
Silvia Velasquez (Resident Tenant)

July 1st, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Kolping House – Auditorium (Parking available)
1225 S Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015
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
Wilfredo Pineda		X
Louis Shapiro		X
Genny Alberts	X	
Cynthia Rodriguez	X	
Silvia Velasquez		X
Jovita Carrillo		X
Total:	8	6
Quorum has been met		

2. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

Patty Brindle, LAPD – Regarding crime updates, we have not been getting many crime reports in Pico Union, but I like to say no crime is too small to report. We have the option to report crimes online. Always lock your doors, sliders, and windows. Another issue is homelessness from our side. Tents cannot be on the sidewalks, but from the times of 6 am – 9 pm their tents can be upright. With these concerns being stated, I will now introduce you to Officer Vargas who will be speaking about our National Night Out event coming soon.

Officer Vargas, Rampart Division, Community Relations Unit – We would like to ask for your support for the 2019 National Night Out. It will be hosted in front of Rampart station and it will be a good opportunity for the Community to come together. We will provide food for the community as well. We are expecting approximately 5000 people who had come last year, and we hope to have your support for this event.

b. City and other Government Agencies

Luis Gonzales, City Clerk's Office – I would like to introduce Ms. Hughes who is now the new Pico Union Branch Manager. The after-school program has secured \$400,000 and to make the streets safer for the kids. It might become a one-way street or a wife way street. What we are going to do is reshape the streets so we can make it safe for the kids and the vehicles as well. Caesar Chaves Union Garden soil might be contaminated, and it was going to be dangerous for those working there. We have secured funding for the cleaning of the garden. We are also bringing a new shed and features to the garden. We are going to have a meeting with street vendors and go over rules. Starting January 1st, we will be giving out permits so they know what to do. On July 1^{9th} we will be presenting the Lion King movie. We will also be hosting a block party on Catalina and Washington. Let me know if you are interested in having a booth there. This is the first time in history the Pico Union Project is competing with 9 other organizations to secure half a million dollars to transform an area.

Erica Jung – Does the Pico Union Project have a website or more information about this project?

Luis Gonzales – Most likely you will not hear anything about the project until next month.

Jay Park – So most likely you will bring us an update about this project?

Luis Gonzales – I can bring an update next month in August.

Andrea Amaya, Mayor's Office – For anyone who has a student going to a high school or Community College, starting August there will be free dash cards for students. In an effort to make sure students do not miss more classes than they have to. The Mayor put out a letter a couple of weeks ago that we really have to work together when it comes to the homeless problem.

Mario Hernandez, Empower LA – There are still two board members who are missing their ethics trainings, so tonight they will not be able to vote on any items. There is a 4 session course for Civic You taught by Cal State LA and they recommend that every person attending should attend every session as they build on top of each other. On the completion of the third session, Cal State LA gives a Certificate.

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.

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Outreach Committee
- b. Quality of Life and Safety Committee
- c. Transportation Committee
- d. Zoning, Planning and Land Use
- e. Youth Committee

5. **MOTIONS & PRESENTATIONS:**

a. **Discussion and possible action to approve the Minutes of the June 3rd, 2019 General Board Meeting.**

Cynthia Rodriguez makes a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 3rd, 2019 General Board Meeting.

Hyoung Kim seconds motion

Unanimous vote of approval to approve the Minutes of the June 3rd, 2019 General Board Meeting.

b. **Discussion and possible action to submit to the Transportation Department Community Impact Statements regarding the parking issues on Washington and Mariposa.**

Cynthia Rodriguez makes a motion to postpone item 5b.

Zoila Banuelos seconds motion.

Unanimous vote of approval to postpone item 5b.

c. **Discussion and possible action to submit a Community Impact Statement regarding regulations of electronic transport scooters in the Pico Union area and to deny, suspend, and or revoke operating permits if a personal mobility company fails or refuses to cooperate with law enforcement regulations.**

Quorum not met at this time, minute taking will cease

d. Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$1,000.00 for a Community Improvement Project (CIP) at 2015 Arapahoe St.

Jay Park makes a motion to approve up to \$1,000.00 for a Community Improvement Project (CIP) at 2015 Arapahoe St. under the condition they send a letter to Cal Trans and “cc” the PUNC.

Zoila Banuelos seconds motion

Unanimous vote of approval to approve up to \$1,000.00 for a Community Improvement Project (CIP) at 2015 Arapahoe St. under the condition they send a letter to Cal Trans and “cc” the PUNC.

6. 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.

d. Meeting Adjournment – 7:56 pm

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 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. 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.