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PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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Jay Park
PRESIDENT

Zoila Bañuelos
VICE PRESIDENT

Miguel Martinez
TREASURER

Silvia Velasquez
SECRETARY



PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEMBERS

Erica Jung (Resident Homeowner)
Jesus Bañuelos (Renter Representative)
Cynthia Rodriguez (Homeowner Rep)
David Torres (Community Interest)

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SPECIAL GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Monday, July 10, 2017 at 6:30pm
Kolping House – Auditorium (Parking available)
1225 S Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015

www.picounionnc.org

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

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 & Flag salute

6:36 pm

Track #10

Jay: Thank you coming today to our first meeting of the year. It is also very hot outside. Let's do our flag salute and we shall get started.

- b. Swear In Ceremony for New Member, Miguel Martinez

-Mario Hernandez present to conduct the swear in.

*Miguel Martinez pledged his oath by repeating after Mario.

- c. Board roll call

Jay Park

Zoila Banuelos

Miguel Martinez

Silvia Velasquez

Erica Jung

Jesus Banuelos

Cynthia Rodriguez (Absent)

David Torres (Absent)

Peter Sean

Louis A. Shapiro (Absent)

Estrella Galindo

Hyoung Joong Kim

2. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- a. LAPD Senior Leads – Olympic and Rampart Divisions
- b. LA City & other Government Departments/Agencies

Mario Hernandez: Couple things to consider. The treasurer and second signer must complete a funding training before we give you guys the funds. After completion, you will then be given the credit card. Until then, your costs will be limited to a \$1,000.

Board Members are still missing Ethics trainings, please submit those as soon as possible.

Since you guys have new members as well, it is important for you guys to update the roster.

- c. LA City Council District Representative

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)

Lizette, Assembly Member: Shared upcoming events, including trainings, movie nights. Passed out fliers with dates, times and more information. Assembly Member himself will be there. Just wanted to stop by and share the events we have coming up soon. If you have any questions, feel free

George Varela: Organizing events was something I enjoyed doing, part of another community and council. I know this is all volunteer work and I would like to be part of the council. I am still in high school, however I have all the energy and abilities to take on this responsibility.

King Woods: Project has been proposed located at 2870 Olympic Blvd. --- This topic will be postponed for a Land Use, and Planning Committee Meeting.

4. ADMINSTRATIVE ITEMS:

5. BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS - general monthly activity report

- a) Treasurer report for the Month of June 2017

- i. Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) on ONC's funding account, including review and approval of the monthly bank statement.

Zoila: *Passed out excel sheet of expenses to board members

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

Some checks still have not been through, however we are working on finalizing.

- b) Election of new Committee Chairmen

1. Outreach Committee

Jay nominates Zoila for Outreach committee chairmen, Zoila accepts nomination.

-8 yes

Peter Sean – no

•Zoila appointed as outreach committee chairmen

2. Quality of Life and Safety Committee

Jay Park nominates Jesus Banuelos, Jesus accepts nomination

•Jesus appointed as Quality of Life and Saftey Committee chairman by unanimous decision

3. Transportation Committee

Jay Park nominates Hyoung Kim, Hyoung accepts nomination

•Hyoung Kim is appointed as Transportation committee chairman by unanimous decision

4. Zoning, Planning, and Land Use Committee

Peter Sean nominates Erica Jung, Erica accepts nomination

•Erica Jung appointed as Zoning, Planning, and Land Use Committee chairman by unanimous decision

5. Youth Committee

Jay nominates Estrella Galindo as Youth Committee Chairman, Estrella accepts nomination

•Estrella appointed as Youth Committee chairman by unanimous decision

Estrella will also be our official spokesperson and handle our Facebook account

6. MOTIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

- a) (Discussion/Possible Action Items)

Approval of Monthly Expense (June 2017);

Estrella makes motion to approve Monthly Expense for June 2017, Hyoung Kim seconds the motion

•Monthly expense approved unanimously

- b) Approval of June 8, 2016 (Correct to 2017) Special General Board Meeting Minutes;
Estrella Galindo makes motion approve Special GBM minutes, Zoila seconds the motion.
•Special General Board Meeting Minutes approved by unanimous decision
- c) Two Nominated individuals would like to join the board. They have been approved by the Executive Committee and now awaiting approval from the entire board.
The candidates are:
Sunny Kim – Senior Citizen Position
-Hello I would like to once again join the council. Served 4 years from 2012-2016. I was resting, because I was sick, but now I am back to working again.
Jay Park makes motion to elect Sunny Kim as board member (Senior Citizen Position), Silvia seconds motion.
•Sunny Kim becomes part of board by unanimous decision.
Mario Hernandez once again conducts Swear in process.
-Sunny Kim repeats after Mario, making his oath to the council
Jopita Carrillos – Homeowner Position
-Did not show
- d) Gary Gamponia, The “Pay It Forward” Band - 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 have been funded by another Neighborhood Council at this point. We want to continue doing what we have been doing for the past 7 years. Our musicians are professionals who have Grammys or have played for the Playboy Jazz festival for example. These sick people are neglected and very sad. These places are awful, their entertainment is horrible and I doubt these people care about the people in their nursing homes. We have performed at all these places before, so we don’t necessarily need your help to play at those locations. We are asking your help to keep this organization alive. We do a single one hour show to each facility. Number one, we show those people in the nursing homes that there is somebody that truly cares about those people. We go in there with a band of 7 professional musicians and we show these people that we truly care, and we give them the best entertainment they will see all year. There are 3 nursing homes within this community and we want to do one show at each nursing home. We are asking for \$1200 to make all 3 shows possible. This NPG is not directly for the shows or to pay our musicians. It is solely to move forward our organization and help us make these events possible.
-Copies of NPG forms are not available as of now, so this will be voted on during our next meeting.
- e) Transparency in the General Plan development process (Submitted by Ira Koslow on behalf of WRAC) (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.
-Requesting Letter of Support from the Pico Union Neighborhood Council
•Gentleman did not show up
- f) **New Budget for 2017 – 2018 Fiscal Year**
Operations: \$24,000
Correction: \$22,000
Outreach: \$5,000
Community Improvement: \$5,000
Neighborhood Purpose Grant: \$3,000
Correction: \$5,000
Elections: \$5,000
Total: \$42,000

Zoila: We devote certain amounts to these categories and once we have reach that amount during our fiscal year, we cannot use more money from that category unless we amend the budget.

Jay: We want everyone to talk more, whether it is a good or bad idea, because we want to know if we are allotting the correct amounts to each category. Year 2017-2018, I want everyone to show up, come up with ideas, voice their opinions, so we can agree on more events to do. This way we will spend our given money.

Estrella makes motion to approve new budget for fiscal year, Silvia Seconds

•New Budget approved unanimously.

- g) In addition to the new budget, the council would like to devote \$1200 for Office supplies and \$800 for food and drink during Council meetings or events.

Zoila: We need to approve this so then our treasurer can buy food/drink for our events or any supplies needed in the office.

Estrella makes motion to devote \$1200 for office supplies and \$800 for food and drinks throughout the fiscal year of 2017-2018, Erica Seconds motion.

•Approved unanimously

- h) Motion made by Jay Park to appoint Zoila Banuelos as the second signer instead of Jay himself. This will make the Treasurer and Zoila, the first and second signers.

Jay: Until last year I was signer with Zoila, this year I would like to appoint Zoila as second signer.

Motion already made by Jay Park, Estrella seconds motion.

•Approved by unanimous decision. – Miguel and Zoila are the first and second signers.

- i) Approval of Pico Union NC Office Inventory

Estrella makes motion to approve the office inventory, Peter Sean seconds motion.

•Approved unanimously

- j) Zoila Banuelos to be voted in as temporary card holder

Jay: Zoila will our temporary card holder, until our new member Miguel is done with his training.

-Estrella makes motion to make Zoila as temporary card holder, Miguel seconds motion.

•Approved unanimously

7. REQUEST/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

-We would like for the board to provide a more specific breakdown of each of the budget's categories. As a community organizer/worker we are skeptical about where this money is going.

-I want more information on committees and budgets because I checked the website and the newest information is from 2015.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jay: Thank you all once again for coming to our meeting. I have been President for the past 2 years and I am honored that the council has voted me to once again be your President. Thank you very much and I will do my best

Zoila: As vice president, my job is mainly to focus on the outreach committee, however outreach should be everyone's responsibility. If you guys hear or want to make anything possible, please let us know so we can come together as one and organize events.

Silvia: I am very fortunate to be here as secretary. I wanted to make a comment on how the murals in the Pico Union community have progressed.

Miguel: My background has been community organization, I am passionate about this position, and I'm proud to be part of this council. Thank you.

Jesus: In charge of Quality of Life and Safety Committee. Summer Fest – Wednesday to Saturday, 5-8 pm there will be food. The park has been improved. We also received certifications from Gil Cedillo's office. – Individuals were called up, presented the certificate, and took photo with Jesus.

Zoila:

-Funding program training on July 12 from 6-8pm

-Schedule will be sent to board members and Jay Park will call members individually.

-Olympic Station will have National Night Out, Tuesday, August 1st. (Pico and Normandie)

Erica: I want to focus on safety in our neighborhood mainly, and then definitely focus on beautification and development.

•August 7th - will be our next General Board Meeting

•July 24th – Zoning, Planning and Land Use Committee Meeting

•July 26th – Executive Committee Meeting

Estrella: I plan to update our Social Media. I will post all our upcoming events, so I would appreciate if I am given copies of any fliers presented.

Hyoungh: I will try to develop and improve the transportation within this neighborhood, whether it's regarding traffic or safety.

9. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Estrella makes motion to adjourn meeting, Zoila seconds motion

•Meeting adjourned by unanimous decision, 8:10pm

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.