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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.)
Hyoun Joong Kim (Renter Representative)
Sunny Kim (Senior Citizen)
Silvia Velasquez (Resident Tenant)

PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REGULAR GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 6th, 2018 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
- Jay Park – Present
Zoila Banuelos – Present
Miguel Martinez – Present
Louis Shapiro – Absent (With Notice)
Jesus Banuelos – Present
Cynthia Rodriguez – Absent (With Notice)
Estrella Galindo – Absent (Without Notice)
Jovita Carrillo - Present
Yohan Chang – Present
Erica Jung – Absent (With Notice)
Silvia Velasquez – Absent (With Notice)
Peter Sean – Present
Edgar Hernandez – Present
Hyoun Kim – Absent (With Notice)
Sunny Kim – Present (Left Early 7:20 pm)
- 9 Present, 6 Absent**

2. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. LAPD Senior Lead Officers
LAPD Officer - We are having our National Night out event which will bring the community together. When the two marches come to the station they merge together. Once that

happens we meet in the middle of Vermont and block the traffic, then we move to the station and we have fun things together. The event is to signify the police and the community coming together. There are a lot of fun snacks like hot dogs and cotton candy for the kids. If you choose not to march, meet at Olympic station at 7:30 pm and you can see the march coming from there.

b. City and other Government Agencies

Mario Hernandez, Empower LA – If you have a conflict of interest with an agenda item, please recuse yourself. I do see on the agenda that you will be approving impact statement filers. Please fill these out and send them soon. September 7th is the Congress for Neighborhoods and registration opens up next week, I highly recommend you attend this. This is the award Pico-Union received during the empower LA awards. We also will be having the 15th Anniversary of the Founding the Neighborhood Councils on August 15th at 6:00 pm at the New Open World Academy. Please have a few representatives come to this event to give a few remarks.

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

Zoila Banuelos – Last Sunday we had Louis Shapiro go the meeting and he said they had money to spend on experimental housing. If you want to know more go to Challenge.mayor@lacity.org

b. Quality of Life and Safety Committee

Jesus Banuelos – Beginning next week we are going to

c. Transportation Committee

N/A

d. Zoning, Planning and Land Use

N/A

e. Youth Committee

Edgar Hernandez – Youth have identified spots to plant trees and on September 15th they ask to co-sponsor their event.

5. **MOTIONS & PRESENTATIONS:**

a) **Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the month of July 2018.**

Yohan Chang makes a motion to postpone item 5a for next General Board meeting.

Zoila Banuelos seconds motion

9 Yes; 6 Absent

Motion to postpone item 5a for the next General Board meeting has been approved.

b) **Discussion and possible action to approve the Minutes of the July 2nd, 2018 General Board Meeting.**

Peter Sean makes a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2nd, 2018 General Board meeting

Yohan Chang seconds motion

9 Yes; 6 Absent

Unanimous vote of approval to approve the minutes of the July 2nd, 2018 General Board

meeting.

- c) **Discussion and possible action to create a budget allocation for the fiscal year of 2018-19.**
Jay Park – I think it will be a good idea to make this budget allocation similar to last years model.
Zoila Banuelos – I agree.
Jovita Carrillo makes a motion to approve the budget allocation for the fiscal year of 2018-19.
Yohan Change seconds motion
9 Yes; 6 Absent
Unanimous vote of approval to approve the budget allocation for the fiscal year of 2018-19.
- d) **Discussion and possible action to pay \$3326.40 to Apple One Employment for the invoices regarding the months of April 2018, May 2018, and June 2018.**
Yohan Chan makes a motion to pay \$3326.40 to Apple One Employment for the invoices regarding the months of April 2018, May 2018, and June 2018.
Zoila Banuelos seconds motion
9 Yes; 6 Absent
Unanimous vote of approval to approve paying \$3326.40 to Apple One Employment for the invoices regarding the months of April 2018, May 2018, and June 2018.
- e) **Discussion and possible action to pay \$766.66 to the Kolping House for the invoices regarding the months of July 2018 and August 2018 (This payment also includes the payment request for June 11th auditorium usage).**
Yohan Chang makes a motion to pay \$766.66 to the Kolping House for the invoices regarding the months of July 2018 and August 2018 (This payment also includes the payment request for June 11th auditorium usage).
Peter Sean Seconds motion
9 Yes; 6 Absent
Unanimous vote of approval to approve paying \$766.66 to the Kolping House for the invoices regarding the months of July 2018 and August 2018 (This payment also includes the payment request for June 11th auditorium usage).
- f) **Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant from MySafe:LA for up to \$3,000.00. The purpose of this grant would be to be able to continue providing services by teaching in schools in our neighborhoods about safety, providing CPR training, and life safety education for adults. They will also provide smoke alarms in neighborhoods, carbon monoxide detectors, and other educational materials to those who they teach.**
MySafeLA projects a presentation to show to the Council and community.
Harout Semerjian – Our funding has been cut by FEMA, so we are seeking partnership so we may help our communities. We are being proactive and helping the Fire Department fill in the gap of education they could not continue due to budget cuts.
Peter Sean – I believe this is absolutely necessary and great work for the community. You should be funded by the government. We may have to contact the Fire Department to ask them to help you.
Bill Whitney – We agree, but our work is for the community and to continue education for fire safety.
Edgar Hernandez – I believe it is a good idea to have a partnership with them. It will be good for the Youth as well because we have a lot of underage people in this community.

We can ask them to set up a workshop for the high schoolers.

Jay Park – Would it be alright if you arrange a demonstration?

Harout Semerjian – Absolutely we can arrange a demonstration.

Peter Sean – What kind of funding did you receive?

Bill Whitney – We would get private grants from the federal government but now we are basically running on fumes.

Peter Sean – I want to make sure that the Fire Department would be alright with giving this funding.

Harout Semerjian – We are partnered with the Fire Department officially.

Edgar Hernandez makes a motion action to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant from MySafe:LA for up to \$3,000.00.

Jovita Carrillo seconds motion.

5 Yes, 1 No, 2 Abstain, 7 Absent

Majority vote of approval to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant from MySafe:LA for up to \$3,000.00.

- g) **Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG grant for the National Night Out event from the Olympic Police Station for up to \$500.00.**

Yohan Chang makes a motion to approve an NPG grant for National Night Out event from the Olympic Police Station for up to \$500.00.

Zoila Banuelos seconds motion

9 Yes; 6 Absent

Unanimous vote of approval to approve an NPG grant for the National Night Out event from the Olympic Police Station for up to \$500.00.

- h) **Discussion and possible action to approve sending a letter to the City of LA regarding the parking issues on 1842 W Washington Blvd.**

Peter Sean makes a motion to approve sending a letter to the City of LA regarding the parking issues on 1842 W Washington Blvd.

Zoila Banuelos seconds motion

8 Yes; 7 Absent

Unanimous vote of approval to approve sending a letter to the City of LA regarding the parking issues on 1842 W Washington Blvd.

- i) **Discussion and possible action to create an impact statement committee and assign up to 5 board members to file the impact statements.**

Jay Park – Who volunteers to become an impact statement filer?

Edgar Hernandez volunteers

Miguel Martinez volunteers

Jovita Carrillo volunteers

Jay Park – There seem to be no more volunteers, but we shall ask again next General Board meeting to have 5 filers in total.

Jay Park makes a motion to create an impact statement committee and assign up to 5 board members to file the impact statements.

Edgar Hernandez seconds

8 Yes; 7 Absent

Unanimous vote of approval to create an impact statement committee and assign up to 5 board members to file the impact statements.

- j) **Discussion and possible action to approve the Dept. of City Planning application for the apartment building to be constructed on 1659 11th Street Los Angeles, CA 91007.**

Case Number: DIR 2018-2578-CCMP.

Env. Case Number: ENV-2579-CE.

Immanuel Chang – We are proposing a 3 story 5 unit apartment. It will be 5900 square feet including a parking garage. We provided 8 parking spaces within the garage which is assessable from the alley. We have enough parking in the area.

Miguel Martinez – How much would a studio apartment cost?

Immanuel Chang – Roughly \$800.

Edgar Hernandez – How will this benefit the community? It seems that these apartments will be expensive and you are dealing with a community that has undocumented peoples.

Immanuel Chang – The lot has been vacant for more than 20 years. It will be more of a benefit to the community with the taxes to be collected from the City while also providing living spaces for the community.

Peter Sean – I think this project will be an improvement for the community but one problem I can see is the parking spaces and cars being taken up.

Immanuel Chang – We do have the parking spaces that are required by the City.

Yohan Chang – What about parking while the construction is happening?

Immanuel Chang – We can use alleys to drop off materials into the site so the traffic does not bother.

Peter Sean makes a motion to approve the Dept. of City Planning application for the apartment building to be constructed on 1659 11th Street Los Angeles, CA 91007. Case Number: DIR 2018-2578-CCMP.

Env. Case Number: ENV-2579-CE.

Yohan Chang seconds motion

7 Yes, 1 Abstain, 7 Absent

Majority vote of approval to approve the Dept. of City Planning application for the apartment building to be constructed on 1659 11th Street Los Angeles, CA 91007. Case Number: DIR 2018-2578-CCMP.

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- k) **Presentation: Ayndrea Wilson representing an art organization that works with Neighborhood Councils to create public art projects benefiting the local area and its residents.**

N/A

6. Board Member Comments (15 minutes)

- a. Comment on Member's own activities/brief announcements.
Jovita Carrillo – Just a reminder that the march begins tomorrow at 6 pm.
- 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.

7. Meeting Adjournment – 8:16 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.