

CITY OF LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA



PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OFFICERS

Jay Park
PRESIDENT

Zoila Bañuelos
VICE PRESIDENT

Yohan Chang
TREASURER

Jovita Carrillo
SECRETARY

PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SPECIAL GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 10th, 2018 at 6:30 pm
Kolping House – Auditorium (Parking available)
1225 S Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015
www.picounionnc.org

PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

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

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
 - Yohan Chang – Present
 - Jovita Carrillo - Absent
 - Peter Sean – Present
 - Sunny Kim - Present
 - Edgar Hernandez - Present
 - Jesus Banuelos- Present
 - Hyoung Kim – Present
 - Miguel Martinez – Present
 - Cynthia Rodriguez – Present
 - Erica Jung – Present
 - Louis Shapiro – Present
 - Silvia Velasquez – Present
 - Estrella Galindo - Absent

13 Present, 2 Absent

2. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. LAPD Senior Lead Officers
- b. City and other Government Agencies

Luis Gonzales – Venice Blvd we are doing an up bringing event from Normandy to the freeway. We will finish the Alvarado Project by the end of this year. We are going to resurface the street and install new lights. Install crosswalks and traffic lights as well. We have started a few months ago and we will continue doing these improvements. This Thursday and Friday we will be doing community cleanups on Mariposa. We will start at 8 am from those locations. We will be having youth work with the City of LA to help clean up the streets. I am going to need someone from the PUNC to tell us on a weekly basis the hotspots. We are to start the swap meet at a Berendo Middle School and this is something we are looking forward to because we have not had a swap meet in this area for a long time. We have located funding for more community projects which is great news. This will improve playground areas and outdated sandboxes in parks. October 12th is a block party on 18th Street and Toberman Park.

Jay Park – I have a question about this Friday's cleaning.

Luis Gonzales – This Friday we are doing the cleanings. We are hitting the hotspots right now that need cleanup.

Cynthia Rodriguez – When is the block party going to be?

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Mario Hernandez – Any board member who feels that they have a conflict of interest, please recuse yourself from the item. On September 22, there is a Neighborhood Council Congress you can attend. Regarding the improvements on Venice Blvd, there is someone who would like to reach out to Pico Union to make a presentation to the Council.

Jay Park – Next year, April 19th we will be having an election?

Mario Hernandez – That is correct. All of the information that was sent on the sheet to the city clerk will be on there.

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 presented by Zoila Banuelos
Zoila Banuelos – There was a lot of fun at the event we had attended and there was fun cartoon drawings. If you are interested, the Clippers will be at Normandy park at

September 17th at 6:30 pm.

Luis Gonzales – We have more projects going on for beautification projects.

b. Quality of Life and Safety Committee

Jesus Banuelos – They are working hard at the corner where there are problems for parking because they are parking their cars everywhere. They had to move all of these people, so they came and gave a lot of tickets.

c. Transportation Committee

Louis Shapiro – I found a website that would tell you everything regarding transportation here. I can go again to City meeting and I can tell you more about the meeting.

d. Zoning, Planning and Land Use

Erica Jung – We will be having our Land Use Committee meeting on September 24th at 6:00 pm. We have an item to discuss that day regarding a vacant lot.

e. Youth Committee

Edgar Hernandez – We will be starting some Youth Campaigns soon from our Neighborhood Council. So if you have kids interested in volunteering with community help, you can have them meet the Council for more information. We are going to have a beautification project on September 14th.

5. MOTIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

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

Louis Shapiro makes a motion to postpone this item until the next General Board Meeting.

Zoila Banuelos seconds

Unanimous vote of approval to postpone approval of the July and August MER Reports until the next General Board Meeting.

b) Discussion and possible action to approve the Minutes of the August 6th, 2018 General Board Meeting.

Zoila Banuelos makes a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 6th, 2018 General Board meeting minutes.

Cynthia Rodriguez seconds motion

12 Yes, 1 Abstain, 2 Absent

Motion to approve the

Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 6th, 2018 General Board meeting minutes has been passed.

c) Discussion and possible action to pay \$1,108.80 to AppleOne Employment Services for the invoice regarding the month of July 2018.

Cynthia Rodriguez makes a motion to approve paying \$1,108.80 to AppleOne Employment Services for the invoice regarding the month of July 2018.

Yohan Chang seconds motion

Unanimous vote of approval to pay \$1,108.80 to AppleOne Employment Services for the invoice regarding the month of July 2018.

e) Discussion and possible action to pay \$333.33 to the Kolping House for the invoice regarding the month of September.

Yohan Chang makes a motion to pay \$333.33 to the Kolping House for the invoice regarding the month of September.

Louis Shapiro seconds motion

Unanimous vote of approval to pay \$333.33 to the Kolping House for the invoice regarding the month of September.

- f) Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant from Justice for my Sister for up to \$2,500.00.

Jay Park – Nobody has come to present the item. So, we will delete the item.

Zoila Banuelos makes a motion to delete item 5F

Louis Shapiro seconds motion

11 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstain, 2 Absent

Motion to delete item 5F from the agenda has been passed.

- g) Discussion and possible action to fill out and review the Administrative Packet

Yohan Chang – The City sent the administrative packet in June. They had frozen our account until we turn in this packet. We cannot send out NPG's until this is done. We need the board's approval for this packet.

Mario Hernandez – If you are to table this. I would recommend tabling it to the next meeting. You only really have \$333.33 to spend.

Louis Shapiro makes a motion to approve the Administrative Packet for 2018-19.

Zoila Banuelos seconds motion

11 Yes, 1 No, 3 Absent

Motion to approve the Administrative Packet for 2018-19 has passed.

- h) Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant from National Health Foundation for up to \$2,000.00 for their Neighborhood Block Party on October 12th, 2018

Yohan Chang makes a motion to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant from National Health Foundation for up to \$1,500.00 for their Neighborhood Block Party on October 12th, 2018.

Zoila Banuelos seconds motion

7 Yes, 6 No, 2 Absent

Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant from National Health Foundation for up to \$1,500.00 for their Neighborhood Block Party on October 12th, 2018 has been passed.

- i) Presentation by Ayndrea Wilson regarding her local art-based organization that works with Neighborhood Councils to create public art projects benefiting the local area and its residents.

- j) Presentation by Cesar Castrejon regarding the status of LAUSD and public education.

Cesar Castrejon – For us, we would just like that you endorse us. Our goal is to get our students \$20,000 by 2020.

Brian Schafer – Do you have a mission statement we can look at?

Cesar Castrejon – Yes, we do.

Jay Park – We will let you know about the voting for endorsement in the October meeting.

k) Discussion and possible action regarding Youth National Voter Registration Day Campaign.

Miguel Martinez – Edgar Hernandez and I would like your support to go out and help kids ages 16-17 register to vote.

Yohan Chang – I believe we should reach out to Public schools with this as well.

Peter Sean – What are the regulations for the City?

Miguel Martinez – The City regulations state that we cannot advocate for any political party, we can only help the students register to vote so when they are 18 they can begin voting.

Edgar Hernandez – We would like to also ask Council members to help us in this process as community members.

Miguel Martinez – We ask for your support for this.

Yohan Chang – For me personally, I would like to help with individual work.

Miguel Martinez – We can make a choice to help out other schools, it is just convenient for Loyola Charter School we have connections there.

Zoila Banuelos makes a motion to approve supporting the Youth National Voter Registration Day Campaign.

Louis Shapiro seconds motion

10 Yes, 2 No, 3 Absent

Motion to approve supporting the Youth National Voter Registration Day Campaign has passed

l) Discussion and possible action to select an Election Committee.

Jay Park makes motion to have members who will not be running to be part of the Election Committee.

Edgar Hernandez seconds motion

12 Yes, 2 Absent

Unanimous vote of approval to select members who will not be running to be part of the Election Committee

m) Discussion regarding moving to a new facility to hold meetings.

Jay Park – I had spoken to Red Shield and they are okay with the idea of that facility.

Toberman Park would be another location, but the main issue is that those two locations do not have offices. Until the Executive Board meeting we will be working on this.

6. Board Member Comments (15 minutes)

- a. Comment on Member's own activities/brief announcements.
Jay Park – September 24th we will be having our Land Use Committee meeting at 6:00pm and our Executive Board meeting at 6:45 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 – 9:03 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.