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## PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**January 28, 2013**

**6:30pm**

**Kolping House**

**1225 S. Union Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90015**

[www.picounionnc.org](http://www.picounionnc.org)

**1. Call to order**

**2. Welcome remarks and roll call.**

Present: Kenneth Wyrick, Jenny Arzate, Dr. Rick Rodriguez, and Peter Sean.

**3. Public comments** – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the board's subjects matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker. (2 min)

- Jane Scott, a member of the public, said that there are billboards in the Pico Union area that need to be shut down by the city and that the PUNC (Pico Union Neighborhood Council) should contact Assemblymember Ed Reyes' office in order to take care of this problem. She also mentioned that there was a petition online from an organization called "Turn Them Off L.A."
- Stefano Rumi, a member of the public, introduced himself to the Executive Board and said that he wanted to be part of the Ad hoc Youth committee.

**4. Discussion about allowing candidate for City Attorney, Assemblymember Mike Feuer, to speak on the February 4<sup>th</sup> 2013 General Board meeting during the "public comments" section of the meeting.**

- The Executive Board unanimously agreed that Assemblymember Mike Feuer was allowed to speak during the "Public Comments" section of the meeting.

**5. Discussion about hosting a Mayoral race debate forum before the end of February 2013.**

- Jane Scott said that the PUNC should host a debate forum for the March City Council election for District 1. Peter Sean said that the pursuit of hosting a Mayoral debate had been misunderstanding, that the PUNC needed to instead pursue having a debate forum for the City Council District 1 election. The Executive board unanimously agreed.

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**6. Discussion about electing a new Ad hoc AEG project committee Chair on the General Board meeting on February 4, 2013**

- Jenny Arzate brought up the idea that there should be a discussion about the AEG committee. What the purpose of the committee should be, what other committees would be working on the same issues, and who would chair the committee. Donna Seconded the motion. The Executive Board unanimously approved it.

**7. Discussion about regularly recognizing members of the community for the work in the community.**

- Jenny Arzate suggested that Zoila Bañuelos spearhead the effort since she had come up with the idea

and she is Quality of Life Chair. The Executive Board unanimously agreed.

**8. Discussion and action on possible items to appear on General Board agenda on February 4, 2013.**

- Regarding the draft agenda item: “Discussion about the creation of an Ad hoc Bylaws committee in order to review the current Pico Union Neighborhood Council Bylaws in accordance to the EmpowerLA guidelines for all the Neighborhood Councils.” The board unanimously agreed to allow this item on the agenda.
  - Regarding the draft agenda item: “Discussion about the creation of the following committees: Education, Jobs, Immigrants, English as 2<sup>nd</sup> Language, Youth & Job Training, Gangs, Training & Development; Arts.” The Board unanimously agreed not to have this item in the agenda.
  - Regarding the draft agenda item: “Jenny Arzate requests to create an ad hoc committee titled, ‘Oversight committee.’ Its purpose shall be to review current practices and procedures to identify areas where workflow can be improved and redundancies eliminated in order to demonstrate transparency and visibility to the community. It shall meet with the PUNC's Board, committee members, and administrative staff to identify how assignments are currently performed. It shall work closely with the Outreach committee to place all appropriate documentation on the PUNC website for open access to all stakeholders of Pico Union. This committee should have at least three members with at least one stakeholder not currently on the Board. The Oversight committee shall meet once a month or more as determined by the committee members. This project should be completed in four to six months with updates provided throughout the process. Once completed, the committee will as needed to analyze new or pressing procedural issues related to the PUNC.” The board unanimously agreed to allow this item to be on the agenda with only the following text “Jenny Arzate requests to create an ad hoc committee titled, "Oversight committee."
  - Regarding the draft agenda item: “The PUNC Zoning, Planning & Land Use committee recommends that the PUNC Board approve the plans for expansion for the Conditional Use Permit (with Corner Commercial Review) case # ZA 2012-2491(CUB).” Donna Kim and Kenneth Wyrick described the Zoning, Land Use, and Planning committee’s action item in more detail. The Executive Board unanimously agreed to have the item in the agenda.
  - Regarding the draft agenda item: “Discussion and election of Pico Union Neighborhood Council Ad hoc committee members.” The Executive Board unanimously agreed not to have the item in the agenda.
  - Kenneth Wyrick, PUNC Secretary, said that he wanted the Board to vote on whether or not to grant him control of the PUNC website. Peter Sean said that he would like wait before allowing Kenneth Wyrick full control of the website. Kenneth Wyrick said that he would like to resign from the position of Secretary unless the bylaws were changed to give him full control of all the PUNC communication channels. Peter Sean noted that there was currently a professional, webmaster, in control of the website. Kenneth Wyrick said that he knew more than the professional and that he had created his own PUNC website, <http://picounionnc.org>. Donna Kim said that Kenneth Wyrick could not do that. Peter Sean said that he would like the PUNC General Board to discuss this and that an item should be added to the agenda, the board unanimously agreed to this.
  - Jane Scott asked the Executive Board if the Administrative Assistant, Carlos Cruz, had been approved by the PUNC Board. Peter Sean, PUNC President, asked the Administrative Assistant to review the Minutes from November 2012 and if the item had not been reviewed to add it to the February 4<sup>th</sup> General Board meeting agenda. The Executive Board unanimously agreed to this.
9. **Board member comments** – comments from board members on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction.
- Donna Kim, PUNC Board member, said that she wanted to know why City allows for Marijuana dispensaries to remain open in the area. Peter Sean said in the Outreach committee meeting a member of Ed Reye’s office informed the committee that the City would vote on the issue on May.

- Jenny Arzate proposed that General Board meeting to be catered by local businesses and to have the businesses use the “Public Comments” section of the meeting to speak about their businesses. Dr. Rick Rodriguez mentioned that this was occurring at other Neighborhood Councils. Kenneth Wyrick asked what committee this could be a part of. Donna Kim asked that Jenny confirm that this wouldn’t be a conflict of interest. Jenney said that she would check with EmpowerLA.

**10. Meeting adjournment**