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PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA
June 24, 2013 at 6:30pm
Kolping House (parking available)
1225 S. Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015
www.picounionnc.org

PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

Jesus Bañuelos
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Kenneth Wyrick

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Welcome remarks and Roll Call**
- 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)
- 4. Discussion and possible action items:**
 - a) Discussion and possible action item: Discussion about the Pico Union Neighborhood Council (PUNC) office and meeting locations. The Kolping House Board of Directors has chosen to increase the monthly rate charged for use of a small office space and use of the auditorium to \$400 per month; as well as, only allowing the auditorium to be used twice per month, every additional use would cost \$100. Dr. Rick Rodriguez, PUNC Vice-President believes that the only amount that should be offered for the small office space is \$200 per month, he believes that this agreement could be met if the Kolping House Auditorium is no longer used beginning on July 2013. An alternative location for the General Board meeting on the 1st of July 2013 has been scheduled at the Red Shield Salvation Army Auditorium. The location is reserved from 6pm to 8:30pm. Jesus Bañuelos, PUNC Board member, has set up a meeting between the PUNC President and St. Thomas Parish on Tuesday June 25, 2013 regarding a possible office and meeting location.
 - b) Discussion and possible action item: RePower LA request that the PUNC Executive Board vote on a Motion to allow them to have 10 to 15 minutes for their presentation during the PUNC Board meeting on June 3, 2013.
- 5. Discussion and action on possible items to appear on General Board agenda on June 3, 2013**
 - a) Discussion and action item: The PUNC Treasurer requests that the PUNC Board vote on a Motion to approve the 2013-2014 budget. Since majority of the PUNC funds are spent on the temporary staff (Administrative Assistant), the PUNC Treasurer offers the following the options:
Option 1: Continue spending about \$20,000 on the temporary staff (Administrative Assistant).
Option 2: Reduce the hours of the temporary staff by about half to reduce the amount spent on temporary staff to about \$10,000.00 per year; it would allow more money to be set aside for community outreach and neighborhood improvement projects.
Option 3: Eliminating the use of temporary staff (Administrative Assistant); the Treasurer would be responsible for addressing all funding matters; the Secretary would be responsible to taking meeting minutes and writing agendas for the meetings; the entire board would be responsible for posting agendas in the notice locations; the PUNC Board would have to be self-sustaining; it would allow for approximately \$20,000 to be appropriated towards neighborhood improvement projects and community outreach.
 - b) Discussion and action item: The Pico Union Neighborhood Council (PUNC) Treasurer requests that the PUNC Board vote on a Motion to approve the 4th Quarter reconciliation report.
 - c) Presentation and discussion item: Presentation by Gloria Farias Executive Director of the (PUHC). She will introduce the PUHC; the Casas Alicia's project, also known as, the Pico Union Economic Development and Empowerment Center (PUEDE); the Pico Blvd. plan of action to the new PUNC Board members, and the 1038 Venice Blvd. property project. Gloria Farias also plans to offer tours to PUNC Board members in order to highlight the work that her organizations do in the Pico Union community.

- d) Presentation and discussion item: Presentatio by Laura Nieto, an Organizer with the RePower LA Campaign, about RePower LA which is a city-wide coalition of residents, community organizations, environmentalists, small businesses, and labor unions. This past year, they successfully advocated an increase in investment in energy efficiency at the Department of Water and Power (DWP); this amounted to the DWP creating programs that help to save people money on their energy bills while creating career-path jobs and training programs. RePower LA will provide stakeholders with information about energy efficiency programs and about how to apply online and via mail. They will hand-out paper applications in English and Spanish.
- e) Discussion and possible action item: Richard Najera, a business owner from Pico Union community, requests that the PUNC Board vote on a Motion to support an effort to stop bicycle riders that break the law by driving on sidewalks. Bicycle riders driving on sidewalks have injured Richard Najera twice and have sent his elderly neighbor to the hospital. As veteran of the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department, Richard Najera has reached out to law enforcement officials about the issue and has found that the Los Angeles City Council prevents law enforcement from citing sidewalk driving bicycle drivers. He plans to appear before the Los Angeles City Council to request that they stop preventing law enforcement from citing sidewalk driving bicycle riders. He requests that the PUNC pursue a resolution to this issue independently from his own effort.
- f) Discussion item and possible action item: Jordan Jacobs, former editor of the PUNC Bulletin, requests that the Pico Union Board vote on a Motion to approve their Pico Union Neighborhood Council (PUNC) Community Bulletin distribution strategy which would consist of: I) Each Board Member receiving one box of bulletins to distribute; II) Each Board member receiving “distribution surveys” (to be filled out after handing bulletins to new businesses and organizations in the community); and lastly III) Assigning Board Members and volunteers distribution locations.
- g) Discussion item and possible action item: Miguel Amaya and Maria Montes, members of the PUNC Outreach committee requests that PUNC Board vote on Motion to approve the organization of a “Community Forum” between our newly elected Council member in District 1, Gil Cedillo, and the Neighborhood Councils in the District. The goals would be to: i) Develop consensus about common issues throughout our communities; ii) Establish a working relationship between the Councils and Mr. Cedillo; iii) Promote relationship building amongst the Neighborhood Councils in District 1. This “Community Forum” would take place either the last week of July, or August, of 2013. The Pico Union Outreach Committee would spearhead the organization of this forum by: inviting each Neighborhood Council in the District to send 1-2 delegates; contacting Mr. Cedillo and confirming his participation; securing the meeting location; developing the format of the Forum through the creation of an meeting agenda and questions to be approved by the PUNC Board (either July 1st or August 5th, pending confirmation of the Forum Date); and by facilitating the meeting.
- h) Discussion item and possible action item: The PUNC Outreach Committee requests that the PUNC Board approve the submitted candidates for the award of “Outstanding Contribution to Pico-Union.”

6. Board member comments – comments from board members on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction.

7. Meeting adjournment

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 Executive Board may also call any additional 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.