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### PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OFFICERS

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PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES-draft  
**June 24, 2013 at 6:30pm**  
**Kolping House** (parking available)  
**1225 S. Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015**  
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### PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

Jesus Bañuelos  
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Jorge Dominguez  
John Cameron Kelley  
Donna Kim  
Mark Lee  
Jay Park  
Sang Park  
Cynthia Rodriguez  
Kenneth Wyrick

- 1. Call to Order - 6:30 p.m.**
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
  - The PUNC Executive Board decided to hold the July 1 PUNC Board meeting in the Red Shield Salvation Army Auditorium from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; address: 1532 W 11th St, Los Angeles, CA. The PUNC Executive Board decided to research and consider various options regarding new meeting locations and possible office locations; the matter will be discussed further in the July 1 PUNC Board meeting.
  - 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.
  - The PUNC Executive Board decided to allow them to make a presentation with the generally allotted 5 minutes.
- 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.
  - The PUNC Executive Board decided to allow this matter to be on the July 1, 2013 PUNC Board meeting agenda.

- b) Discussion and action item: The Pico Union Neighborhood Council (PUNC) Treasurer requests that the PUNC Board vote on a Motion to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter reconciliation report.  
The PUNC Executive Board decided to allow this matter to be on the July 1, 2013 PUNC Board meeting agenda.
- 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.
  - The PUNC Executive Board decided to allow this matter to be on the July 1, 2013 PUNC Board meeting agenda.
- d) Presentation and discussion item: Presentation 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.
  - The PUNC Executive Board decided to allow this matter to be on the July 1, 2013 PUNC Board meeting agenda.
- 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.
  - The PUNC Executive Board decided not to agendaize this item. The PUNC Executive Board decided instead to have the issue reviewed by the PUNC Transportation committee before it would consider having the issue in a future PUNC Board meeting agenda.
- 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.
  - The PUNC Executive Board decided to allow this matter to be on the July 1, 2013 PUNC Board meeting agenda.

- 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.
- The PUNC Executive Board decided to allow this matter to be on the July 1, 2013 PUNC Board meeting agenda.
- 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.”
- The PUNC Executive Board decided to allow this matter to be on the July 1, 2013 PUNC Board meeting agenda.
- 6. Board member comments – comments from board members on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction.**
- 7. Meeting adjournment – 7:49 p.m.**