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PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 27th , 2014 at 6:30pm
Kolping House – Auditorium (Parking available)
1225 S Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEMBERS

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Jay Park

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Susana Arreguin
Kareen Sandoval
Carmen Vaughn

1. **Call to Order 6:38PM**
2. **Welcome remarks and Roll Call**

- Mark Lee
- Zoila Banuelos
- Cynthia Rodriguez(excused absence)
- Estrella Galindo

Mark - next month there will be heavy items, so let's keep the meeting brief.

3. **Public Comments – comments from public on non-agenda items within the boards subject matter jurisdiction**

Rick introduced renewing some of the bylaws. He suggested establishing a committee to do that in November so the council will have something in place by December

Kareem – Thanks to the people at the Salvation Army, we can use their room for the Ethics and Funding training. Ricky and I talked to one of the mentors who will set up everything for us. We will need the names of the people that need to take the ethics and funding training. The training will be held on Wednesday October 29th 2014 @4:00PM. If we don't take the training this week, we will not have an option to vote.

Louis extended an open invitation to the Supreme Court judges & people in government re mass dinner, which takes place on the first Monday in October every year. He stressed that one does not have to be of the Catholic faith to attend. Louis promised to remind the community of the event next year.

Stake holder – it would be great to have other classes here at the Kolping house. Example of classes: Funded by the county, over view on mental health, Caring clergy membership support, self care, first aid, depression and domestic support as well has effective communications skills.

Kareen - How many people do you know that need that kind of class?

Rick – I know at least 12 or more

A grievance was filed by Jane Scott against Rick Rodriquez and the handling of the most recent elections

Estrella read from the grievance that was filed:

- Violated Brown Act in Past Election
- Gave marked ballot to select a group of voters
- Announced wrong person as “outreach committee chairman”
- Passed out campaign flyers with partial list of candidates marked froe whom to vote
- Used official PUNC banner inferring candidates were endorsed by PUNC
- Changed guideline to NOT require ID to vote

- Made flyers stating this election was for immigrants
- Stated to treasurer he was personally paying for these added election cost
- After the election, tried to get reimbursed from the City for the added election cost

Daniel Fernando renter – from what I know, I have no doubt that they are true.

Mark – A grievance is important – according to the bylaws, board members cannot file a grievance against another board member

Mark - at this time I will follow the bylaws, and will open a grievance meeting. We need to understand the grievance process.

Estrella motioned to put the matter of the grievance that was filed on the General board meeting agenda. Zoila seconded the motion.

Vote

3-0-1

Passed

Mark - We are only allowed to appoint a vice president and three people onto that committee; by the end of month they will have a separate meeting.

4. Discussion and action of possible items to appear on the General Board Meeting Agenda 10-06-2014

- a. Possible Action item** Case # ZA20141077CU, which is a request for a permit to repave a dirt lot for the purpose of additional parking spaces. Location 1026 Blaine Ave. Los Angeles CA 90015. Item continued from the October 6th 2014 general board meeting.

Estrella made a motion to move this item to the general board meeting for approval. Zoila seconded the motion.

Vote

3-0-1

Pass

b. Possible Action item – Approval of modified budget for the 2014-2014 fiscal year

Mark – due to the fact that \$5,800 was used during the election process, it has been taken out of our budget. As a result we are required to modify our budget. It is something we have to do.

Zoila- D.O.N.E said that this has to be approve by the board

Public comment –

Zoila made a motion so send this item to the general board meeting for approval. Mark seconded the motion

Vote

3-0-1

Pass

c. Possible Action item – Approval of the purchase of water for the board meetings

Mark – we got a lot of calls to get water for the meeting. Any objections

Estrella - how much?

Zoila – \$300.00 total for fiscal year 2014-2015

Kareen - the small bottles are better

Jane - don't let them take them home

Mark made a motion to put the request for \$300 total for the purchase of water for the fiscal year 201-2015 onto the general board meeting for approval. Zoila seconded the motion.

Vote

3-0-1

Pass

d. Possible Action item – Presentation and discussion regarding a position of statement about the out of control gambling buses to CD 1 & CD 10 (affected areas PUNC district 1&2)

Mark – we need to file a position statement regarding the out of control gambling buses

Public comments

Kareen- I don't have anything against them, but please let some busses come in, because our seniors have this as the only way to have fun.

Mark made a motion to put the item on the general board meeting agenda. Estrella seconded the motion Estrella second

Vote

3-0-1

Pass

e. Possible Action item – Report from Quality of Life & Community Outreach Committee

Public comment

Kareen – last month we asked for a report from the Q of Life committee, it seems like board members misunderstood us, we just requested that they let the community know what they are doing. We are not against them. Ok

Estrella made a motion to move the item to the general board meeting agenda. Mark seconded the motion.

Vote

3-0-1

Pass

f. Possible Action item – Approval of Town Hall Presentation by District 1 Councilman Gilbert Cedillo

Board comment

Mark – we just received an email stating that the Councilman cannot attend.

Jane – why did we give them \$20,000 to a gang outfit in Santa Ana?

Kareen – it would be nice if he comes and brings flyers so we can post in the community

Mark - I need everyone to call the office to let them know we are not happy with this. This tells me how much he cares about our community.

g. Possible Action item – Discussion and possible approval of Emergency Preparedness Training in District 3

Mark - we need to discuss this

Zoila- who is doing the training? This is an important program.

Rick - this should be for district 1, 2, & 3

Estrella- when is the training? In April

Public comments

Louis - I have been to two of these types of meetings, I think it is important for the community

Estella made a motion to place the item on the general board meeting. Zoila seconded the motion

Vote

3-0-1

Pass

h. Possible Action item – Discussion and possible approval of advertisement on the St. Thomas Church weekly bulletin newsletter.

Zoila - we always go to them when we need something. This organization takes care of people all over the country. They can advertise any event we have, and update it every month.

Estrella -, good way to let people know about what the PUNC does, our neighbors don't even know what we do. If they have a great congregation it would be a positive way to get the word out.

Mark – Zoila is a reprehensive of the church and a board member, therefore we will need to table this item until December, to allow Zoila to speak with the City Attorney to get clearance first.

Public comment

Louis – there are other churches were they allow you to advertise.

Mark – we need to do everything by the book. Please call the City Attorney for clearance.

Estrella made a motion to table this item until the next executive board meeting, Mark seconded the motion.

Vote

3-0-1

Pass

i. Possible Action item – Discussion and possible of PUNC September and October 2014 monthly expenses.

Mark- we need to approve this

Zoila – didn't we approve this already?

Mark - We have to do it every month.

Estrella - where is the treasurer report?

Public comment – none

Zoila motioned to put this item on the general board meeting agenda for approval. Mark seconded the motion

Vote

3-0-1

Pass

5. Board Members comments on non-agenda items within the committee's subject matter jurisdiction.

Mark – I would like to have a finance committee meeting in two weeks. We need to establish a fact finding committee to determine how \$5, 800 was allocated.

Board comments

Zoila - I can get all of the invoices that were already paid.

Mark - I want to see the minutes, invoice, and understand what happen.

Zoila - it is all on the report

Mark- The report needs to be in more detailed

Public comments

Rick – the election money was a separate account. I spent less than \$5,000; I submitted all of that to D.O.N.E

Mark - we are only doing fact finding, I want to know what happen.

Zoila - when they voted on it they didn't have the proper language

Mark – yes I understand, but those kinds of things have to come out in the meeting, it needs to be clear

Kareen - we just made this committee last month, so I am blank

Mark - I want to get every penny accounted for.

Mark made a motion to put this item on the general board meeting agenda for approval of a fact finding committee to look into \$5,200 2014 March, April, and May. Estrella seconded the motion.

Vote

3-0-1

Pass

Mark – we need to purchase officer supplies for the fiscal year 2014-2015 /\$1,000 budget.

Public comment

Mark made a motion to put approval for office supplies on the general board meeting agenda. Estrella seconded the motion.

Vote

3-0-1

Pass

Mark – The Board is getting better every month. I noticed last month that when the board meeting has ended, people are still hanging out – let’s bring water and donuts so we can connect with the people, this is all people issues.

Mark - We need to make a policy regarding how we process grants. I suggest we have everyone through the proper Grant process, no consecutive request, only from PUNC district, and approval by Fiancé committee.

Kareen - good because the same person will ask all the time

Zoila - we cannot spend money we don’t have

Mark made a motion to put the policy of funding on the general board meeting agenda. Zoila seconded the motion.

Vote

3-0-1

Pass

Estrella made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Zoila seconded the motion

6. Meeting adjournment. 7:40