

CITY OF LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
QUALITY OF LIFE & SAFETY
COMMITTEE CHAIR

Zoila Bañuelos



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PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
QUALITY OF LIFE & SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA
September 26, 2013 at 6:30pm – 7:30pm
St. Thomas the Apostle Office
2727 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90006
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1. Call to order and roll call

2. Discussion, action items, or presentations

- a) Discussion and possible action item: The Pico Union Neighborhood Council (PUNC) Board voted on 9/9/2013 to approve a Board Resolution allowing the Quality of Life & Safety Committee Chair, Zoila Bañuelos to organize clean-up volunteer groups that would work with the leadership of PUNC Board Members. The plan is to have PUNC Board members work as “Captains” of the PUNC District that they represent: the PUNC has Districts 1, 2, & 3. In the beginning volunteers would begin by recording and requesting that bulk items be picked-up or that other improvements be made to the area. The records generated will serve as an important resource in order to propose to the city that the Pico-Union area deserves greater care and attention. PUNC Quality of Life & Safety Committee Meetings are usually the 3rd Thursday of the each month at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas Apostle Church Office.
- b) Discussion and possible action item: Discussion about Central District 1 Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo Community Clean-up Event occurring 10/19/2013. The clean-up effort in the Pico-Union area will be around Magnolia Place and the staff point person for this area will be Pedro Ramirez (Central District 1 Constituent Services Representative). For more information/para mas informacion: pedro.ramirez@lacity.org.
- c) Discussion and possible action item: Discussion about criminal activity that is taking place in or around the Tenth Street Elementary School and the Bill Cruz Early Education Center. During the Pico Union community dialogue with Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo the Principals Juan Alfayate and Jorge Reyes reported that gang activity, drive-by shootings, and tagging of school property was occurring around their schools in broad daylight while classes were in session.
- d) Discussion and possible action item: Discussion about Central City Neighborhood Partnership with the “Ventanilla de Salud” of the Mexican Consulate in Los Angeles to bring a “Feria de Salud” Health Fair to the Westlake/Pico Union Community. Date/Fecha: 10/5/2013. Time/Hora: 9am to 2pm. Location/Lugar: 501 S. Bixel Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017. For more information/Para mas informacion: www.laccnp.org; 213-482-8618.
- e) Discussion and possible action item: SWA Group (landscape architecture, planning, and urban design firm) regarding their volunteer efforts towards the Streets for People plaza project (an LADOT initiative). The program focuses on transforming excessive or underutilized street space into pedestrian plazas, parklets, or bike corrals through a renewable temporary (one year) permit. LADOT anticipates launching the program in late fall or early next year. SWA Group is searching for a community that desires a new pedestrian plaza and they believe that the Pico Union neighborhood could benefit from additional public open space and have identified some potential project locations along Hoover.

3. Discussion of local issues and concerns.

4. Public comments on non-agenda items within the committee’s subject matter jurisdiction.

5. **Board Member comments on non-agenda items within the committee's subject matter jurisdiction.**
 6. **Meeting adjournment**
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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 Quality of Life Committee 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 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.