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**PICO UNION  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

**February 6, 2012**

**Kolping House Auditorium**

**(Ample parking in the rear of facility)**

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

**PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD  
COUNCIL MEMBERS**

SUSANA ARREGUIN  
JESUS BANUELOS  
ZOILA BANUELOS  
HUMBERTO CAMACHO  
FREDY CASTELLON  
RAUL CLAROS  
JORGE DOMINGUEZ  
MARK LEE  
DORA LYONS  
SANG PARK  
CARMEN VAUGHN

*Servicios de Traducción en español estarán disponibles.*

- 1. Call to Order** 6:30 pm
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 3. Welcome Remarks:** Peter Sean noted that several members are absent, however a quorum of Members are present and the meeting would continue.
- 4. Roll Call:**
  - Present:** Peter Sean, Rick Rodriguez, Jane Scott, Jesus Banuelos, Zoila Banuelos, Humberto Camacho, Fredy Castellon (7:12 pm) Dora Lyons (6:40pm), Carmen Vaughn
  - Excused Absences:** John Cameron Kelley, Susana Arreguin, Mark Lee, Sang Park
  - Unexcused Absences:** Raul Claros, Jorge Dominguez
- 5. Public Comments:** Comments from the public on non-agenda items with the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to three minutes per speaker.
  - Raymond Yu** announces the annual the annual LA Chinatown 5/10K Run/Walk on February 13, 2012 For more details go to [www: firecracker10k.org](http://www.firecracker10k.org).
  - Martha Saucedo**, Director of Community Affairs for AEG announced that a draft of completed Environmental Impact Statement consisting of approximately 10,000 pages will be ready in four weeks
  - Marianne Muellerleile** representing Survey LA which is part of the Los Angeles City Planning Dept. informed the Council that Survey LA is in the processing of documenting the important resources in the Pico Union community. Important resources are any distinctive architectural or cultural characteristics reflecting important aspects of social history, planning and development. There are many opportunities to lend volunteer support; for more information go to [www.surveyla.org](http://www.surveyla.org).
  - Jane Scott commented that a major portion of the Pico Union district is already in the survey data base.
- 6. President's Report:**
  - a. Peter Sean informed the Council that Spanish and Korean translation is now a feature of the PUNC website. For further instruction in the navigation of this feature call the PUNC office at 213-738-0137.
  - b. Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Andy Corona for the fabrication of the Hoover Street pyramid planter caps; his wife Jasmine accepted the award as Corona was called to a work emergency. (Corona did make an appearance later in the meeting and the presentation was photo documented. Both Jasmine and Andy Corona told the Council that working on the project was uplifting for all concerned including the neighborhood kids who helped with the installation.
- 7. Treasurer Report:** No activity for the month
- 8. Government Representative Report(s):** No representative in attendance.
- 9. LAPD Report:** No representative in attendance.
- 10. City Year Report:** Adrienne Popeney and Juan Carrillo, City Year representatives serving at John Liechty Middle School reported on their activities and reviewed City Year's mission which is to provide tutoring and intervention to those who are at risk of dropping out school. City year volunteers organize and promote

educational events as well as coordinating with teaching staff to reinforce learning skills and inspire students to find the value of a good education.

**11. Standing Committee Reports:**

a. **Zoning, Planning & Land Use Committee:** Chair-Mark Lee not in attendance. Rick Rodriguez presented the report which included the approval zoning case #ZA-2010-1762-ZV and case ENV-2010-1763-EAF; adding to the existing chapel at 16056 S. Catalina St. 90006.

The issues approved were: The continuance, operation and maintenance of existing use of the old historic chapel parlor in A1-1 zone. Providing a full service mortuary, funeral parlor, chapel with crematorium. Building a two story chapel and crematorium with underground parking located in the A1-1 zone. The defined new property size is approximately one acre. Discussion and action was also taken regarding excessive trash in front of the Wako restaurant at 2904 Olympic Blvd., 9006. The owner and property manager agreed to clean and maintain upkeep of the area.

b. **Quality of Life Committee:** Chair-Rick Rodriguez presented the “Twelve Priorities” for improving the quality of life of the Pico Union community. (The “Twelve Priorities” can be viewed online at <http://www.picounionnc.org/>). Rodriguez calls for a motion to accept the Priorities. Humberto Camacho moves to the accept. Jane Scott seconds.

Six (6) votes in the affirmative consisting of: Peter Sean, Humberto Camacho, Jorge Dominguez, Jesus and Zoila Banuelos, Rick Rodriguez. Abstained: Dora Lyons, Carmen Vaughn, Jane Scott.

c. **Outreach Committee:** Peter Sean explains that the Vice President chairs this committee and Rick Rodriguez, the new VP will be the Outreach Committee Chair. The next meeting will be on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm. The members of the newly formed committee are: Barbara Hupp, Jesus Banuelos, Zoila Banuelos.

**12. Action Items & Presentations**

a. Barbara Hupp, physical education teacher at the Salvin Special Education Center requested funds for life jackets adapted for handicapped students. Carmen Vaughn moved to support the request and donate \$1000 for the purchase. Fredy Castellon motions to grant \$1000. Rick Rodriguez seconds. (8) votes in the affirmative: Rick Rodriguez, Fredy Castellon, Dora Lyons, Jane Scott, Jesus & Zoila Banuelos, Carmen Vaughn. Abstained: Humberto Camacho.

b. Jane Scott proposed that PUNC host three seminars: An orientation on how to register; a presentation by Vote Smart, an unbiased fact checking organization researching political candidates; presentation about protecting ones property against theft etc. Rick Rodriguez moves to accept the proposal. Carmen Vaughn seconds. A vote in the affirmative was unanimous. Humberto Camacho abstained.

c. Raul Claros’ presentation on current status of proposed AEG stadium cancelled due to his absence.

**13. Board Member Comments:**

**Dora Lyons** comments that the Arapahoe St. planters are always filled with trash. Jasmine Corona, informed the Council that the employees from the nearby establishment have their lunch around the planters and throw refuse into the planters. The employees have no break facility and are forced to use the outside common area near planters as their break room. Lyons also commented on the Magnolia St. planters which are always in need watering. **Humberto Camacho** commented that this is a quality of life issue and should be investigated by that committee. He sighted possible employee abuse and sanitation as possible issues to investigate. **Carmen Vaughn** commented that the Twelve Priorities are important but are quite broad. She suggested that the Council focus on one issue at a time. She suggested that the trash in the streets should be addressed first. Jasmine Corona suggested that Chrysalis be notified regarding the watering of plants and that green mesh trash cans be installed near the planters on all streets involved.

**14. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm.**

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The public is requested to fill out a “**Speaker Card**” to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 3 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](http://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 Pico Union Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the first Monday of every month and 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. 11<sup>th</sup> St. 4) Magnolia Ave. Elementary School 1626 S. Orchard Ave. 5) Tenth Street Elementary School 1000 Grattan and 6) Pico Union Branch Public Library 1030 S. Alvarado 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 Neighborhood Council Analyst Gabriela Quintana at (213) 485-1360 or please send an e-mail that states the accommodations that you are requesting to [gabriela.quintana@lacity.org](mailto:gabriela.quintana@lacity.org).

**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.

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