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PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2015 at 6:30pm
Kolping House – Auditorium (Parking available)
1225 S Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015
www.picounionnc.org

1. Call to Order

Time: 6:35

Track #43

2. Roll Call

Jay Park

Cynthia Rodriguez

Zoila Banuelos

Estrella Galindo

Louis Shapiro (Observer)

Jesus Banuelos (Observer)

3. Welcome Message

Jay: October is almost gone.

4. 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)

None

5. Discussion and Possible action items to appear on the General Board agenda for October 5, 2015.

a) Approval of Monthly Expense (**October 2015**);

Zoila: It is currently being prepared and will be presented at the general board meeting.

Jay: It will be moved to the next board meeting

b) Approval of **October 5, 2015** Minutes;

Zoila motions to approve minutes

Cynthia 2nds the motion.

The vote is passed by unanimous vote.

c) **Discussion and possible action**, King Woods, Diaz Group, LLC: Variance/Conditional Use Permit for 1736 New Hampshire Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90006

King Woods, Woods Diaz Group: At the last meeting one of the issues brought up by the board is the parking issue and our architect has designed a new outline.

Architect: We will be able to provide 300 crew parking spaces and also use this area for debris and loading.

King: The demolition of those buildings will only take about two weeks.

Jay: You say demolition will only take about two weeks?

Cynthia: Where are they going to park in those two weeks?

Architect: There's this open storage

Estrella: Presently how many parking spaces do they need to park?

Architect: None; they are not permitted to park there

Estrella: No, I meant for the construction area

Architect: We are not sure for now but at least three parking spaces.

Jay: I suggest you put a sign to show the entrance of the building because it isn't visible right now

King: Yes, we will do that

King: There will be a new gate as well and also fifteen feet of landscaping.

Jay: I'm going to ask the board to submit this for the general board meeting.

Cynthia motions the item

Zoila 2nds the motion.

Motion is passed by unanimous vote

d) **Discussion and Possible Action**, Alex Vasquez and Gabriel Hall for Value Schools: The development of an existing property into a school, servicing community residents and parents. The project site is 1929 West Pico Boulevard 90006

David Doyle; Principal for Value Schools: We went back and looked at the issue. 20% of the area is dedicated to physical activity. When students are not in class this can be turned into a recreational area. 30 minute lunch period and 25 minute nutrition. There are 2 times a day where the students are on a schedule. Not all of the spots will be used and we can set up for the students to utilize those areas. I want to reiterate the point that in our time when students are on our schedule. Students are bonding with each other the high school space where they can eat and build relationships. That is strength of our school because we are very familial. We can kindly address your concern in a positive way.

Cynthia: Have you made any changes in terms of benches?

Alex: We have our architects here and we can add whatever we need if necessary

David: we started on August 10 this year and we are located on 700 Wilshire blvd of an office building. So currently we are on the 4th floor of an office building of an office building. That's where we plan to be here this year along with our 25-year lease. Our school system has history in this neighborhood. We will continue to focus community service projects in this neighborhood. Many of the students will be in walking distance to the school.

Estrella: You will have staff to monitor the stacking of the drop-off area?

Alex: Yes, they will

David: I want to reiterate that our goal is to get these students a 100% probability of going to a 4-year university so they can attend their dream school and we have our curriculum set-up for that. The responsibility for the students are to give back to the community; each and every one of them.

Jay: when you start the construction, when will it finish?

Alex: We are hoping to begin March of next year.

Student: For me I think this project is really important to me because it will help me get to a 4-year university

Cynthia: How important is it for you and your friends to have an outside area for playtime?

Student: I personally like being indoors.

Cynthia: How about your friends?

Student: Not really. We communicate and we focus more on socializing and becoming friends with each other. When it's hot we stay inside with an air conditioner.

Estrella: How many benches do you have?

David: We have 18 benches and 15 picnic tables at our Central City area

Mario (parent): I live here in Pico Union. I take my kids to Central City. When I was told that there will be a location nearby I was very happy. I have a daughter who goes to the school because it's like a family. I know it's not a perfect school, none are. But I love this because it's like a family and my kids never complain. This is why I like the school.

Estrella: What issues are you referring to?

Mario: Such as the green area. It's not important to me and I've asked my students and they agree. I like the philosophy of this school because it's like a family and they give back to the community.

Estrella motions to pass the item to the general board meeting agenda

Cynthia 2nds the motion.

Motion is passed by unanimous vote.

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

Add Bernardina Foundation to add \$500

Jay Motions to move to General Board Meeting

Cynthia 2nds the motion

Motion passed by unanimous vote

7. Notice:

a) PUNC Cleaning Day

Zoila: November 14 at 8:30am we will start the cleanup. We want the board to meet at the Kolping House and have the board to bring more people with them.

b) Happy Village

The Korean Central Daily will have an event like a bazaar on the same day on the 14th after the cleanup.

c) Los Angeles Parking Permits

Zoila: The secretary will email the funding papers to DONE.

8. Meeting adjournment

Estrella motions to adjourn the meeting.

Cynthia 2nds the motion

Motion adjourned

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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. 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.**

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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.