

CITY OF LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA



PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Erica Jung (Resident Homeowner)
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Edgar Hernandez (Member at Large)

PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REGULAR GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Peter Sean (Business Rep)
Estrella Galindo (Community Based Org.)
Hyoung Joong Kim (Renter Representative)
Sunny Kim (Senior Citizen)
Yohan Chang (Business Representative)
Silvia Velasquez (Resident Tenant)

March 5, 2018, at 6:30pm
Pico-Union Branch Public Library
1030 S Alvarado Street, Los Angeles, CA 90006
www.picounionnc.org

The Neighborhood Council system enables civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of volunteer stakeholders who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities and bringing government to us.

1. WELCOMING REMARKS:

- a. Call to Order and flag salute
- b. Roll Call

Jay Park (President)	–	Absent
Zoila Banuelos (Vice President)	–	Present
Miguel Martinez (Treasurer)	–	Present
Louis Shapiro (Secretary)	–	Present
Yohan Chang (Business Rep.)	–	Present
Cynthia Rodriguez (Homeowner Rep.)	–	Present
Jovita Carrillo (Resident Homeowner)	–	Present
Peter Sean (Business Rep.)	–	Present
Jesus Banuelos (Renter Rep.)	–	Present
Sunny Kim (Senior Citizen)	–	Present
Edgar Hernandez (Member at Large)	–	Present
Erica Jung (Resident Homeowner)	–	Absent
Estrella Galindo (Community Based Org.)	–	Absent
Hyoung Joong Kim (Renter Representative)	–	Absent
Silvia Velasquez (Resident Tenant)	–	Absent

10 Present; 5 Absent

2. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

Officer Brindle – There have been a lot of stolen vehicles going on in Pico-Union. Make sure your cars are locked and if you have the club mechanism make sure to use that. In addition to that, please do not leave any valuables in your car. It is an easy crime if a break-in happens. If you see something going on and you think someone needs the police, please do not be afraid to call the police.

Officer Ulloa – I am here because our captain is pushing to stop fatalities occurring from occurring in traffic. A lot of these fatalities are pedestrians so it is important to be careful. This year we have had 9 fatalities, 6 were pedestrians. We are reaching out to schools to ask that younger kids take a pledge. We ask now that everyone take the pedestrian pledge as well.

b. City and other Government Agencies

Luis Gonzales; LA City – The Dept. of transportation is doing is doing an assessment of traffic safety on March 16 at 8 am at Magnolia Elementary School. Also, we will be having a Health Fair on April 7th at Magnolia Elementary school.

Mario Hernandez; Dept. Neighborhood of Empowerment – Any board member who has a conflict of interest, consider recusing yourself from an item. Important dates – May 20th, last day that an NC has to submit for even approval. June 1, last day for NC check payment to be processed. June 20 is the last day to purchase. March 29th is Empower LA Awards. Make sure you attend the meeting on March 14th, 6:30 pm for the City meeting. April 15th is the last day to submit any By-law amendments. CIS Filers have not submitted paperwork. That needs to be agenized and submitted. It is really important that you file CIS paperwork because the voice of the people would be silenced. You have 5 members who are not eligible to vote tonight, that means you need a simple majority to vote to pass items. As long as you have 6 that are eligible to vote you are good to go. For the trainings, you can go to the website. March 22nd at 7 pm there is an Ethics Training at City Hall in Eagle Rock office.

3. **General Public Comments** - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. This agenda item will last a total of 15 minutes and no individual speaker will be allowed more than three minutes.

Amorette Crespo; Levitt Pavilion - I am the Levitt Pavilion Coordinator. We want to request an NPG grant for our concert in Macarthur Park. We have a lot of free activities for families and all around fun for the community.

Zoila Banuelos – If you can come to our executive board meeting, we can add you to the agenda for next General Board Meeting.

Mayra Hernandez; Catalina and Walton Neighborhood Association – I am here to represent my community and I am petitioning for funds to beautify my neighborhood. There is a lot of graffiti in my area.

Adela Guzman; Catalina and Walton Neighborhood Association - Good evening, I am also here to emphasize that you approve the NPG from KYCC. It is my wish for the community to be better off and more beautiful with less graffiti. It is also my wish to have translation devices for the community so it will be easier for us to understand.

Zoila Banuelos – We understand, next time there will be equipment.

Nihal Satyader; The Youth Movement Against Alzheimer’s – I am from the Youth Movement against Alzheimer’s. We have started a new program to help people with family members with dementia. It is a very difficult job to help people with dementia. We are a nonprofit partnered with USC and on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1-4pm, we have our program in downtown Los Angeles. For the family members, you have to drop them off at 1 and pick them up at 4. More details about our program are in this brochure, including the phone number to call. Our plan is to help families who cannot afford care for help with dementia. This program delays the time for you to go into nursing homes. 2-4 Years of this program is the same as one month in a nursing home.

Public Question – What are the requirements?

Nihaal – A doctors note. And a few other things, for more details please contact me.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Outreach Committee
Zoila Banuelos – I want to thank everyone for the help with the cleanup on Washington.
- b. Quality of Life and Safety Committee
N/A
- c. Transportation Committee
N/A
- d. Zoning, Planning and Land Use
N/A
- e. Youth Committee
N/A

5. MOTIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

- a) **Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the month of February 2018.**
[No time to discuss the item. Item will be moved to next Executive Board meeting agenda to be reapproved and be added to the April General Board Meeting.]

b) Discussion and possible action to approve the Minutes of the February 5th, 2018 General Board Meeting;

[No time to discuss the item. Item will be moved to next Executive Board meeting agenda to be reapproved and be added to the April General Board Meeting.]

c) Land Use Committee Meeting Updates (2.20.18) – Updates - The Council’s decision was to deny the re-opening of the Patron Dance Hall. This decision was made in the last Land Use Committee meeting (2.20.18).

Zoila Banuelos – This is just to inform everyone that we have denied the Patron Dance Hall from opening.

d) Discussion and possible action to provide LA City with proper supporting documentation such as order form, itemized receipt or an approved and signed BAC on the purchases made with the credit card.

- 1 \$831.60 Post Date 10/26/17=invoice S6729107
- 2 \$831.60 Post date 8/22/17 = invoice S6590901
- 3 \$1,120.35 Post Date 8/22/17 = invoice S6637995
- 4 \$1,386 Post date 8/22/17 = invoice S6686970

No time to discuss the item. Item will be moved to next Executive Board meeting agenda to be reapproved and be added to the April General Board Meeting.

e) Discussion and possible action to approve the Koreatown Youth and Community Center (KYCC) Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for up to \$8000 for a beautification program they will start. This grant will be used for various beautification projects within the Pico-Union community.

Miguel Martinez – I would like to recuse myself from this meeting as the decision made here may or may not indirectly benefit the organization that I work for.

Luis Gonzales – We identify with the quality of life community and we started looking at what would be the best way to make changes that are needed. We have identified a few walls that are being tagged constantly. The importance of the project is made for people to be proud of their street as we have them take care of it. This would also discourage people who tag the walls to continue doing that. We ask that the neighborhood council becomes a partner in this and helps with this.

Will Levegood; KYCC – This is a wall activation project program that we are pitching today. This is a way to combat graffiti. KYCC is the contracted graffiti removal program for the Pico-Union area. If we leave graffiti up for too long, then more and more shows up and we are looking for a more permanent solution. A wall activating project is to work with a specific community and have the community take care of the area for a long time. The people we have today have expressed a want for these projects. These will be maintained for a long period of time. It is also important to engage those members of the community to help as well. Something as simple as planting some shrubs will help stop graffiti. It is a big community effort and the community respects the process.

Luis Gonzales – We are focusing on Washington and Walton that have a lot of problems with graffiti as well as trash being dumped near a cemetery. Walton is also a dead end street, so a lot of people use it for tagging and criminal activity. We can bring a change and

a positive impact by installing a beautification project here. It is something that we have been working with the community and it can help with the quality of life in the area. Venice and New Hampshire alley that is used for students that go through it. The walls in the alley are tagged a lot. Pico and Valencia Alley is another alley that is very problematic. KYCC and a lot of depts. Get involved in a lot of the issues this alley has. There is a lot of graffiti, trash, lack of lights. KYCC goes almost every day there to clean. 15th and Orchard is also a location that we have identified, and we can see in these pictures there is a lot of trash and graffiti. We can inspire people to feel proud about their alley and to help maintain it. We can use walls to help beautify alleyways and stores.

Will Levegood – Outcomes are over 10 neighborhood organizations involved and there are various matched funds like donated plants and City Trees, CD1 will also help with permitting and signing.

Yohan Chang makes a motion to fund KYCC for up to \$8000 for a beautification program they will start. This grant will be used for various beautification projects within the Pico-Union community.

Louis A. Shapiro Seconds motion

9 Yes; 5 Absent; 3 Ineligible; 1 Recused – Motion to fund KYCC for up to \$8000 for a beautification program they will start. This grant will be used for various beautification projects within the Pico-Union community.

- f) **Updates - Lease Agreement for the Kolping House and the Pico-Union Neighborhood Council. The lease agreement allows the PUNC to hold their office inside the Kolping House and hold meetings in the auditorium.**

Miguel Martinez – The City is requiring a memorandum of agreement versus a lease agreement. We have to speak to them and see what can be worked out, so we can pay the Kolping House.

6. Board Member Comments (15 minutes)

- a. Comment on Member's own activities/brief announcements.
- b. A brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights/ask staff questions for clarification.
- c. Introduce new issues for consideration by the PUNC at its next meeting and to place on the future agenda.

7. Meeting Adjournment – 7:55 pm

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 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 are 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.