

# CITY OF LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA



## PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OFFICERS

**Jay Park**  
PRESIDENT

**Zoila Bañuelos**  
VICE PRESIDENT

**Miguel Martinez**  
TREASURER

**Louis A. Shapiro**  
SECRETARY

## PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SPECIAL GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**June 7th, 2018, 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

**Jesus Bañuelos (Renter Representative)**  
**Cynthia Rodriguez (Homeowner Rep)**  
**Erica Jung (Resident Homeowner)**  
**Jovita Carrillo (Resident Homeowner)**  
**Edgar Hernandez (Member at Large)**

**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)**

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 – Present
  - Zoila Banuelos – Present
  - Miguel Martinez – Absent
  - Louis Shapiro – Present (Arrived Later 6:48 pm)
  - Jesus Banuelos – Present
  - Cynthia Rodriguez – Absent
  - Estrella Galindo – Absent
  - Jovita Carrillo - Present
  - Yohan Chang – Present
  - Erica Jung - Present
  - Silvia Velasquez – Absent
  - Peter Sean – Present (Left Around 7:15 pm)
  - Edgar Hernandez – Present
  - Hyoung Kim – Present
  - Sunny Kim – Present

11 Present, 4 Absent

- c. Election for new fiscal year 2018-2019 Cabinet

**Jay Park** – This item must be done in a regular meeting, not a special one. We will postpone this to the next General Board meeting.

## 2. **COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### a. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

**Paul Pham, LAFD** – We are getting close to July 4<sup>th</sup>. We are prohibited to use fireworks but there are plenty of fireworks to see. Fireworks cause 18,000 fires a year. There are a lot of issues with brush fires. Sparklers can get up to 1200 degrees and it can cause a lot of damage. For active shooters, we hate to think about it but it is already coming close to home so we have to think about it. I have here link to a great video for what to do when an active shooter is present. Hide, run, fight are the 3 main things. There is also a campaign to learn to stop bleeding. If someone gets shot and is bleeding, it will take 5-10 minutes until they bleed out. The people around them can help with the initial bleeding. I think as a community we can do a lot. Before when there was a shooting and police come in and secure the area. They call SWAT team usually. Now PD has regulated that anyone can go in and stop the shooter. Everyone is encouraged to help learn from stop the bleed and you can see this training come later and help with treating.

**Jovita Carrillo** – Do you have to be certified for this?

**Paul Pham** – No not necessarily. Having the knowledge helps a lot however and if someone can save a life it is great.

### b. City and other Government Agencies

### c. Election for the new Executive Committee for fiscal year 2018-2019

**Jay Park** – This item must be postponed to the next General Board Meeting.

## 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.

**Grace Cotangco , National Health Foundation** - We opened a property and we wanted to invite the community to come mingle on June 19<sup>th</sup> and we want to talk about our organization and the work that we do. As part of this tour we will be holding a grand opening ceremony.

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**Brian Schafer, Kolping House** – I am glad we worked out the issues. I talked about the issues with trash, Pico Union is being labeled as the homeless area. It will be very difficult for all of the business.

**Peter Sean** – We have to protest this.

**Brian Schafer** – I personally wrote to the mayor and this being done is not a good solution.

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**Hari Kim, KYCC** – I want to share middle school programs we have. It is going to be at one of our sites and I wanted to bring attention to this. I also wanted to share we have summer day camp going on for kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The middle school program is free and starts June 12, the

#### 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Outreach Committee

**Zoila Banuelos** – We had recycling done at St. Thomas. I also went to one of the projects on Washington. They painted the walls and it was really nice.

b. Quality of Life and Safety Committee

**Jesus Banuelos** – On Washington cars still stay there overnight but now people can get tickets for staying there. St Thomas fair is coming up as well from June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>. The movie Coco is going to be on June 15<sup>th</sup> at Adams recreation park.

c. Transportation Committee

**Hyoung Kim** – Nothing to report.

d. Zoning, Planning and Land Use

**Erica Jung** – We contacted the applicant for the apartment and we could not reach them so the meeting was cancelled. We will have meeting in July.

e. Youth Committee

**Edgar Hernandez** – We need to start a Facebook page, Instagram, and twitter. We need permission to do this as well. The whole community uses Facebook and we have youth working in homelessness and breaking down stigmas.

f. Selection for Committee Chairmen for fiscal year 2018-2019

**Jay Park** – This must be done at the next General Board meeting.

#### 5. MOTIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

a) **Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the month of May 2018.**

**Jay Park** – Today our Treasurer Miguel is absent so the report will be given by Zoila Banuelos.

**Zoila Banuelos** – All of these items have been paid from May. There are payments from different things from the month such as ATT bill payments.

*Edgar Hernandez makes a motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the month of May 2018.*

*Jovita seconds motion*

*10 Yes; 5 Absent*

*Item 5a: Unanimous vote of approval to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the month of May 2018.*

b) **Discussion and possible action to approve the Minutes of the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 General Board Meeting.**

**Jay Park** – Everyone look over the meeting minutes and if you have any questions please let us know.

Edgar Hernandez makes a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 General Board Meeting.

Yohan Chang seconds motion

9 Yes ; 1 Abstain ; 5 Absent

Item 5b: Motion to approve the Minutes of the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 General Board Meeting has been passed.

- c) **Discussion and possible action to submit a payment request to the City of LA for \$333.33 for rent payment for the month of May to the Kolping House for auditorium/office use.**

Edgar Hernandez makes a motion to submit a payment request to the City of LA for \$333.33 for rent payment for the month of May to the Kolping House for auditorium/office use.

Zoila Banuelos seconds motion

10 Yes ; 5 Absent

Item 5c: Unanimous approval of motion to submit a payment request to the City of LA for \$333.33 for rent payment for the month of May to the Kolping House for auditorium/office use.

- d) **Discussion and possible action to edit the PUNC by-laws for the sections regarding how to impeach board members that are consistently absent.**

**Jay Park** – We need to postpone this item because it must be done at a regular General Board Meeting.

- e) **Presentation: Learning By Charter School about their innovative learning opportunity in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) for TK - 5th Grade students**

**Kweli Umoja, Learning By Charter School** - It is opening up in August, it is from TK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We teach the students through a democratic learning process. We teach kids to handle problems without physical altercation. We know that we are not in the Pico Union area, but parents from the area may come around to the program.

- f) **Presentation: Silvia Velasquez impact statement for support for street vending.**

**Jay Park** – This item will be postponed as Silvia is not here.

- g) **Presentation: Youth Committee members will present their activities for 2018-2019**

**Edgar Hernandez** – We need permission to create the pages.

- h) **Presentation: MySafeLA for fire safety and hazard awareness in communities.**

**Jay Park** – They are not here so this item will be postponed.

## 6. Board Member Comments (15 minutes)

- a. Comment on Member's own activities/brief announcements.

**Jay Park** – This is the last meeting for the fiscal year of 17-18. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work.

**Jovita Carrillo** – I want to explain more on why I have been absent. I am going to have a surgery and I am going through physical therapy and I have been absent as a result of that.

**Yohan Chang** – I want to thank you for allowing me to be on the Council and I want to continue working with you guys to make Pico Union a better place.

**Louis Shapiro** – I have been on the board for a few years now and I love the work that we do.

**Erica Jung** – I am happy that I am in the Council and I am happy I am participating in the Community. This is fun for me and I want to do work in the Council for everyone.

- b. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights/ask staff questions for clarification.

**Brian Schafer** – I want to thank the council for their hard work and we realize how much commitment it is to being part of this.

**Jay Park** – Thank you Brian, our board works to serve our community.

- c. Introduce new issues for consideration by the PUNC at its next meeting and to place on the future agenda.

## 7. Meeting Adjournment – 7:42 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 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](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 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. 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.