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GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Monday, August 7, 2017 at 6:30pm
Kolping House – Auditorium (Parking available)
1225 S Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015

www.picounionnc.org

Erica Jung (Resident Homeowner)
Jesus Bañuelos (Renter Representative)
Cynthia Rodriguez (Homeowner Rep)
David Torres (Community Interest)
Sunny Kim (Senior Citizen)

Peter Sean (Business Rep)
Louis A. Shapiro (Resident Tenant)
Estrella Galindo (Community Based Org)
Hyoung Joong Kim (Renter Representative)

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 & Flag salute

6:36pm

Track #12

- b. Board roll call

Jay Park

Zoila Banuelos

Miguel Martinez

Silvia Velasquez

Erica Jung

Jesus Banuelos

Cynthia Rodriguez (Absent)

David Torres (Absent)

Sunny Kim

Peter Sean

Louis Shapiro

Estrella Galindo (Absent)

Hyoung Kim

2. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Representative from government offices, Police Department, and community-based organizations)

- a. LAPD Senior Leads – Olympic and Rampart Divisions

Officer Garcia: Rampart and Olympic Robberies – Hispanic and Black Males are driving Hondas, driving up to individuals who are distracted and will snatch their cellphones, purses, etc. They are targeting children and women who will most likely not (or not be able to) fight back. Please also let your children know, they may be walking back from school and they can be a victim of these robberies.

NNO – Biggest one we've had yet. It was a great turnout. You guys helped fund us with water and hot dogs, so thank you for that.

b. LA City & other Government Departments/Agencies

Mario Hernandez: NPGs and Land Use Agenda items. If you have conflict of interest, please report it and announce your refusal for the topic.

CISs – Pico Union NC has not filed any CISs last year and still hasn't until today.

The neighborhood council was created to file and report these concerns to the city. You don't want to silence any of the people in the neighborhood. I want board members to attend the Planning and Empowerment trainings, it is really helpful. Neighborhood council elections are still planned for next year (2018).

c. LA City Council District Representative

Luis Gonzalez: I will be working on many more locations besides just on Pico Union. Our team will focus on the areas south of the river. We have a workshop on September 20th. We want to bring it to another location. We are bringing the housing department to the community, also for the inhabitants of the area to learn more and take the cases in which they get involved in one on one with the housing department. We are planning an event at Toberman park on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend from 10am – 5pm. On August 12th, we are renaming a street for historical reasons – national holiday in El Salvador (15th St. and Mariposa will be the celebration location).

September 15th - celebration for the Mexican Independence Day. We are also planning many community clean ups, and if any of you want to plan/host a community clean up, please let me know. We also want to focus on doing more 311 trainings to get people of our neighborhood to report more frequently to make our city safer and cleaner.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS:

(Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (Up to two minutes per speaker)

Red Shield: Grand Reopening of our facility, we will invite the board members in order to celebrate with us.

Carmen (Co-Founder of NC): Proud to see everyone putting in effort for our community. I am pleased to be here and still see you all working.

Jorge Castaneda: There have been many meetings being taken place behind closed doors. This is a problem, so I passed around maps and showed how Pasadena has had 55 open meetings, however the rest of LA has a decimation in these open meetings. We want to send a letter to the city in order to raise awareness about this issue.

Shannon Rivers and Irene Montantes: Standing Rock – Wells Fargo has had long history in bad relationships. We ask the city to Divest from Wells Fargo. I am asking from this committee for your support, for the larger divestment from Wells Fargo. We want to establish more for marginalized, indigenous communities in our Los Angeles. In March of this year, we asked Santa Monica to divest from Wells Fargo, and almost immediately, they did so. The city plans to debundle contracts that Wells Fargo has with plans that destruct our cities and communities and instead put in use our tax dollars for schools, homelessness, etc. There are in fact many cities who have done this, like Seattle, San Francisco, Santa Monica. We are looking to open up a bank that's going to come back and help our community.

Jopita Carillo: I am here because there was an opening for a Senior Position of the Neighborhood Council, and I am interested. I am an homeowner, citizen, and a senior citizen.

Jay: Maybe next month we can accept and nominate you.

Hari Kim: SP384 Bill – Trying to change the alcohol laws to change bars and restaurant hours. I just wanted to let the community know what is going on with the State and City level. I have petition cards with me and if you would like, you can sign this petition.

Aurora: LA Pavillion has been organizing free concerts. Yesterday was our 30th concert and we still have 20 more concerts to go for the season. The majority of our talent comes from the City of LA, and we also have some out of the country. We would like to request an NPG to continue our work and provide these performances.

Jay: This type of request will have to be on our agenda for our next meeting and then we can continue for this action item.

Miguel Santiago: We have had a pretty good year in the Legislature. We are trying to make community colleges free for a year. On the issue of health care. In California we want to wait to see what the Federal Government does before we take a

they would not want to report crime. Great development in Downtown, however don't forget there are still 8,000 people who still live without a home in Skidrow. We started doing movie nights, because most people do not have the money to go spend on movie tickets and popcorn. We are still continuing the work we do on homelessness. When we do get back from break, housing is the next things we are going to tackle and most of my bills will be part of it. We will also be tackling the issue of supply and demand for housing in California.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

5. BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS - general monthly activity report

a) Treasurer report for the Month of July 2017

- i. Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) on ONC's funding account, including review and approval of the monthly bank statement.

Miguel: We just got our Card and Funding – We have funded and set our costs for all categories. This month we will start spending and covering the bills, such as ATT phone and internet bill and Rent for the Kolping House Office/Auditorium.

b) Committee Chairman Reports

1. Outreach Committee – Zoila Banuelos

Tenants rights meeting at St. Thomas. Jesus has copies of these flyers for whoever is interested. Summer Fest and NNO occurred last week, and these events were very successful for our community. Our kids had fun, we came together as a community and got to know one another. August 19th from 10am-3pm, we will have a health fair at St. Thomas.

2. Quality of Life and Safety Committee – Jesus Banuelos

Meeting about Rent Rights and how much rent can be increased in a year. It is 3% and an additional 2% if there have been improvements. Calling the city, you can find out which properties are under rent control and which are not. There is an Outreach table of Pico Union NC for kids and receive supplies. It is a safe place for families. 6:30 – 11pm

3. Transportation Committee Hyoung Kim

N/A

4. Zoning, Planning, and Land Use Committee – Erica Jung

We have an agenda item we will discuss tonight

5. Youth Committee – Estrella Galindo

N/A

6. MOTIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

- a) (Discussion/Possible Action Items)

Approval of Monthly Expense (July 2017);

Treasurer report has already been given. No costs on Card yet.

Budget is: \$42,000

(\$5,000 will go to elections of next year)

Zoila makes motion to approve monthly expense of July 2017. Hyoung Kim seconds

•Approved unanimously by board

- b) Approval of July 10, 2016 General Board Meeting Minutes;

Louis Shapiro makes motion to approve July 10th GBM minutes. Zoila seconds the motion

•Minutes approved by unanimous decision

- c) Gary Gamponia, 'The Pay It Forward' Band – Recruit and organize professional musicians to bring joy to the sick and lonely individuals in nursing homes. Has been to the last few meetings of the Pico Union NC. Requesting grant from the council to continue doing what they have been doing for the past 7 years. Asking up to \$1200 (NPG paper-work present).

Jay Park will not accept this motion because he refuses to show up to another meeting.

Miguel makes motion to remove this agenda item. Silvia seconds the motion.

•Approved by unanimous decision

- d) Happy Village is requesting a \$1000 NPG from the Pico Union NC, on their project for Autism. This organization has worked with us and supported the council a lot in the past.

Jay: We have already received their NPG form.

Michelle Torres: Event for autistic children so they can enjoy the museum at their own pace and engage in social events freely. We have 3 dates; however, we are only asking funds for October 29th. This is a great opportunity for autistic kids to get hands on experience and also great for the parents of these children because they can network. We are asking for \$1,500 but on the agenda it says \$1,000.

Peter Sean makes motion to grant \$1,000, Jay Park seconds motion – 5 votes
(Jay Park, Peter Sean, Erica Jung, Hyoung Kim, Sunny Kim)

Zoila makes motion to grant \$500, Jesus seconds motion – 2 votes
(Zoila & Jesus)

Miguel Martinez makes motion to grant \$200, Louis seconds motion – 3 votes
(Miguel, Louis, and Sunny Kim)

•\$1,000 will be granted to Happy Village as it wins with 5 votes

- e) Motion made by Silvia Velasquez: Propose to Cedillo, in order to pay for a possible study on bike lanes.

Silvia: Essential for the Neighborhood of Pico Union. We should request a study to bring bike lanes back for our safety. Drivers sometimes do not want to share the road with bikers and this is crucial for Pico Union as there are many bicyclists in this Neighborhood. We want to ensure safety and add bike lanes in this neighborhood. I was able to collect more than 100 signatures about this issue.

- f) Building hotel with maximum of 151 rooms, but proposing 120 rooms. Total area of commercial is 6,100 sq.ft. 30,000 sq.ft. land.

Requesting:

Change of zone from C2-1 R4-1, to RAS4-1, 1.50 more FAR (3.00 already)

CUP (Conditional Use Permit)

King Woods: Number of questions came up regarding traffic since the last meeting we had. We also did bring a traffic engineer as well to address some of the questions risen during our last presentation.

We do not have a hearing date yet, however we need to go through 4 public hearings because we are requiring a zone change as well.

Traffic Engineer: The Study did not signify any significant traffic impact. We worked the city of Los Angeles to study the scope the project traffic. We studied how many vehicular traffic we might encounter during the time period of this project. We are not at a dramatic increase for our intersections, not at all actually, even while considering worst case scenarios. We don't just assume that traffic will be the same until the end of our project, but also take into consideration of all nearby projects taking place which leave affects on city traffic. This project is fairly small compared to the nearby projects, and generate way more traffic than this one. The results stated that we are not even close to triggering any type of traffic that limits our threshold. Loading and trash pick ups are from Kenmore Ave. and not on a main street, so this will not cause any dramatic increase on the traffic that already exists.

Architect: The city will provide us with all the conditions prior to beginning construction. Conditions include details on when construction can take place, what we can or cannot do, etc. Project will take about 12-13 months.

Jay Park makes conditional motion to support project however, asks owner to present to board next meeting.
Miguel seconds motion.

All yes, besides Peter Sean

Peter Sean Abstains

•Project has been approved by majority vote.

7. REQUEST/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zoila: August 26th and 27th at Lafayette Park – Usually from 10am – 10pm

Louis: DWP provided lights to the garden of Salvation Army. I did not know how this was provided or if we need to grant them. However, the city might've done this for them for free.

9. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Louis Shapiro makes motion to adjourn meeting, Zoila seconds motion.

•Meeting adjourned by unanimous decision at 8:41pm

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 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.**

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.