

Minutes of the Pico Improvement Organization Board Meeting
August 3, 2022
In Person and ZOOM Teleconference

*The August 2022 Pico Board Meeting was conducted on the ZOOM teleconferencing platform due to the current Covid-19 guidelines to limit gathering size.

ATTENDANCE

Directors: Sharon Town Lee, Lois Bostwick, Kamran Najibi

Residential Members: Yolanda Lewis

PIO Contractor: Dana Moorehead

SM City & Affiliates: Ines Flack-Martinez (PIO Intern), Mandy Eck (SMTT), Ava Lee (City Liaison), Edgar Navarro (SMPD), Halima Barreto (SMPD), Jessica Medina (SMPD), Neil Shapiro (SM), Yvonne Yeung (SM), Rigo Matias (SM)

MINUTES

- I. Chair Sharon Town Lee called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.
- II. Public Comment.
 - a. **Lois Bostwick: A retirement party will be held Saturday at the Morgan-Wixon.**
- III. Approved the July 2022 minutes.
- IV. Don Girard (SMC) not present for update.

1. Neighborhood Resource Officers [SEP] presented local crime update. National Night Out was a success. Potential upcoming events include Coffee with a Cop and Movie in the Park. On August 9, the SMPD will host a school supplies giveaway for Pico residents. A road rage incident occurred in the Pico area with no injuries.

2. The August Spotlight guests were the City of Santa Monica Resource, Recovery & Recycling team: Yvonne Yeung, Neal Shapiro, and Rigo Matias. The board requested suggestions on how to dispose of green waste removed from the Centinela/Pico off ramp. The team informed the board that the off-ramp is CalTrans and it depends on what materials are being removed. Regarding abandoned items outside of Pico businesses, the team can only remove items that are on public property. Regarding public big-belly trash bins, it was brought to the board's attention that the bins accumulate more trash than they can accommodate.

3. Ava Lee, City Liaison, presented an update on City activities. Ava read a statement released by City Council last week regarding hate in Santa Monica.

4. Sharon Town Lee presented the Budget for fiscal year 2022/2023. The budget was [SEP] posted on the Pico website. The budget was approved [SEP] (Yolanda Lewis voted by proxy for Pam Stollings).

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5. Dana Moorehead updated from last month on the proposal for the Pico/Centinela Off Ramp Drought Garden for \$4000 to have mulch delivered, purchase and plant a drought garden and tended to. \$4,000 approved (Yolanda Lewis voted by proxy for Pam Stollings).
6. A new Pico Off Ramp proposal of \$3000 to install attractive golden night lights to create a welcoming ambiance, protect the garden and make the area safer. \$3,000 approved (Yolanda Lewis voted by proxy for Pam Stollings).
7. Dana Moorehead presented the Marketing Update:
 - a. Expansion of the Pico Volunteer Litter Crew beyond Off Ramp. Recruiting people to volunteer 30 minutes on Saturdays.
 - b. Installation of Pico Culture House signs at 3018 Pico Blvd. Planning underway for podcast and opening.
 - c. Update on Art of Recovery Grant Submission and Partnership with artist Sam Comen to photo Pico. The photos will depict the faces of the workforce in the community.
8. Kamran Najibi presented the July 2022 Treasurer's Report for approval. ***No report available at time of meeting.***

ADJOURNED 6:40pm