



Picfair Village Neighborhood Association Minutes –  
General Meeting May 12, 2025: Zoom

**Call to Order - Board Roll Call:** Joe Carrabba (Pres), Dave Riva (VP), Cindy Levey (Secretary), Darren Davis (Treasurer), Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. April meeting minutes were approved. Inclusive of Board, 10 attendees.

**Item 1: Update Reports**

- A. CD 10 representative Mayra Guevara was unable to attend the meeting.
  
- B. Pico Neighborhood Council PVNA Representative Monique Carrabba
  - Picfair Village Kiosks have been vandalized. Pico Neighborhood Council is moving on repairs.
  - If new unhoused residents are living in PicFair Village, please let the Board know or directly reach out to Monique. The Los Angeles Housing Services Authority (LAHSA) no longer does direct follow up, but the Pico Neighborhood Council will.
  
- C. Interim Senior Lead Officer Samuel Colwart presented
  - Police are working on business citation for the after hours parties happening through a club on the 1000 block of Fairfax.
  - There has been citation and clearing of people illegally living/camping at the constructions site of the 1550 and 1556 properties south of Vons near Fairfax and Pickford.
  - Police are aware of the gang activity on Pico and Orange Grove, spilling over to Pico and Ogden. Tagged property includes the apartment building south of the alley on Orange Grove, the alley between Orange Grove and Ogden and Mimoda Studio connected to Paper or Plastik. Police are watching this activity closely.
  - Graffiti clean up is under the jurisdiction of private propriety owners. The City and Police first must see if the owner has the ability, means, resources to clean up graffiti. The repairs are dependent on insurance, and can also be part of the settlement if taggers are caught. It is a team effort between the owner, police, community and the courts.
  - Officer Colwart visits with the unhoused resident who lives on Orange Grove next to Vons in her car. He has made contact with her family and together they are working to get her the mental health support she needs.
  - The crime stats for the neighborhood are mostly theft from motor vehicles.
  - While the Senior Lead Officer position is not yet open, Officer Colwart is interested in the position. **Follow Up:** PVNA Board will write a letter of support for Officer Colwart.

**Item 2: Committee Reports**

- A. Bylaws Committee: Board will discuss a plan for the Bylaws Committee and will report out in the June General meeting.

B. Outreach Committee:

- Kids and Youth Art Contest Flyers, translated and printed by Heather Hutt's CD10 office are being passed out. PVNA hopes to receive some entries for the contest. Board will work on getting more people to pass out flyers. Contest will culminate in a community event.
- Board will place meeting signs near kiosk and continue to work to get more people involved in putting signs out before meetings.

C. Treasury Committee: There is now a button on the PicFair Village website where money can be donated.

**Item 3: Additional**

A. Motion was set forth to add Leah Yananton to the PVNA Board. Motion was seconded. Leah Yananton is now a member of the PVNA Board.

**Item 4: Public Comment**

- A. Leah Yananton reported out on her experiences with the City Council meeting regarding urban oil drilling. The company that owns the oil rig on the north side of Pico is EB Natural Resources. EB also owns a rig on Adams Blvd. Collectively, urban oil rigs in Los Angeles are suing the City for passing a law to phase out urban drilling. While the lawsuit is active, oil companies have opted to disregard other rules set in place for community safety, especially around a process called "acid maintenance", which in reality is focused on stimulating more oil production. In addition to the problematic process itself, the oil company is supposed to be warning the community when it's happening. Companies have been silent when it comes to warning the community. Upcoming city action may include more police presence near the rigs on 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.
- B. Pico Palooza was a successful community event on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>, even with heat reaching 95 degrees. Many Board members made contact with community members and shared info on the PVNA. Joe Carrabba shared that a conversation with the owner of MadLab Coffee (Rob), who is developing the two sites on both sides of MadLab, will be opening in 6-8 months. The sites have undergone additional environmental clearance and the developer is moving forward, with all intentions of being involved in the neighborhood.

Adjourned 7:15 p.m.

Next PVNA General Meeting will be Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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