



Picfair Village Neighborhood Association Minutes –
General Meeting July 14, 2025: Zoom

Call to Order - Board Roll Call: Joe Carrabba (Pres), Dave Riva (VP), Cindy Levey (Secretary), Valerie Woodson
Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. June meeting minutes were approved. Inclusive of Board, 24 attendees.

Item 1: Update Reports

A. Interim Senior Lead Officer Samuel Colwart:

- Office Colwart's interim position as Senior Lead Officer will end in July, 2025.
- Community asked about tires being stolen from cars. In response to uptick of stolen tires, police are being more present in PicFair to show police presence as crime abatement. Officer describes the theft to be most common among Hondas, Kias and Toyotas from models 2023-2025. Discussion included a question about wheel locks as abatement, which the Officer agreed that anything that slows the crime down has the potential to be an abatement tactic.
- In response to discussion, Officer Colwart will put in another request to support Paper or Plastik with Graffiti cleaning.
- There will be a "Coffee with a Cop" event at Vons this Saturday July 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., using the Vons Parking lot as a setting for the event will continue to show community and would-be criminals that the police are present in the community. Vons has been experiencing some in-store altercations. The police are working in partnership with Vons management.

B. CD 10 representative Mayra Guevara was unable to attend the meeting because of technical difficulties.

- Mayra shared with Joe Carrabba (to share with the group) that their will be a movie in Reinier Park this Friday.
- Mayra shared that the street light issue is under continued problem-solving consideration. The city will be piloting solar street-lights to see if they are effective. The upkeep of the copper-wiring for street-lights has shown to be impossible in the face of theft. There is no budget in the city to replace the lights at the rate of vandalism that is being experienced.
- Discussion from the meeting included a comment that the corner and blocks of Saturn and Elsmere are extremely dark at night.

C. Pico Neighborhood Council PVNA Representative Monique Carrabba discussed upcoming Coffee with Cop event in Vons parking lot scheduled for July 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Item 2: Committee Reports

- A. The Treasury Committee reported \$396 of fundraising from the neighborhood yard sale. The money will be used to file 501c3 (nonprofit) designation forms.

- B. Outreach Committee: More to come on outreach committee opportunities for involvement.
- C. Bylaws Committee: The current bylaws will be removed from the website and the committee will be outreaching for community input on new/updated bylaws.

Item 3: Public Comments

- Diane Isaacs will be sharing her signs for next month's meeting. She has too many.

Item 4: Board Member Comments

- Leah Yananton asked if the general meeting could pass a declaration of a "Nuclear Free Zone". This will go do Board discussion before being brought to the next meeting.
- Lean Yananton shared that LA City passed a ban on acid maintenance at the Los Angeles-based oil rigs.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:22