



Picfair Village Neighborhood Association Minutes – General Meeting August 11, 2025: Zoom

Call to Order - Board Roll Call: Joe Carrabba (Pres), Dave Riva (VP), Cindy Levey (Secretary), Leah Yananton.
Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. June meeting minutes were approved. Inclusive of Board, 12 attendees. Minute from July PVNA General Meeting were approved.

Item 1: Update Reports

- A. CD 10 representative Mayra Guevara was unable to attend.
- B. Interim Senior Lead Officer Karen Mendoza can be reached at 213-709-3133 or 42342@lapd.online. She is the new rotational interim officer. She was unable to join the meeting. The group discussed that while there are advantages for the LAPD to cycle/try-out senior lead officers, the community would do better with an assigned senior lead officer in order to build a rapport and begin long-term community relationship-building. Committee requested that Monique discuss this with the Pico NC.
- C. Pico NC representative Monique Carraba: No official update (but Pico NC-related items are included throughout the minutes).
- D. No public comments/questions or Board comments/questions.

Item 2: Committee Reports

- A. The Treasury Committee reported that while the original goal was for PVNA to become a 501c3 nonprofit, after further research that designation is more complicated than originally thought. Discussion continued about fundraising. Fundraising ideas included:
 - PVNA selling birdfeeders
 - PVNA selling milkweed
 - PVNA sponsoring a crafts fair for local craftspeople, and requesting a percentage of donation from sales. Discussion included suggestions for potential sites: Bella's, Sky's lot, My 2 Cents lot. Follow up will be initiated with Destination Pico.
- B. Outreach Committee: Motion was approved to form a new ad hoc committee of stakeholders for neighborhood outreach events. Volunteers included Sylvester, Steve Mortan, Darren Davis, Monique Carrabba, Joe Carrabba.
- C. No public comments/questions or Board comments/questions.

Item 3: Old Business

Request to include vector control education in neighborhood activities. Vector control education covers West Nile, Dengue Fever, vermin and coyotes. All neighbors should know how to prevent issues; and who to call in order to resolve issues. For now, more information can be obtained through their website and reporting can be done through their phone number (310)-915-7370 x244. They will come out and inspect.

- A. CD 10 has been engaged to investigate the street dip at the corner of Venice and Airdrome. We are currently on the list for inspection. Repairing the dip can take up to a year.
- B. PVNA exposed wires continuous issue happening here in PVNA, along with everywhere else in the city. No quick resolution is available because of backlog of capacity and budget for repairs.

Item 4: New Business

- A. PVNA is drafting a letter to CD10 expressing concern about streetside vendor restaurants and their impact on restaurant businesses on Pico. The neighborhood's concern is about the future of Picfair Village if brick and mortar restaurants cannot stay open, given the costs to maintain the sites, pay rent, keep up with safety codes, etc.
- B. Public Comment: Committee shared that the area in front of the business "Finishmaster" is a site that accumulates trash, broken bottles, human feces and more. What can be done about this issue? Photos will be sent to CD10 Representative Mayra, in order to designate as an immediate issue and demand clean-up action. Other actions included a graffiti assessment of the neighborhood and community cleanup.
- C. Board Comment: PVNA will write a letter of encouragement and congratulations to the Mayor for her declaration of Los Angeles as a "Nuclear Free Zone", which will include PVNA's agreement and underscoring of the main thoroughfares Venice, Fairfax, Pico as being off-limits for transporting Nuclear materials through the city.

General Comment

Unfortunately the years-long volunteers of the Pumpkin Race are no longer able to take leadership. PVNA Board and volunteers will continue to brainstorm options.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:42