

Minutes of the Pico Improvement Organization Board Meeting

May 1, 2013

The Patio Room, Virginia Avenue Park

ATTENDANCE

Directors: Randy Ball, Christina Lee, Bob Bonge, Brian Glaspy

Residential/Staff Members: Bracha Kronovet, Paul Collins

Pico Merchants and Guests: Donna Gentry, Tiana Rideout, Annie Adjohavanich, Michael Baroff, Samuel Kim, Gino Paino

MINUTES

1. Co-Chairman Randy Ball called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.
2. Police Report for April 2013 (No Police in attendance).
3. Approved April Minutes.
4. Approved the March 2013 Treasurer's Report from Weil & Company.
5. The sub-committee presented updates on the "Stronger Together" mixers. The first two mixers are scheduled as follows: McCabe's June 6; El Texate July 30. For the first mixer, emails were sent to Pico Merchants (Centinela to 30th) to request their participation. Committee members will attend neighborhood meetings to promote participation for the event (Pico Neighborhood Association, Ocean Park and Sunset Park). Promotional print materials are planned for distribution at the Farmer's Markets, The SM Festival, and other community events.
6. Discuss budget adjustment for the Pico Gateway Project at Pico and 34th. Original plans were created with the notion of having public access. CalTrans will not allow the public to access the property. As a result, Gino Paino created new plans for the Pico Gateway Project that meet CalTrans regulations. CalTrans also has landscape engagement requirements. Samuel Kim assisted Gino in creating the landscape plans to meet the landscape engagement requirements. Samuel presented a \$114,000 budget to achieve the hard costs of the project. (Note: the budget does not include soft costs; i.e. consultants, a structural engineer; soil testing, etc.). Samuel and Gino believe funding for the hard cost budget will come from sources other than the PIO. The PIO will be responsible for the soft costs associated with the project. The Board requested a soft cost budget. In the meantime, the Board arrived at a budget of \$25,000 to cover the soft costs. Nothing will be voted upon until the soft cost budget is presented.
7. Approved \$400 for Gino Paino's consultant services on the Pico Gateway Project.
8. The Board will invite candidates, Fabian Lewkowicz and Donna Gentry, to be interviewed for the Social Media & Resident Member Assistant staff position at June's monthly board meeting.
9. Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.