

Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
General Meeting of the Board
Tuesday, August 20th, 2013
at Beachy Ave. Elementary School, 9757 Arleta Ave., Arleta

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

Council President Sergio Ibarra called the Meeting to order at 7:00

Roll call was taken by Minute Taker Irving Sandoval

The pledge of allegiance was led by Jack Lindblad

Board Members Present:

Sergio Ibarra	John Hernandez	Kelly Magallanes	Celia Vasquez
Henry Ng	James Kallas	Jack Lindblad	Cyndee Riding

Board Members absent:

Esperanza Gutierrez	Juan Gonzalez	Sammy Vasquez
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8 Board Members were present. A quorum is nine, so the Board was not able to make Motions and take votes. Meeting was closed at 7:01pm but proceeded with speakers and presentations.

2. Report from L.A.P.D Senior Lead Officer Lee Perry

Officer Perry introduced Nixle, a notification service that updates the public on crime happening in the community. Follow Nixle on twitter/LAPDMission and Facebook for updates. Crime in Arleta is up. The Trayvon Martin verdict impacted Arleta. A lot of Arleta officers left the area to patrol other areas and crime went up as a result. Burglary from motor vehicles is still the biggest crime in Arleta. Lock It, Hide It, Keep It! Mission division officers have to watch 225 parolees who are on parole through the 8109 program signed into effect by Governor Jerry Brown. Unfortunately the parolees are still committing crimes. They are checked on by officers at least twice a month. Officer Perry also reported on the quality of life.

If you see something please report it. Report illegal dumping and graffiti. As citizens of Arleta you have to take control of your area. Report crime in progress. You can remain anonymous but leave a number where you can be reached to get updates on the situation. If you call 911 from a cell phone be sure to leave a an address because your call can't be traced to your exact location.

3. General Public Comments on Items Not Listed on Today's Agenda

Speaker: Guy R. Newell- Spoke about the lawsuit from P&G from. Alerted people not to

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use the new smart meters because people are getting sick.

Speaker: Robert Rouge - He is in favor of every member be involved in a committee with the voluntary exemption that executive committee members be exempt from joining a committee if they don't want to.

Speaker: Brian, Tony Cardenas Office - Congressman Cardenas is going to be hosting a health care forum at Panorama High School on September 14. On October 26 there is a planned Health Fair scheduled, location is yet to be determined. On Thursday, August 22 there will be a Veterans and Family Resource Expo hosted by the Veterans Employment Committee.

[California Army National Guard, 17330 Victory Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406](#)

This event will provide job training and other resources to veterans.

4. Presentation by new D.O.N.E project coordinator Melvin Cañas.

He has been in the department since 2001. He previously worked in the valley from 2007-2008 mostly in the Porter Ranch/ Northridge area. He will be attending the meetings of 17 Neighborhood councils. He announced an Ethics training happening at the Encino Community Center on August 29 at 6:30. This training is also available to stakeholders. Funding training is available at empowerla.org. September 1 is the deadline to complete ethics and funding training and to submit a budget. Members who do not complete the training before September 1 are not allowed to vote on funding action. He also spoke on the upcoming Congress of Neighborhood Councils event happening on Saturday September 8 at LA City Hall. All neighborhood councils meet at the event. It's also free and open to the public. There will be free breakfast and workshops. LAPD and other departments will be at this event. There was an update on a couple of grievances filed by stakeholders. The department and the board is in a stalemate. The department has consulted with the city attorney's to see what could be done. Melvin is hoping to schedule a board retreat in which he would invite two veteran board members to help provide some training. November 1 is the day D.O.N.E is expected to take final action on the filed grievances.

5 Message from the president

Sergio Ibarra thanked Melvin Cañas for attending the meeting. He pledged he would fight to keep the ANC from going into exhaustive efforts. The ANC is committed to open and accessible government and complying with all the rules the city has laid out. The ANC will submit a response to the filed grievances to D.O.N.E. He had requested member training from the department two months ago. He appreciates the support the ANC is receiving and will take full advantage of it.