

Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
General Meeting of the Board and
Tuesday, October 15th, 2013
Beachy Elementary School 9757 Beachy Ave., Arleta

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

President Sergio Ibarra called the Meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

The pledge of Allegiance was lead by Luis E Sencion.

Roll call was taken by minute taker Irving Sandoval

Board Members Present:

Sergio Ibarra	Christian Guerra	Luis E Sencion
Celia Vasquez	James Kallas	Max Foster
Maria Diaz - Tran	Sammy Vasquez	Mark Lopez
Jack Lindblad	John Hernandez	

Board Members Absent:

Kelly Magallanes	Cyndee Riding	Henry Ng	Daniel Orozco
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11 Board Members were present. A quorum is nine, so the Board could make Motions and take votes.

2. Presidents Message

President Ibarra talked about the ANC members and stakeholders who attended the Congress of Neighborhood Councils event last month at LA City Hall. He spoke on the complaints and concerns the board has been dealing with. He met with the Department of Neighborhood Director and her staff and now the department will be mailing a letter of support to the ANC.

3. General public comments on items not on today's agenda

Speaker: Eric Pierson: spoke about the Los Angeles free parking initiative. He believes the City of Los Angeles needs a parking system. After Mr Pierson's time expired Sergio Ibarra recommended he attend the Community Improvement meetings.

Speaker: Luis E. Sencion: Welcomed everyone to attend the Arleta Homecoming game on Friday October 18. Junior Varsity game is at 3:00 and the Varsity game starts at 7:00. He also welcomed everyone to attend the Dia De Los Muertos event happening on Friday, October 25 at Sepulveda Recreation Center

Speaker: Patricia Esquivel: Spoke on behalf of Phoenix House. The organization provides free drug and alcohol services for the youth in Arleta and Pacoima. For more info visit www.phoenixhouse.org

4. Report from Public Safety Departments from L.A.P.D Senior Lead Officer Lee Perry or any LAFD representatives. Updates from any other government officials (Congressman Cardenas' Office, Assemblyman Bocanegra's Office, Lorena Bernal, Councilmember Nury Martinez' Office, Representative's from Monica Radcliff's Office, or any other City Departments

Speaker: Lorena Bernal-CD6, Informed everyone about the Flu Shot Clinic happening on Saturday, October 26 2013 from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Bernardi Senior Center 6514 Sylmar Avenue Van Nuys, CA 91401

Councilwoman Nury Martinez is meeting with every city department to determine the needs so budgets can be approved. She appreciated Luis Sencion for being active in getting Arleta High School new recycling bins. LAUSD has a new vendor who can supply high schools with bigger bins for the school.

5. Presentation and update from Cal-Trans regarding the 5-Fwy/170-Fwy construction project.

Claudia Mejia updated the current status of Cal-Trans projects in the area. Construction completion is currently at 75%. The Terra Bella and Branford ramps are still closed and are expected to open before year's end. The hotline center hours have been extended. Anyone can call and project staff will answer any questions regarding construction.

Hotline: (855) 454-6335. On weekdays from 8am-8pm and weekends 12pm-2pm

6. Approval of the minutes for the meetings of September 10, and September 24, 2013

This item was continued

7. Discussion and possible board action on treasurer's report. 7b. Monthly reconciliation 8c. Approval of the monthly reconciliation report.

With the absence of the treasurer this item was continued.

8. a. Discussion and possible board action on a presentation by DWP Groundwater Replenishment Project in Arleta. DWP representatives attending: John Hinds and Rosalba Santana

Before John Hinds could make his presentation Mark Lopez and Luis E Sencion step out of the meeting at 7:08 citing a conflict of interest

90% of water supply in Los Angeles comes from outside Los Angeles. The DWP is working on a proposed plan to build an Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) at the Tillman Water Reclamation Plant. This project is currently in its beginning stages and is projected to last until 2022. From the Tillman facility water would go into the Pacoima and Hansen Dam spreading grounds. The project is intended to reduce dependence on imported water supplies and increase groundwater supply. The department is currently conducting an environmental analysis.

Questions

Stakeholder Miriam Fogler expressed concern about flooding in the spreading grounds and the threat of mosquitoes. John Hines said LA County Flood Control is in charge of handling potential flooding issues.

Board Member Jack Lindblad asked about the extraction wells which have toxic plumes. J John Hines addressed that by saying as long as more stormwater and recycled water goes into the basin eventually the contaminant levels will go down.

Nick Pierson asked how much would the water rates go up. John Hines said financing the project over a longer period of time will help decrease the overall impact on rates. They will look into state, local, and federal funding for help.

Stakeholder Terry Hendricks expressed concern with the pipeline going through Canterbury St because it is a major street. Asked if it was possible the pipeline go along the Pacoima wash instead of having to dig up a street. John Hines said he was not sure if that could be a possibility, but the department can look into it.

Public Comments:

Speaker: Miriam Fogler-Urged everyone to get Van Nuys Video Conferencing to open so residents can express concerns to Council Members. It costs money to keep it open, but it is important to help the millions of citizens who are being affected by the proposed DWP project.

Speaker: Donna Pearman - Also concerned about Van Nuys Video Conferencing. She doesn't like going to downtown LA to speak with council members.

MOTION (by Maria Diaz, Second by Jack Lindblad) to Submit a letter to DWP with comments expressed by stakeholders and board members no later than October 28.

MOTION PASSED 10 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstaining

9. a.Presentation and discussion on the Arleta NC Committee operations. Presentation from Melvin Cañas 9b. Discussion on setting regularly scheduled dates for the ANC Committee

Melvin Cañas was not able to attend the meeting so item 9a was continued

Item 9b Committee Times

Committees should meet in ADA accessible locations with available restrooms. Meeting notices should be posted 72 hours in advance. Jack Lindblad suggested all committees not meet in the same week, but be open to the possibility of back-to-back meetings until the end of the year. Board members should submit agenda items on the Wednesday before ANC meetings before 5:00pm. Maria Diaz suggests executive committee meet on the 2nd Wednesday before the ANC meetings and committee chairs submit requests on the Tuesday, a week before the general meeting of the board. The executive committee will probably meet at Kidø Corner. Visit arletanc.org for updates

10. Status of the Arleta Gateway Sign Project

Update on the status of the \$7,000 set aside by then Councilman Cardenas. Lorena Bernal informed the board that the money was spent by the Graffiti Buster to pay for the design. The money was originally intended to go towards the Arleta community and now Nuryø's office is looking where they the \$7,000 can come from.

James Kallas made a freedom of Information request to Sergio Ibarra and wants an update on the landscaping portion of the project. New CIC chair Maria Diaz has just come into the board and needs to be updated on the status of the sign and landscape. The sign company has been paid. There are additional permits to have the sign installed. _New CIC chair Maria Diaz has just come into the board and needs has yet to receive information from previous CIC chair Jack Lindblad. Jack had sent out an e-mail to Maria with a pdf attachment titled øThe Declaration of Jack Lindblad. Maria said she would rather have met with Jack to discuss the information. The community improvement committee is to take up this item in the next CIC meeting on October 28 at Branford Child Care center at 6:30.

11. Committee reports from Outreach, Improvement, and Budget

no reports were made at this time.

12. Board member comments on items not on today's agenda

Speaker: Mark Lopez- Attended a Community Development Department meeting at Pacoima City Hall. Homeless, economic development, and housing means were discussed topics.

Speaker: Jack Lindblad- There is a proposal to have trucks take 7 or 8 million cubic yards of sediment from Sylmar to Tujunga. This poses an environmental hazard. Sylmar residents are vocal against this proposed plan. He urges residents in Arleta, Sun Valley, Pacoima, and North Hollywood attend the upcoming hearing on October 19 and 22.

Speaker: James Kallas - The Treasurer's report should still be presented by someone because the board has 10 days to submit a report or funding can be shut down. He asked the city attorney about special meetings and the fact that meetings can only go on with 1 or 2 items. The city attorney told him no, special meetings can go on with more than 2 items when Robert Rule say Special Meetings can only proceed with 2 items. The board does not operate under Robert's Rule but needs to.

Speaker: Sammy Vasquez - There will be a Harvest Event at the First Assembly of God Church on Halloween from 6:00pm-8:00pm

14. a.Appointment of new Committee members for Outreach, Community Improvement, Budget, and Adhoc Public Safety Committee.

Item was continued

15. a.Discussion/Motion/Vote on appointment of members to the Adhoc Youth Committee charged with putting together recommendations on items that affect Youth and organize an outreach event to Arleta's Youth

Item was continued

16. a.Discussion/Motion/Vote on creating an Elections Adhoc Committee (E.A.C), the E.A.C. will be charged with work with D.O.N.E and the NC's in Region 1 to organize Board elections in 2014. 16b. Appointment of a Chair of the E.A.C and members

MOTION (by Max Foster, Second by Luis E Sencion) to create an Adhoc Elections Committee

MOTION PASSED 11 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining

Item 16b.

MOTION (by Sergio Ibarra, Second by Luis E Sencion) to nominate Mark Lopez as Adhoc Elections Committee Chair

MOTION PASSED 11 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining

MOTION (Sergio Ibarra, Second by Maria Diaz) to nominate Sergio Ibarra to assist in the Adhoc Elections Committee

MOTION PASSED 11 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining

MOTION (Luis E Sencion, Second by Sergio Ibarra) to nominate Luis E Sencion to assist in the Adhoc Elections Committee

MOTION PASSED 11 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining

17. Discussion and Possible action on complaint filed with the Arleta Neighborhood Council by Ms. Joy Bizar on June 18, 2013. Article XI, Section C of the ANC bylaws deems that the complaint be acknowledged, and that the board form an ad-hoc grievance committee populated by three randomly selected stakeholders from a pool of names to investigate and make a recommendation to the board on their findings. Article VII, Section III grants the president of the ANC the authority to appoint all committee chairpersons with majority vote of the board

Melvin Cañas was not able to attend the meeting so item 17 was continued

18. Next meeting of the ANC board will be on November 19, 2013 at 6:30pm at a Beachy Elementary School

19. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm