

Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
Special Meeting of the ANC Board
Tuesday, May 26th, 2015
at Kids Korner Pre-School 9757 Arleta Ave., Arleta

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

President John Hernandez called the Meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

The pledge of Allegiance was led by John Hernandez.

Roll call was taken by minute taker Irving Sandoval.

Board Members Present:

John Hernandez	Mark Lopez	Guy Newell
Kelly Magallanes	Julian Ramirez	Raymond Duran
Veronica DeLara	Jaime Gallo	

Board Members Absent:

Sergio Ibarra Maria Mejia Luis Sencion Saul Perez Faviola Saucedo

8 Board Members were present. A quorum is nine, so the Board cannot make motions or take votes.

2. Presidents message

John Hernandez announced that Marc Lopez has submitted his resignation from the board. He still hasnt heard from the other youths and if they plan to resign.

3. Board member comments

Julian Ramirez The department has approved the purchase of neighborhood watch signs. He considers this a victory for the ANC and thanked board members.

Guy Newell He asked if the board will have a decent office.

Veronica DeLara She thanked those who attended the Outreach Committees movie night. In addition to that she thanked Lorena Bernal and Nury Martinez' staff for their help at the event.

Mark Lopez The movie night had a great turnout. He was glad to see stakeholders help clean up. He hopes the board can put together another movie night in July.

Kelly Magallanes Melvin Cañas told her that the board needs to host a Board Of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting. This meeting is in regards to the passage of the bylaws and will be held on June 15 at Kids Korner. The board is responsible for producing refreshments for the meeting.

John Hernandez In response to Guy Newell's comment he said the least amount found for a storage space was \$1,200 for rent. The ANC's current storage locker is also its office space and is available to board members as well as stakeholders. It was great to see all stakeholders and the Looky Loos at the movie night. He was also moved to see stakeholders volunteer to clean up.

4. Report from L.A.P.D Senior Lead Officer Lee Perry and other government officials

Lorena Bernal Councilwoman Nury Martinez - To update the businesses coming to Arleta, Lorena said Menchies will be moving into the old KFC. Wienerschnitzel will be moving into the old Popeyes. It will take a few months before this happens because DWP is still working on getting power to the building. There are no new updates on the Arleta sign. Guy Newell asked what will be done about the senior apartments on Woodman and Nordhoff and what is the

possibility the city can make it into a senior center. Lorena said she hasn't heard anything about the property owner selling it. After Saul Perez arrived she presented him with a certificate recognizing him for organizing Movie at the Park.

Fire Station 7 - Members from fire station 7 arrived at the meeting. Kelly Magallanes and Dianne Hand presented them with two tools the board purchased to help maintain their fire engine. More tools are being purchased. The city does not provide them with anything except the fire truck so the donations are greatly appreciated. They have moved into the new location and are still getting used to it. It is 17,000 square feet a lot larger than the old fire station 7. The central location is better for their response times. They will be getting a new fire engine soon. The public is welcome to visit the facility anytime.

At 7:00 Saul Perez enters the meeting. 9 members present. The board has a quorum and can now make and take votes

4. Motion/Discussion/Vote on ANC board minutes

There are a few important points not reflected on comments made by then board member Max Foster under board comments. The comments made by Saul Perez need to be reflected. Correct chicanaweebly to chicanaweekly.

MOTION (by Mark Lopez, Second by Jaime Gallo) to approve the minutes for April 21

MOTION FAILED 2 in favor in favor, 5 non - favor, 2 abstain

5. Motion/Discussion/Vote on the Monthly Treasurer's Report, including the Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.)

James Kallas said that on May 1 Kelly received a letter from Merlo Manosis with a number of items that he claims were incorrect on a number of reports. As of today Merlo has told him that she has not replied.

MOTION (by John Hernandez, Second by Julian Ramirez) to approve the treasurer's report

MOTION PASSED 9 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

6. Committee reports

Budget Committee report from Kelly Magallanes - To address James Kallas' comment. She did address this at her budget meeting. An audit that came out that found missing paperwork and a budget that was not balanced according to the way they want. There is no support in the Van Nuys office to help her do the reports. Even Melvin Cañas thinks it's ridiculous. There is confusion between D.O.N.E and the auditors. She does the monthly expenditure reports according to the way she was trained to do them.

At 7:20 Sergio Ibarra enters the meeting. 10 board members present.

7. Motion/Discussion/Vote on appointments to the budget and outreach committees.

Mark Lopez volunteers to be in the Outreach Committee.

MOTION (by Saul Perez, Second by Veronica DeLara) to appoint Mark Lopez to the Outreach Committee

MOTION PASSED 10 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstention

8. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to purchase tools to be used at Community clean ups throughout the ANC boundaries not to exceed \$1,750

The CIC is looking to purchase a storage shed and a 10 of each tools including leaf rakes, push brooms, garden hoes, and shovels. At the last community clean up on April 18, the committee found that it was short a few tools. Raymond Duran was able to get a military discount bringing the total down to \$1,474. At 5"x6" the shed will fit in the storage locker. Loyce Lacson said if the board needs any additional items then they can be purchased in July.

MOTION (by Raymond Duran, second by Guy Newell) to purchase tools in the amount not to exceed \$1,750

MOTION PASSED 10 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

9. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to purchase 50 NO DUMPING signs (25 English/ 25 Spanish) as well as two stencils “no dumping of any kind” (1 English/ 1 Spanish) not to exceed \$1170

At the community improvement meetings homeowners reached out for solutions to illegally dumped items in the alleys behind their homes. These 50 signs are intended to get into alley walls. Julian Ramirez was able to get free cardboard signs from the city. The signs to be purchased have a special anti graffiti coating that would make it easy to clean. The signs will only be put up on private property and not on light poles. The Board of Public Works will enforce the signs. Sergio Ibarra suggested the board should have a waiver for those that approve having signs on their property. James Kallas asked who would maintain the signs if they are vandalized. Raymond said the Office of Community Beautification will clean up the signs. Stakeholder Margaret Shoemaker thinks \$1170 is a lot of money when the board is not even sure homeowners will agree to have the signs on their walls. Robert Rouge recommends the board stick to cardboard signs because metal signs can be taken by metal scrappers.

MOTION (by Sergio Ibarra, second by Guy Newell) to purchase 50 no dumping signs and two stencils in the amount not to exceed \$1,170 and include the waiver of homeowner responsibility.

MOTION PASSED 10 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

10. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to purchase 2 trash cans to be installed at the Nature Parkway located at the corner of Woodman and Devonshire not to exceed \$600

Julian Ramirez recalled that at one of his community improvement meetings stakeholder Yolanda Padilla requested a trash can be installed at the Nature Parkway. Nury Martinez will help out with \$250 of the \$600. The trash cans will be installed within the ANC boundaries. The ANC logo will be on the trash can and it will be secured to the ground. The department of sanitation will empty out the trash bin, but the ANC will have to pay a cost of \$206.44 to maintain it each year. Yolanda Padilla previously received a neighborhood purpose grant from the board. Former board members James Kallas and Loyce Lacson both recall not receiving an itemized bill from Yolanda on what the NPG went towards. Saul Perez reminded the board that it needs to hold everyone accountable and find out what the money was spent on.

MOTION(by Sergio Ibarra, Second by Mark Lopez) to purchase two trash cans in the amount not to exceed \$600.

MOTION PASSED 10 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

11. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to hire a bookkeeper from Appleone to complete all required documents on behalf of the ANC Treasurer and Empower LA not to exceed \$250 a month

Appleone are D.O.N.E employees. A few stakeholders pointed out that is a conflict of interest. The board will hire Mario Hernandez. He would help the treasurer with the Monthly Expenditure Reports according to the way Merlo wants them done. Kelly Magallanes said it would be better if someone in the department was in Van Nuys to eliminate the need to drive downtown. There is an apparent confusion in the department on how to handle treasurer. Margaret Shoemaker thinks it's wrong that the treasurer does not get the training and assistance she needs. Robert Rouge agrees with the board's decision to hire a bookkeeper from done because only D.O.N.E can help D.O.N.E. figure things out.

MOTION(by Sergio Hernandez, Second by Sergio Ibarra) to approve the purchase of banners.
MOTION PASSED 10 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

12. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to allow City Attorney Michael Feuer to use the ANC logo on a flyer for the upcoming Town Hall Meeting at L.A.P.D. Mission Station on June 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM

John Hernandez said the town hall meeting is a great opportunity for people to voice their opinions. Dianne Hand said she would love to see board members at the town hall meeting to backup the stakeholders who are not being heard.

MOTION (by John Hernandez, second by Raymond Duran) to allow the city attorney to use the ANC logo.

MOTION PASSED 10 in favor, 0 non - favor, and 0 abstain.

13. Procedure stipulation worksheet

The changes will take effect when the new board comes in on July 1.

Article V Simple majority vote by the board members present, not including abstentions

Article VIII Post at multiple locations. North/South Arleta. Website.

Article XVI Grievance John Hernandez will be in the grievance committee

Article X Elections The board does not want online voting

Board Vote Structure Maintain voting structure

Candidate Filing Requirements Candidate will be required to take 5-10 minute training video produced by the city.

MOTION (by John Hernandez, second by Sergio Ibarra) to approve the document

MOTION PASSED 7 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

14. Next meeting of the board will be on June 16th, 2015

15. Adjournment

MOTION (by Mark Lopez, second by Julian Ramirez) to Adjourn the Meeting

MOTION PASSED with all 10 Board Members in favor.

John Hernandez **Adjourned** the Meeting at 8:54 p.m.