



Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 20, 2015

at Beachy Ave. Elementary School – Auditorium, 9757 Beachy Ave., Arleta, CA 91331

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I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

President/Presiding Officer John Hernandez introduced himself and called the Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Nine of the 13 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Gissell Cordero, Veronica DeLara, Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, John Hernandez, Mark Lopez, Kelly Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez, Julian Ramirez. Sergio Ibarra arrived later. Three Board Members were absent: Saul Perez, Jim Tostevan and Marsha Tostevan. The ANC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is nine (see <http://www.ArletaNC.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/ANC-Bylaws-Amendments-012614SD.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. Thirteen of the 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Four Board Seats (At Large (2), Business, and Home/Condo Owner) were vacant. [To apply, see www.ArletaNC.org.] Also attending: 24 Stakeholders and Guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Minutes Writer.

II. President’s Message

Mr. Hernandez encouraged Board Members to “do your research” on Agenda Items and to avoid voting to abstain. He explained that, for Joint Executive Committee – Board Meetings, only Executive Committee Members are accountable for their attendance, not the entire Board.

III. Comments/Announcements from Government Officials, including

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #IV.*]

- a. Jenny Rayas, Constituent Service Specialist for U.S. 29th District of California
Congressman Tony Cardenas (ofc. 818-781-7407;

Jenny.Rayas@mail.house.gov; <http://cardenas.house.gov>) distributed handouts about the Veterans Day Forum November 11th 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

- b. Eveline Bravo-Ayala, District Representative for State 18th District Senator Bob Hertzberg (818-901-5588; Eveline.BravoAyala@sen.ca.gov; <http://senate.ca.gov/hertzberg>), announced the traffic violation fine reduction program. There will be an October 26th "Transportation Summit."
- c. Bill Ulmer, Field Representative for State 39th District Assemblymember Patty Lopez (818-504-3911; William.Ulmer@asm.ca.gov; <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a39>), described the four State legislation bills by Assemblymember Lopez that passed, saying that is "pretty amazing for a new Assembly Member." There will be a Tenants' Rights Event on October 28th and a Community Leaders Water Briefing on October 30th. All owners and Stakeholders are invited to a Business Roundtable October 23rd.
- d. Lorena Bernal, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Six Councilmember Nury Martinez (office 818-771-0236; Lorena.Bernal@LACity.org; <http://CD6.LACity.org>) explained the challenge of helping homeless people, especially if they are in the "public right of way . . . we can't force them to accept" services that are offered. "Officer Crawford made four arrests last week." They are working for a "permanent solution" to a "homeless encampment" in an alley overlooking a home. "We're having a big issue . . . with RV's parking for a long time"; they are working to "prohibit that." Regarding Fire Station Seven at Nordhoff and Woodman, "the City Council hasn't figured out what they want that building to be"; they are trying to have "the revenue to stay in Arleta" when the building is sold. She said "over a million dollars in repairs needs to be done," including if it was converted to a community center. Also, Councilmember Martinez "wants to create a Task Force . . . just to deal with human trafficking."

Board Member Sergio Ibarra arrived at 7:14 p.m., making ten Board Members present (the ANC quorum is nine).

Ms. Bernal reported that the City is working to add other languages besides English to the MyLA311 phone app for reporting needs for City services. November 7th there will be a community cleanup at Sharp Elementary School.

- e. Julio Anleu, Field Deputy for LAUSD Board Member Monica Ratliff (ofc. 818.232.5445; cell 818.935.7049; Julio.Anleu@lausd.net; <http://Ratliff.LASchoolBoard.org>), encouraged checking if you qualify for the Apply for Lunch program at <http://ApplyForLunch.com>. Input is encouraged about who the new LAUSD Superintendent should be. Beachy Elementary School Principal Dr. Stephen Bluestein described their students and that a "two million dollar construction job" started. Due to the construction, Mr. Hernandez announced that, for December 2015 through June 2016, the ANC "will need to find a different location" for Board Meetings.

f. Other Government Agencies

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

IV. Report from L.A.P.D Senior Lead Officer and/or L.A.F.D Representatives.

Interim Senior Lead Officer Keith Crawford (LAPD Mission Division; office 818-838-9800; http://www.LAPDonline.org/Mission_Community_Police_Station) distributed copies of and reviewed the “Basic Car” map and “Crimes” statistics. Mr. Gallo and Mr. Duran described how they “shut down” a loud party that went at least until 2:30 a.m because police didn’t respond to numerous calls for assistance starting at 9:30 p.m. A police “party car” is available to patrol on weekends. Officer Crawford encouraged giving detailed information such as if the person is a repeat offender. He reminded that “it’s not illegal” to live in a van.

V. General Public Comments on Items Not Listed on Agenda.

Stakeholder Margaret Shoemaker read aloud a statement and believed that a number of Board Members did not represent many Stakeholders who spoke at the September 15th Board Meeting regarding the sidewalk vending issue. Stakeholder Dianne Hand described a new Fire Station Seven plaque. Stakeholder Jim Kallas noted that Board Members “can abstain,” however, he urged caution about it. He read aloud wording from Robert’s Rules of Order regarding several issues, including Presidential participation in debates.

Board Member Sergio Ibarra stepped out from 7:34 to 7:39 p.m.

Fernando Delgado, Field Representative for L.A. County District One Supervisor Hilda Solis (office 213-974-4111; FDelgado@lacbos.org; <http://www.lacounty.gov/government/supervisors/hilda-l-solis>), announced an Olvera Street downtown Resource Fair regarding unaccompanied minors.

VI. Presentation – None

Board Business:

VII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on ANC Board Minutes

a. July 21, 2015

Mr. Hernandez noted that this was rescheduled to July 28th.

b. July 28, 2015

MOTION (by Ms. Magallanes, seconded by Mr. Duran): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its July 28, 2015 General Board Meeting as corrected.

DISCUSSION: The Minutes Writer noted that he does not necessarily write the Minutes for every meeting. The following correction was requested on page 10, at the end: "Minutes written by DL" should be "Minutes written by Veronica De Lara."

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Cordero, DeLara, Duran, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); one opposed (Gallo); zero abstained.

b. August 18, 2015

It was noted that a quorum was not present on this date.

MOTION (by Mr. Duran, seconded by Julian Ramirez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves the notes of its August 18, 2015 Discussion as written.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no opposition.

MOTION PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all ten in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Cordero, DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

d. September 15, 2015

MOTION (by Mr. Lopez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its September 15, 2015 General Board Meeting as written.

Mr. Lopez **WITHDREW** the motion.

There was discussion that the September 15th Minutes were not posted on the website.

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. Ibarra, seconded by Mr. Gallo) approval of the September 15, 2015 General Board Meeting until the next General Board Meeting.

MOTION to TABLE PASSED with no opposition.

e. September 29, 2015

MOTION (by Ms. DeLara, seconded by Mr. Lopez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves the notes of its September 29, 2015 Special Board Meeting as written.

DISCUSSION: It was noted that the September 29th Minutes were written by Ms. DeLara.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no opposition.

MOTION PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Cordero, DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

VIII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on the Monthly Treasurers Report, including the Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R)

Melvin Canas, Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (818.374.9895; cell 323-972-7782; Melvin.Canas@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), announced that \$5,000 has “been approved by the City Council . . . you will be receiving” it sometime this Fiscal Year. This is in addition to the annual \$37,000 allocation to all Neighborhood Councils.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Ms. DeLara): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2015.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no opposition.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained. Gissell Cordero and Bryan Ramirez were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

IX. Committee Reports

a. Executive

Mr. Hernandez reported.

b. Outreach

Mr. Lopez reminded about the October 31st Harvest Festival at Branford Park and that Board Members “are expected to attend.”

c. Community Improvement

Julian Ramirez reported that “30 new” Neighborhood Watch signs were installed between September 3rd and 20th.

d. Budget

See above Item #VIII.

X. Motion/Discussion/Vote on appointments to the following Committees

a. Budget- 0 Board Member and/or up to 1 Stakeholder (5 Members total)

Mr. Hernandez noted the above and asked; there were no volunteers or appointments.

b. Outreach- 2 Board Members and/or up to 3 Stakeholders (5 Members total)

Mr. Hernandez noted the above. Mr. Lopez nominated Gissell Cordero, who did not accept the nomination. Bryan Ramirez volunteered. There was discussion about whether the Committee can meet without having Stakeholder Members. Mr. Canas clarified that, per the ANC Bylaws, all Committees must have at least five Members.

MOTION (by Julian Ramirez, seconded by Ms. Magallanes): The Arleta Neighborhood Council appoints Board Member Bryan Ramirez to its Outreach Committee.

MOTION PASSED with no opposition.

Stakeholder Robert Rouge volunteered. Mr. Hernandez encouraged attending Outreach Committee Meetings.

MOTION (by Julian Ramirez, seconded by Mr. Gallo): The Arleta Neighborhood Council appoints Stakeholder Robert Rouge to its Outreach Committee.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no opposition.

MOTION PASSED with no opposition.

XI. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible Board action to fill vacancies on the Arleta NC.

a. Homeowner 1 Seat

Mr. Hernandez asked for volunteers. There were none.

b. Business Owner 1 Seat

Mr. Hernandez asked for volunteers and noted the role. Mr. Canas noted that the candidate can be a business owner “designee.” There were none.

c. At Large 2 Seats

Mr. Hernandez read the candidate qualifying criteria. Stakeholder Rodrigo Barbosa described his qualities, background and community interests.

RECESS. There was a short recess at 8:26 p.m.

Mr. Barbosa provided the necessary qualification documentation. DONE will review it. No Motion was made or vote taken.

XII. Discussion and recertification of Arleta NC’s Code of Civility (John Hernandez)

Mr. Hernandez distributed copies of and reported that a copy of the Code of Civility was provided to all Board Members.

XIII. Discussion Chairing a Meeting (John Hernandez)

Mr. Hernandez distributed copies of “Chairing a Meeting” and noted that it is from <http://www.meetingwizard.org/meetings/chairing-a-meeting.cfm>.

XIV. Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible Board action to appoint an Animal Services Liaison to work with The Department of Animal Services (Veronica DeLara)

Ms. DeLara explained the position and volunteered to do it part-time.

MOTION (by Bryan Ramirez, seconded by Ms. Magallanes): The Arleta Neighborhood Council appoints Veronica DeLara as its Animal Services Liaison to work with the Department of Animal Services.

DISCUSSION: Ms. DeLara will forward information to the Board.

MOTION PASSED with no opposition.

XV. Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible letter to Los Angeles City Council Woman Nury Martinez requesting the use of the “old” Firehouse 7 to be used by the ANC (Mark Lopez)

MOTION (by Mr. Ibarra, seconded by Julian Ramirez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council directs its Executive Committee to draft a letter to Los Angeles City Councilwoman Nury Martinez requesting the use of the “old” Firehouse 7 to be used by the Arleta Neighborhood Council.

DISCUSSION: Julian Ramirez was concerned about from where the funds would come. Mr. Ibarra urged sending a letter to promote providing services to Arleta. Mr. Rouge believed that one million dollars was not needed to repair old Firehouse 7 “to use as a multipurpose center.” Mr. Kallas described long-time requests to convert the Firehouse and urged action.

AMENDED MOTION (by Mr. Ibarra, seconded by Julian Ramirez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council directs the Executive Committee to draft a letter to Los Angeles City Councilwoman Nury Martinez requesting the use of the “old” Firehouse 7 to create a multipurpose center with the Arleta Neighborhood Council being one of the tenants.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Cordero, DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

XVI. Motion to Reconsider action taken at The ANC General Board Meeting held on September 15, 2015: Motion (by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Duran): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves its Community Improvement Committee recommendation to write a Community Impact Statement opposing the legalization of street vending in Council File#13-1493 City of Los Angeles Street Vending Policy. (Motion to reconsider by Mark Lopez)

Mr. Lopez explained that the Executive Committee discussed the above [at its October 12th Meeting]; he said the September 15th Board vote possibly was “tainted.”

MOTION to RECONSIDER (by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Duran): The Arleta Neighborhood Council reconsiders Agenda Item #XVIII regarding street vending from its September 15, 2015 General Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Duran said that “two Board Members and a Stakeholder” saw a Board Member hold up a sign, apparently to direct another Board Member on what to vote. Mr. Duran believed that a number of Board Members and Stakeholders were not clear upon what the Board was voting, so the Item should be reconsidered. Julian Ramirez encouraged having a Town Hall Meeting about the issue. Mr. Gallo was concerned that the last Community Improvement Committee report at the Board Meeting did not mention the Committee’s “heated discussion.” Ms. Magallanes clarified that she was asked to bring up the sign and the Motion to the Executive Committee. Mr. Duran believed a Board Member who said they were a vendor should have recused themselves from voting on that Motion. Mr. Rouge believed the Board didn’t vote as Stakeholders were represented at the September 15th Board Meeting and should reconsider the vote. Ms. Shoemaker

“didn’t feel” at the Executive Committee Meeting that “there was an attack on anybody.”

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no opposition.

MOTION to RECONSIDER PASSED by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Lopez and Magallanes); four opposed (Cordero, Ibarra, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero abstained.

XVII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible Board action to complete a Community Impact Statement pertaining to Council File#13-1493 City of Los Angeles Street Vending Policy.

MOTION to TABLE (by Ms. Cordero, seconded by Mr. Ibarra): discussion/vote on possible Board action to complete a Community Impact Statement pertaining to Council File #13-1493 City of Los Angeles Street Vending Policy.

DISCUSSION: It was noted that the issue previously was debated.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no opposition.

Ms. Cordero and Mr. Ibarra agreed to **WITHDRAW** their Motion to Table.

MOTION to REFER to COMMITTEE (by Ms. Cordero, seconded by Mr. Ibarra): discussion/vote on possible Board action to complete a Community Impact Statement pertaining to Council File #13-1493 City of Los Angeles Street Vending Policy and to discuss recommending having a Town hall Meeting.

MOTION to REFER to COMMITTEE FAILED by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with five in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Cordero, DeLara, Ibarra, Lopez and Julian Ramirez); five opposed (Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Magallanes and Bryan Ramirez); zero abstained.

Mr. Hernandez read aloud September 15, 2015 Item #18 from the Meeting Minutes. There was very extensive discussion about what the Board could and/or should do.

The Board re-voted the Motion to Refer to Committee.

MOTION PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Cordero, DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

XVIII. Upcoming Events: LAPD Mission Division 5K Run 10/25/2015 & Harvest Festival 10/31/2015 Branford Park

Mr. Hernandez noted the above.

XIX. Board Member Comments

Julian Ramirez encouraged continuing the “democratic process.” Ms. DeLara requested Committee attendance information. Mr. Duran encouraged Board Members to do “what’s best for the community.”

XX. General Public Comments

Public comments were made.

XXI. Adjournment and Next Board Meeting November 17, 2015 Beachy Elementary

Mr. Hernandez declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Minutes written by DL, possibly edited by ANC. *The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been directly copied from the Agenda.* The ANC Minutes page is <http://www.ArletaNC.org/Board-minutes-and-agendas>.