



Minutes of the  
**ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)**  
**GENERAL BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 19, 2016**

at First Assembly of God Church, 9757 Arleta Ave., Arleta, CA 91331

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

President John Hernandez introduced himself and called the Meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jesus Barron.

Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Seven of the 11 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Jesus Barron, Olivia Chavez, Gissell Cordero, Raymond Duran, John Hernandez, Kelly Magallanes and Julian Ramirez. Three Board Members arrived later: Jaime Gallo, Sergio Ibarra and Bryan Ramirez. One Board Member was absent: Veronica DeLara (excused). New Business Seat Board Member Marco Flores was appointed to the Board during below Item #X. B. 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 at this time the Board could only take public comments and could not have any official discussions, and could not make any Motions or take any votes. Eleven of the 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Six Board Seats (Business, Faith-Based Organizations, Home/Condo Owner, Renter, Seniors and Youth) were vacant. [To apply, see [www.ArletaNC.org](http://www.ArletaNC.org).] Also attending: 26 Stakeholders and Guests.

**II. President's Message**

Mr. Hernandez indicated that there was no message at this time.

### **III. Comments/Announcements from Government Officials, including:**

- a. Congressman Tony Cardenas  
See below Item #VI.
- b. State Senator Bob Hertzberg  
No representative was present and there was no report at this time.
- c. Assemblywoman Patty Lopez  
No representative was present and there was no report at this time.
- d. Councilmember Nury Martinez  
Elizabeth Jimenez, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Six Councilmember Nury Martinez (office 818-771-0236; Elizabeth.Jimenez@LACity.org; <http://CD6.LACity.org>), reported that, until February 12<sup>th</sup>, they are collecting toiletries for victims of human trafficking. The Homeless Count will be January 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be a January 28<sup>th</sup> public hearing about the County's Pacoima Spreading Grounds project.

*Board Member Bryan Ramirez arrived at this time of 6:46, making eight Board Members present, one short of the ANC quorum of nine.*

- e. L.A.U.S.D. Board Member Monica Ratliff  
[This Agenda Item was continued after Item #XVII.] 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>), announced that Michelle King was appointed as LAUSD Superintendant. A letter will be sent to parents about taking an anonymous school services survey.
- f. Other Government Agencies  
Brian Gavidia, Northeast Valley Representative for Mayor Eric Garcetti (213.713.0960; Brian.Gavidia@LACity.org; <http://LAMayor.org>), reported there are openings on the Mayor's Youth Council and internship programs for college students. Funding of up to \$15,000 is available for a community art project.  
  
[This Agenda Item was continued after Item #IV.] Lydia Grant, BONC [L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners] Commissioner (213.978.1551; cell 818.470.6629; LydiaJeanGrant@gmail.com), explained BONC's role regarding policies, including "making Neighborhood Council Board Minutes mandatory . . . it's really important that we're open and transparent."

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

Interim Senior Lead Officer Alarcon, (LAPD Mission Division; office 818-838-9800; [http://www.LAPDonline.org/Mission\\_Community\\_Police\\_Station](http://www.LAPDonline.org/Mission_Community_Police_Station)), reported that Senior Lead Officer Tracy Ware starts January 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Board Member Jaime Gallo arrived at this time of 6:48, making an ANC quorum of nine Members present. Now the Board could take binding votes on Agendized Items.*

Officer Alarcon reported on crime statistics and encouraged not leaving valuables in vehicles or to hide them. Stakeholder Dianne Hand led applause for Officer Alarcon's three months of service as the Acting Senior Lead Officer.

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

Ms. Hand and Stakeholder Loyce Lacson encouraged opposing the proposed DWP rate increase. She led recognition for Branford Park Director Paige Barnes, who was promoted and soon will be leaving. Dr. Karen Halligan, Chief Veterinary Officer for the Lucy Pet Foundation [855.499.5829; [www.LucyPetFoundation.org](http://www.LucyPetFoundation.org)], announced that they are at Hansen Dam every Friday "offering free spay and neuter services."

[*This Agenda Item was continued after Item #III.*] Joanne Fernandez, State 39th District Assembly Candidate, described her background, experience and qualifications. Luisa Garcia, an Arleta Lookyloo and former ANC Board Member, thanked the Board for its service.

#### **VI. Presentation – Congressman Tony Cardenas**

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #IV.*] U.S. 29th District of California Congressman Tony Cardenas (office 818-504-0090; <http://cardenas.house.gov/contact>; <http://cardenas.house.gov>), said "the whole world looks to us for stability." He gets "as many requests for help" from foreign businesses and diplomats as from Americans. He addressed concerns that proposed rules will over-regulate financial advisors.

*Board Member Sergio Ibarra arrived at this time of 7:14, making 10 Board Members present (the ANC quorum is nine).*

Congressman Cardenas reported that "no bills are moving right now" about gun control or immigration. He said that there are "massive loopholes" in the gun control laws, especially about "gun shows." He explained that Congressional Committee Chairs decide what is Agendized for consideration. He answered many questions about various issues. "Juvenile justice reform" has been his "main issue."

#### **Board Business:**

#### **VII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on ANC Board Minutes**

a. November 17, 2015

**MOTION** (by Ms. Magallanes, seconded by Ms. Chavez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its November 17, 2015 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of all 10 Board Members present.

b. November 23, 2015

**MOTION** (by Ms. Chavez, seconded by Ms. Magallanes): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its November 23, 2015 Special Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of all 10 Board Members present.

c. December 15, 2015

**MOTION** (by Ms. Chavez, seconded by Ms. Magallanes): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its December 15, 2015 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of all 10 Board Members present.

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

Ms. Magallanes distributed and reviewed the ANC “December Monthly Expenditure Report,” related invoices and Union Bank documents.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Barron, seconded by Ms. Chavez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves its December 2015 Monthly Expenditure Report and Treasurer’s Report.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Barron, Chavez, Cordero, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

**IX. Committee Reports**

a. Executive

Mr. Hernandez reported that he is working with DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment; 818.374.9895; [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)] on the Arleta gateway sign.

b. Outreach

Mr. Hernandez reported that there was no Chair and no report at this time; a Chair will be appointed.

- c. Community Improvement  
Mr. Gallo reported that the Committee met and funds need to be allocated. He encouraged submitting project ideas.
- d. Budget  
Ms. Magallanes indicated that there was no report.
- e. 2016 Planning Strategy  
Mr. Hernandez reported that funds soon need to be allocated.

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

a. Homeowner 1 Seat

Mr. Hernandez explained that Homeowner Seat candidates “need to own a home in Arleta” and that Board Members must attend Board and Committee meetings and events. The Election will be April 2<sup>nd</sup>; Board appointments can be made until March 2<sup>nd</sup>. He read aloud from the Bylaws the qualifications.

b. Business Owner 1 Seat

Mr. Ibarra nominated and described the background of Candidate Marco Flores, a Realtor who lives in Arleta. Mr. Hernandez read aloud the qualifications. Mr. Flores confirmed that he also is running as an Election Candidate.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Ibarra, seconded by Bryan Ramirez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves Marco Flores as its Business Owner Representative.

**DISCUSSION:** DONE is reviewing Mr. Flores’ Candidate documentation.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Barron, Chavez, Cordero, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

*New Board Member Marco Flores was Seated with the Board at this time, making 11 Board Members present (the ANC quorum is nine).*

c. At Large 2 Seats

Mr. Hernandez read aloud the qualifications.

d. Seniors 2 Seats

Mr. Hernandez read aloud the qualifications.

**XI. Motion/Discussion/Vote to appoint a 2015 election chairperson**

Mr. Hernandez explained the role. There so far are nine Candidates. Funding of \$2,000 can be allocated for an Election Manager from the City Clerk’s Office. Ms. Magallanes noted that \$3,000 is in the ANC Election budget. Terry Gomes, DONE’s

IEA (Independent Election Administrator), encouraged allocating more. Ms. Grant observed that “this is the biggest outreach event you can do.” Julian Ramirez nominated Olivia Chavez as the Election Outreach Chair.

**MOTION** (by Julian Ramirez, seconded by Ms. Magallanes): The Arleta Neighborhood Council appoints Olivia Chavez as its Election Outreach Chair.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Barron, Chavez, Cordero, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Flores was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

**XII. Announcement of resignation of Board Member Mark Lopez**

Mr. Hernandez announced that Mr. Lopez resigned as a Board Member, as the Secretary and as the Second Signatory.

**XIII. Motion Discussion/Vote on appointing a Secretary to the Executive Board**

Julian Ramirez nominated Marco Flores as the Secretary; Mr. Flores accepted. Ms. Magallanes reminded that Mr. Flores also would need to complete Treasurer training if he was to be the Second Signatory. Mr. Flores noted “there’s a possibility” of a fiduciary responsibility restriction on him regarding that; he withdrew his candidacy as Secretary. Ms. Magallanes nominated Ms. Chavez, who accepted.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Magallanes): The Arleta Neighborhood Council appoints Olivia Chavez as its Secretary.

**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** (by Mr. Hernandez); there was no objection.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Barron, Chavez, Cordero, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Flores was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

Board Member Olivia Chavez was declared to be the new ANC Secretary.

**XIV. Motion/Discussion/Vote on appointing a Chairperson to the Outreach Committee**

**MOTION to TABLE** (by Mr. Ibarra, seconded by Ms. Chavez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council TABLES this Item.

**MOTION to TABLE PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Barron, Chavez, Cordero, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Flores was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

**XV. Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve the Community Improvement Committee “No Dumping” consent form**

Mr. Hernandez noted that DONE and the City Attorney approved the form. Mr. Gallo read it aloud.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Julian Ramirez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves the Community Improvement Committee’s “No Dumping” consent form.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Hernandez said the City is “still reviewing” whether non-Board Members can install signs, or only Board Members. Mr. Gallo thanked Julian Ramirez for his work on the form.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Barron, Chavez, Cordero, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Flores was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

**XVI. Motion/Discussion/Vote regarding upcoming ANC cleanup/inventory of the storage locker** located at the Arleta Self-Storage Facility on January 30, 2016 from 10 AM – 3 PM and allocate up to \$100 for refreshments

Mr. Gallo explained the need.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Duran, seconded by Mr. Gallo): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves an upcoming ANC cleanup/inventory of the storage locker located at the Arleta Self-Storage Facility on January 30, 2016 from 10 AM – 3 PM and allocating up to \$100 for refreshments.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Hernandez explained details and that DONE approved the facility for use as an office.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Barron, Chavez, Cordero, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Flores was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

**XVII. Board Member Comments**

Mr. Flores expressed appreciation for the opportunity. Ms. Chavez announced the “green light bulb” veterans’ initiative. Julian Ramirez encouraged pushing the City to do things. Mr. Hernandez requested a Special Board Meeting to hire an Election Manager; it was agreed to meet January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 here. Ms. Magallanes requested to Agendize the appointment of a Second Signatory.

**XVIII. General Public Comments**

There were no comments at this time.

**XIX. Adjournment and Next Board Meeting February 16, 2016 First Assembly of God/Kids Korner**

**MOTION to ADJOURN** (by Mr. Duran, seconded by Mr. Gallo).

**MOTION PASSED** with no opposition.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:07 p.m.

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