

**Minutes of the
Arleta Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

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

Roll Call: Board Members Present:

John Hernandez
Jaime Gallo
Margaret Shoemaker
Loyce Lacson
Raymond Duran
Gary Gallon
Fernando Moreno
Kenneth Nguyen
Vanessa Lopez (arrived at 6:38 p.m.)
Raul Pineda
Elvia Lazalde

Board Members Absent:

Drew Fischer

Comments/Announcements from Government Officials:

Elizabeth Jimenez, representing **Councilmember, Nury Martinez**, announced that there will be a community clean-up with L.A.P.D. and Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra's Office on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.. Volunteers will be meeting at Calvary Lutheran Church. The goal is to clean up the alleys east of Woodman Avenue.

Elizabeth also reported on the L.A. City Council's decriminalization of sidewalk vendors. She stated that it will be treated as a citation/ticket instead of a misdemeanor. She said it is due to President Trump's position on illegal immigration and is intended to protect illegal immigrants from deportation. Details will be worked out in committee. Sidewalk vendors will be limited to commercial zones and not allowed in residential areas. Elizabeth answered questions from board members and stakeholders. This message was not well received from those in the room.

President John Hernandez requested that Councilwoman Nury Martinez come to the next general board meeting.

L.A.U.S.D. School Board representative, **Monica Ratliff** representative, Julio Anleu announced that L.A. Unified School District is offering free Spanish classes for English speakers. Information flyers are available.

There is an Arts Booklet Template offered to inform the public what arts programs are being offered in the schools. There are two books available at the meeting for interested stakeholders.

There was concern expressed about Arleta High School encouraging students to participate in protests against the President of the United States.

President John Hernandez invited Monica Ratliff to the next general board meeting.

Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra's Arleta Field Representative, Franklin Ochoa, stated that the California earned income tax credit helps families get up to \$6000 back.

The Assemblyman is partnering with Cal State Universities to help the low income with tax preparation. It is available to all Californians. There are flyers available at this meeting.

President John Hernandez extended an invitation to Assemblyman Bocanegra to attend the next ANC General Board meeting.

Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer:

Senior Lead Officer, Tracy Ware spoke on the illegal vending issue. She announced that the Health Department regulates illegal vendors. They have met with the City Attorney's Office. L.A.P.D. officers are not allowed to stop vendors. She suggested possibly inviting the City Attorney to an ANC meeting. Officer Ware also spoke about individuals sleeping in vehicles. It

is only allowed between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.. They cannot sleep in vehicles within 500 feet of a school or park. She added that L.A.P.D. officers have been working with the Sanitation Department to tear down a lot of encampments especially those in the washes, under bridges.

Officer Ware reported on crime in Arleta and answered questions from board members and stakeholders.

Board Business:

Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of minutes:

Motion 1/ Seconded/ Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – move to approve the minutes dated December 20, 2016. (Second by Elvia Lazalde)

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

Motion 2/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – move to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for December 2016. (Second by Margaret Shoemaker)

Motion 3/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – move to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2017. (Second by Margaret Shoemaker)

Motion 4/Seconded/Carried – Jaime Gallo – move to approve the attendance roster dated January 17, 2017. (Second by Gary Gallon)

Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible board action to fill vacancies on the Arleta NC.:

President John Hernandez asked if there were any stakeholders interested in applying for a Renters Representative Seat (2 available seats) and for School Representative seat (1 position available). There were no applicants. President Hernandez stated that next month there will be an opening for Homeowner/Condo Owner Seat.

Motion/Discussion/Vote of possible board action to remove board member, Daisy De La Cruz (Homeowner/Condo owner seat) from the ANC Board due to her accumulated absences per ANC bylaws Article V, Section 7.

Motion 5/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – move to remove Daisy De La Cruz from the ANC board due to excessive absences. (Second by Loyce Lacson)

Motion/Discussion/Vote on accepting the resignation of board member Dana Gutierrez (Youth Seat) from the ANC board.

Motion 6/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – move to accept the resignation from the ANC board member Dana Gutierrez. (Second by Jaime Gallo)

Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible board action to no longer compensate Aaron DeVandry for website services other than web hosting which we have been granted allocating up to \$50.00 a month.

Motion 7/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – move to no longer compensate Aaron Devandry for website services other than web hosting which we will authorize up to \$50.00 per month. (Second by Jaime Gallo)

Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to allocate up to \$200.00 to purchase lunch for a community clean-up scheduled for March 11, 2017 at Montague and Woodman collaborating with Council Member Nury Martinez’ Office and LAPD Mission Division.

Motion 8/Seconded/Carried – Gary Gallon – move to allocate up to \$200.00 to purchase lunch for a community clean-up scheduled for March 11, 2017 at Montague and Woodman collaborating with Nury Martinez’ office and LAPD Mission Division. (Second by Raymond Duran)

Motion/Discussion/Vote on Board to write a letter of support to rename the Mid Valley Multi-Generational Center “Albert Piantanida Intergenerational Center.”

Motion 9/Seconded/Carried – Jaime Gallo – move to write a letter of support to rename the Mid Valley Multi-Generational Center “Albert Piantanida Intergenerational Center.” (Second by Raymond Duran)

Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to purchase personalized business cards for ANC Board Members not to exceed \$250.00

Motion10/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – move to approve the purchase of personalized business cards for ANC Board Members not to exceed \$250.00. (Second by Elvia Lazalde)

Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible board action to purchase ANC pens not to exceed \$400.00

Motion 11/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – move to purchase ANC pens not to exceed \$400.00. (Second by Jaime Gallo)

Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible board action to support LAPD Mission Division “Baker to Vegas Challenge Relay” on the weekend of March 25 and 26, 2017 to purchase 120 t-shirts not to exceed \$1,051.00.

Motion 12/Seconded/Carried – Jaime Gallo – Move to support LAPD Mission Division “Baker to Vegas Challenge Relay” on second weekend of March 25, 26, 2017 to purchase 120 t-shirts not to exceed \$1,051.00. (Second by Gary Gallon)

Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible board action to fill vacancies on the Arleta Neighborhood Council:

- a. Home/Condo Rep 1 seat
- b. Renters 2 seats
- c. School Representative 1 seat
- d. Youth Seat 1 seat

Motion 13/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – move to approve Max Foster to fill one of the renter Seats on the ANC. (Second by Jaime Gallo)

Motion 14/Second/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker = move to approve Joshua Duran as the Youth Representative on the ANC Board. (Second by Loyce Lacson)

Committee Reports:

Outreach Committee – Raymond Duran reported on items that could be up for discussion at future committee and board meetings. Some examples include “Slow Down” yard signs, Hoot Suite (a social media for outreach), possible mural for Sharp Elementary.

Community Improvement Committee – Jaime Gallo – the committee met last week. CERT classes are completed and backpacks were distributed.

There is one board member opening on the Outreach Committee.

There are no board member openings on the Community Improvement Committee.

There are still openings for stakeholders available for all committees.

Board Member RSVP required for Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council 14th Annual Mixer:

Board members tentatively attending include:

Loyce Lacson
Jaime Gallo
John Hernandez
Gary Gallon
Raymond Duran
Joshua Duran

Fernando Moreno
Elvia Lazalde
Max Foster
Raul Pineda
Ken Nguyen

Board Member Comments:

Vanessa Lopez thanked all for coming. Vanessa thanked Loyce Lacson for doing the Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERS) and suggested they be typed. She also spoke about the fact that we have over \$28,000 to spend on worthy projects.

Loyce Lacson stated that the MERS reports are not typed because it would require a special program.

Raymond Duran welcomed Max Foster and Joshua Duran to the ANC Board.

Joshua Duran thanked the board for considering and accepting him on the board.

Raul Pineda and Fernando Moreno welcomed new board members.

Fernando Moreno commented on the important community issues we are facing some of which have been addressed at this meeting.

Max Foster thanked the board for allowing him to return to the ANC Board and he looks forward to serving the community.

Board members welcomed new and returning board members and look forward to the upcoming events.

John Hernandez suggested the board and its committees think about what we want to accomplish for the remaining fiscal year. The fiscal year ends June 30, 2017.

Stakeholder Comments:

A stakeholder thanked the board for all they do.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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