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**Minutes of the Arleta Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2020**

Vice-President Jaime Gallo called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

I. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Vice-President Jaime Gallo.

Roll Call: **Board Members Present:** Jaime Gallo, Margaret Shoemaker, Loyce Lacson, Jose Pumay, Gary Gallon, Jesse Ramos, Burton Hunter, Joshua Duran, Jesse Torres, Mary Oberg, Jennifer Punay, Kenneth Nguyen (arrived at 6:52)

Board Members Absent Excused: Raymond Duran.

Board Members Absent: Barbara Berumen, Adrian Carrillo

III. General Public Comment – Art Garcia spoke on behalf of **State Assembly District 39** – he gave an update on COVID-19. He stated that the CENSUS response is light and encouraged everyone to complete the CENSUS. He has been busy with assisting constituents with EDD claims. He reported on a CAL TRANS project on the 210 freeway from Wheatland to I - 5.

Jasmine Elbarbary (**Empower L.A.**) introduced herself as the new neighborhood council advocate for the Arleta Neighborhood Council.

Lea Gonzalez spoke on behalf of the **29th Congress District** – she spoke about a Town Hall on teleworking. She stated that office phone hours have been extended – 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Lorena Bernal spoke on behalf of **L.A. City Council District 6** – she said there has been a lot of requests for Bulky Item Pick-up and illegal dumping causing delays in pick-up. She encouraged using the 311 app and/or calling 311 to request services. She spoke about homeless encampments being out of control. The mayor issued a directive to not disturb encampments. She spoke about overgrown vegetation along Woodman from Branford to Community. The L.A. City Council is in recess now and will return next week.

Concerns were raised about a homeless encampment at Woodman and Fillmore. They are stealing electricity from a nearby light pole, selling drugs, and impeding pedestrians.

Officer Tracy Ware – **L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer for Arleta** gave a crime update for last month. There has been an increase of GTA (Grand Theft Auto) especially on Canterbury between Fillmore and Terra Bella. She stressed the importance of “Hide it, Lock it, Keep it.” She has received a lot of vendor complaints. She encouraged using the 311 system (call or use the App for “non-compliant vendors”). Officer Ware has gone out with Sanitation to the homeless encampment at Woodman and Fillmore. They were able to clear the sidewalk and they continue to work on that location and all encampments. The front desk at L.A.P.D. Mission Station remains closed. We can call the front desk at 818-838-9800. There will be an Impromptu Community Transparency Meeting at Branford Park on Sunday July 26th from 11:00 a.m. until 12 noon; everyone is welcome.

A community member expressed concern for the double standard that protects protestors – “they can do what they want but we must stay at home.” The feeling is that the mayor should do something.

Another stated that there is no more confidence in our elected officials at all levels of government. They do not seem to be considering the best interest of the communities they represent.

Glenn Bailey gave some neighborhood council updates – the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) held their last in-person meeting in February. They will hold a virtual meeting on Thursday, August 13th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. The L.A. Neighborhood Council Coalition meets on the first Saturday of the month, August 1st at 10:00 a.m. The 2020 Congress of Neighborhood Councils was cancelled. A possible mini Congress Kick-off event is planned for September 26th from 8:30 – 12 noon. Glenn requested that we include budget advocate on our agenda to allow for questions and answers. He added that the role of the budget advocate is even more important than ever before.

Caroline Menjivar, the East Valley representative from the mayor’s office, announced that Arleta is in second place behind Pacoima in the San Fernando Valley for COVID-9 cases. She stated that the mayor’s directive regarding homeless encampments and Sanitation clean-ups is pursuant to a L.A. City Council decision. She said that L.A. County has said nail and hair salons can work outside under a tent.

Board Business

I. ANC Special Board Minutes dated June 15, 2020.

Motion 1/Seconded/Carried – Mary Oberg – Move to approve the ANC Special Board Meeting Minutes dated June 15, 2020. (Second by Loyce Lacson). The motion passed unanimously

ANC General Board Minutes dated June 16, 2020.

Motion 2/Seconded/Carried – Mary Oberg – Move to approve the ANC General Board Meeting Minutes dated June 16, 2020. (Second by Loyce Lacson). The motion passed unanimously.

II. Monthly Expenditure Report for June 2020.

Motion 3/Seconded/Carried –Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.) for the month of June 2020. (Second by Mary Oberg) The motion passed unanimously.

III. Motion 4/Seconded/Carried — Jesus Torres – move to approve up o \$3,200.00 for outreach materials. (Second by Burton Hunter). The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Motion5/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – Move to approve sending a Community Impact Statement (C.I.S.) regarding Assembly Bill 1120 – Relative to proposed California Government Code 6582.21 in matters of single-family homes and accessory dwelling units being defined as ministerial developments and not subject to discretionary review by a local agency. The C.I.S. opposes this Assembly Bill 1120. (Second by Gary Gallon). The motion passed unanimously.

A stakeholder commented that any letter to Nury Martinez will go in the trash, adding that Councilmember Martinez made the statement that she does not like neighborhood councils.

There was discussion on City Attorney’s Office advice that neighborhood councils can only sent Community Impact Statements to L.A. City offices and not to state, county, or federal offices. The ANC was never given that decision in writing.

D.O.N.E. representative Jasmine Elbarbary stated that she will send the ANC board the written statement regarding C.I.S.

Art Garcia from Assembly District 39 stated that community members can contact elected officials in city, state, county, and federal offices as individuals to voice their concerns.

Glenn Bailey advised to include the L.A. City council files associated with the state bills in the C.I.S. He gave the numbers to include.

V. Motion 6/Seconded/Carried – Jesse Ramos – Move to approve the ANC send a Community Impact Statement (C.I.S.) regarding Assembly Bill 2345 – Relative to amend California Government Code 65915 in matters of: providing more incentives and concessions to developers without requiring 100% affordability of housing units. The C.I.S. opposes this Assembly Bill 2345. (Second by Burton Hunter). The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Presentation from the Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County:

Maria Leonido spoke about the organization and a Neighborhood Purpose Grant that they have submitted to the ANC. She explained the services they offer for homeowners, renters, etc.

VII. Motion 7/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve Jennifer Punay as a member of the Community Improvement/Land Use Committee. (Second by Loyce Lacson). The motion passed unanimously.

XVI. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

