



ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Arleta Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2020**

President Raymond Duran called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

I. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Burt Hunter.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Margaret Shoemaker, Loyce Lacson, Jose Pumay, Gary Gallon, Jesse Ramos, Burton Hunter, Joshua Duran, Jesse Torres (arrived at 7:20), Mary Oberg, Jennifer Punay (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Adrian Carrillo.

Board Members Absent Excused: Kenneth Nguyen

Board Members Absent: Barbara Berumen

II. President's Report – President Raymond Duran welcomed all attendees. He announced that there will be no questions to representatives because they are speaking under Public Comment which is a non-discussion period.

III. General Public Comment – Glenn Bailey spoke about the Congress of Neighborhoods. All 99 neighborhood councils registered for the first Virtual Congress. He spoke about the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC). He invited and encouraged Arleta to attend.

Famaraz Nahavi thanked the board for allowing him to give his report at the last General Board Meeting. He stated that tonight is the deadline for submitting written public comment to the METRO Board of Commissioners.

Semee Park – Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (D.O.N.E.) – introduced Lorenzo Briceno. He will be taking over for Jasmine Elbarbary as the D.O.N.E. representative that will be assisting Arleta. She reported on the Election Worksheet, mandatory bylaw changes, and the L.A. City Council and Board of Neighborhood Commissioner requirements for board member training.

A stakeholder expressed two concerns – 1. State Legislators flew to Hawaii, all being paid for by taxpayers. 2. If Joe Biden is elected Eric Garcetti could be appointed to his Cabinet.

Lorenzo Briceno – D.O.N.E. – introduced himself. He gave his e-mail: lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org.

Senior Lead Officer Tracy Ware – L.A.P.D. – gave a crime update. There has been an increase in Grand Theft Auto (GTA) in Arleta and in all of Mission Division. She cautioned us to secure our vehicles and do not leave items inside the vehicle in sight. The only vehicles not being impounded now are ones being lived in. She spoke about the house at 14103 Terra Bella. The man living on the property has been arrested four times in two weeks. The property owner was asked to secure the property and has complied. Officer Ware spoke about two upcoming events – a car show on December 5th and a toy drive - toys will be distributed on December 13th

Alvan Arzu- **Neighborhood Prosecutor, Mission Division** – spoke about the Terra Bella property. They have contacted the owner and the with assistance from Building and Safety will be resolving the issue. He spoke about the homeless and concern for the security of packages being delivered to our homes. He asked that we continue to wear masks and consider each other. He concluded stating that he will continue to work with Lorena Bernal from Council District 6 on the homeless issue.

L.A. Council District 6 – Lorena Bernal gave updates on slurry seals taking place in Arleta. It is done every three years. Some streets will be resurfaced. The Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) has been towing vehicles with help from L.A.P.D. The L.A.D.W.P. Station in Sun Valley will be closing. November 22nd is the new deadline for those having difficulty paying their utility bills. Other issues she and Building and Safety have been working on in Arleta include the Terra Bella property and auto shops being run from residences near Snowden, Chase, and Sparton.

Caroline Menjivar - Los Angeles Mayor's Office – spoke about Veteran's Day, new restrictions in L.A. County, Curfew, and different testing sites in the East San Fernando Valley.

Michael Menjivar – Los Angeles Unified School District (L.A.U.S.D.) – spoke about L.A.U.S.D. School Board District 6.

Glenn Bailey is officially speaking for the **Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates** – he apologized to Arleta that the budget advocate assigned to Arleta has not been in attendance at our meetings. He should be attending every month or every other month. He stated that there were two recent resignations from Region One. Budget representatives can fill those positions. An election will be held soon. He added that the president or the treasurer will be the budget representative if a second representative is not appointed. He said he will e-mail reports on updates. The new website is www.budgetadvocates.org.

Board Business:

IV. Motion 1/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – Move to approve the ANC General Board Meeting Minutes dated October 20, 2020. (Second by Jaime Gallo). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion 2/Seconded/Carried – Mary Oberg – Move to approve the ANC Special Board Meeting Minutes dated November 4, 2020. (Second by Jesus Torres). The motion passed unanimously.

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

VI. Motion 4/Seconded/Carried — Jaime Gallo – move to approve the Arleta Neighborhood Council send a letter to the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety regarding the property at 14103 Terra Bella Street, Arleta, CA 91331. (Second by Loyce Lacson). The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Motion 5/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – Move to approve an expense of up to \$5,000.00 for monthly outreach to stakeholders for the next four months (Second by Jaime Gallo). The motion passed with 8 yes votes, 1 no vote, 2 ineligible, and 1 absent.

VIII. Motion 6/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – Move to approve an expense of up to \$1,000.00 to provide refreshments for volunteers at the L.A.P.D. Mission Station Toy Giveaway on Sunday, December 13, 2020. (Second by Jesus Torres). The motion passed with 8 yes votes, 1 no vote, 2 ineligible, and 1 absent.

IX.. Committee Reports: none

L.A.U.S.D. – Michael Menjivar spoke about School Police activity at Panorama High School – a transient was disruptive during a “give-away.” Kelly Gonez gave updates and spoke on L.A.U.S.D.’s path forward on dealing with Covid-19. She talked about improvements at Vena and Canterbury Elementary Schools in Arleta. Several board members and stakeholders expressed concerns about the cuts in the School Police budget.

X. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.