



ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Arleta Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

I. Call to Order: President Raymond Duran called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present: Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Margaret Shoemaker, Loyce Lacson, Jose Pumay, Gary Gallon, Jesse Ramos, Burton Hunter, Joshua Duran, Jesus Torres (arrived at 7:00 p.m.), Mary Oberg, Jennifer Punay, Adrian Carrillo, Kenneth Nguyen (arrived at 8:30 p.m.), Marco Valdez, Christianna Hartwell.

Pledge of Allegiance – led by Burt Hunter

II. President's Report – President Raymond Duran spoke about issues and concerns in the community

III. General Public Comment – Captain Cortez, **L.A.P.D. Mission Station** spoke about the Arleta Community and the efforts to keep us safe. She introduced Acting Commander, Alan Hamilton. Commander Hamilton looks forward to working with all neighborhood councils. Senior Lead Officer, Tracy Ware and Sargent Munoz gave a crime update for our community.

Carol Menjivar, **Mayor's Office**, introduced a student, Emma, who gave a report on vaccines, homeowner's ADUs, an upcoming gun buy back in Van Nuys, and mobile Covid testing sites.

Art Garcia, Assembly **District 39**, spoke about a Virtual Town Hall, Covid 10 updates, Virtual District Office, and he offered assistance with state issues such as EDD and DMV.

Lorena Bernal, **Council District 6**, gave updates on L.A.P.D. resources, vaccine centers, and street sweeping.

Evelyn Bravo Ayala, **Senator Hertzberg's Office**, spoke about ADUs, funding for shelters with pets, Green Jobs, Wildfire home protection, and EDD.

A stakeholder thanked L.A.P.D. for handling a clean-up at Kagel Canyon.

Michael Menjivar, L.A.U.S.D., spoke about the opening of schools and vaccines.

A stakeholder stated that Nury Martinez, Council District 6, voted to defund police. A stakeholder commented that she is happy to see so many stakeholders joining our zoom meeting tonight. She expressed concern with defunding of police and asked how they are handling these cuts. In addition, she asked how the City will handle Judge Carter's rulings with regard to homeless.

Another stakeholder thanked L.A.P.D. for the clean-up at Kagel Canyon. She expressed an interest in the Woodman building and would like to be involved.

Several stakeholders spoke about agenda item number VI regarding 9120 Woodman Ave. The majority of stakeholders spoke against a homeless shelter there. Two stakeholders were in favor of the project.

IV. Presentation from City Attorney, Mike Feurer:

City Attorney, Mike Feurer, spoke about some of the issues he has been working on. He has been focusing on the vulnerable – he sued an assisted nursing home for not protecting people in the nursing home. He spoke about Judge Carter – the city was sued because it was believed they were not doing enough for the homeless. City Attorney Feurer does not agree with defunding police. He answered questions from board members and stakeholders.

Board Business:

V. Motion 1/Seconded/Carried – Jaime Gallo – Move to approve the ANC General Board Meeting Minutes dated February 16, 2021. (Second by Gary Gallon). The motion passed with 13 yes, 1 absent, and 1 ineligible.

VI. Motion 2/Seconded/Carried – Jaime Gallo – Move to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.) for the month of February 2021. (Second by Raymond Duran). The motion passed with 13 yes, 1 absent, and 1 ineligible.

VII. Motion 3/Seconded/Carried – Mary Oberg – Move to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for \$5,000.00 submitted by L.A.P.D. Foothill Division to support their Cadet Program. (Second by Loyce Lacson). The motion passed with 12 yes, 1 absent; 2 were ineligible.

VI. Motion 4/Seconded/Carried – Jesus Torres– move to approve holding National Night Out in August 2021. (Second by Loyce Lacson). The motion passed with 12 yes, 1 absent; 2 were ineligible.

VII. Motion 5/Seconded/Carried – Mary Oberg – move to approve a Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding 9120 Woodman Avenue – relative to a proposal to use the property as a homeless facility. (The CIS opposes the project) (Second by Burt Hunter). The motion passed with 13 yes, 1 abstention, and 1 ineligible. There were over 60 stakeholders in attendance at this meeting. It appeared they were attending specifically for this issue. A lengthy discussion ensues. The majority that spoke were against a homeless shelter at this location. Only 2 were in favor.

VIII. Motion 6/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – move to approve a Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding: California State Senate Constitutional Amendment 2 (SCA-2) – Proposal to repeal Article 34 of the State Constitution requires public approval (by vote) of a development, construction, or acquisition of a low-rent housing project in a city, town, or county. The CIS opposes this California State Senate Constitutional Amendment). (Second by Jaime Gallo). The motion passed with 13 yes, 1 absent, and 1 ineligible.

IX. Report from Budget Advocate – Budget Advocate not present.

X. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to appoint board members and/or stakeholders to the following open committee positions: Outreach Committee, Community Improvement/Land Use Committee:

Motion 7/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – move to approve Marco Valdez to the Outreach Committee. (Second by Loyce Lacson). The motion passed with 13 yes, 1 absent, and 1 ineligible.

Motion 8/Seconded/Carried – Mary Oberg – move to approve Christianna Hartwell to the Community Improvement/Land Use Committee. (Second by Jesse Ramos). The motion passed with 13 yes, 1 absent, and 1 ineligible.

Motion 9/ Seconded/ Carried – Jesse Ramos – move to approve stakeholder Rudy Melendez to the Community Impact/Land Use Committee. (Second by Jaime Gallo). The motion passed with 9 yes, 5 abstentions, and 1 ineligible.

X. ANC Committee Reports: No report

President Raymond Duran announced that board member Adrian Carrillo will be leaving the board since he has enlisted in the Marines. We thank him for his service to Arleta and to our country.

XIV. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.