



ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Attention: Arleta NC
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**Minutes of the Arleta Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 20, 2021**

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

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo (arrived at 6:47 p.m.), Margaret Shoemaker, Loyce Lacson, Gary Gallon, Jesse Ramos, Burton Hunter, Jesus Torres (arrived at 8:05 p.m.), Brian Patton, Mary Oberg, Marco Valdez, Christianna Hartwell (arrived at 7:18 p.m.)

Board Members Absent Excused: Jose Pumay.

Board Members Absent: Jennifer Punay

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Burton Hunter.

II. President Ray Duran thanked all the board members that attended and participated in the L.A.P.D Car Show and asked all board members to make every effort to attend ANC functions. He reminded us that it is one of the responsibilities of being a board member.

III. Presentation from Andrew Soto, Partnership Specialist at the L.A. Regional Census Bureau. Mr. Soto was not present.

IV. General Public Comment –

L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer Tracy Ware stated that the car show was a great success. The Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC) was the only neighborhood council to show support by being there. She thanked the ANC for their support at this event and for their support for the past year. It has been difficult at Mission Station with the loss of fellow officer, Val Martinez to COVID 19. She spoke about a Memorial Bike Ride in honor of Officer Val Martinez this Saturday, July 24, 2021. The event begins at 7:00 a.m. at Facey Medical Group on Sepulveda Blvd. next to Mission Station. Officer Ware spoke about the Crime Map – crime is down. However, she noted that some crimes are not reported. She asked that we report **all** crimes. There were two shootings, one under the bridge by Osborne St. and one at Woodman and Van Nuys. There was evidence that there were shooting victims but no one came forward and there were no victims at the hospital. Street races – there were arrests made in Sylmar.

Lorena Bernal, **Council District 6**, gave an update for our community. She spoke about how street lighting is affected by vandalism. It takes the department 30 to 40 days to assess and repair these vandalized streetlights. If more than one light is out, it is likely due to vandalism. Lorena asked that we report streetlights that are out to her or 311. Lorena spoke about homelessness – a motion (Council File draft motion 20-1376-S1) has been introduced to replace 41.18 which would bring back encampment clean-ups. In addition, it would restrict where encampments are allowed. The resolution also prohibits encampments (dwelling, sleeping) with individuals that have engaged in prior criminal activity. This will come back to City Council for a second vote on July 28th. She encouraged all community members to voice their approval of this motion. Lorena also stated that they will be doing weed abatement in the alleys on Osborne St. and on Branford St. She also spoke about the L.A.D.W.P. project at the spreading grounds at Fillmore and Woodman.

Jessica Orellano from the **County Supervisor's Office** spoke about the Pacoima Spreading Grounds. She stated that, due to the high number of COVID-19 cases, the mask mandates have returned. Their offices remain closed but they can be reached at 818-901-3831.

D.O.N.E. representative, Julien Antelin spoke about training, the Congress of Neighborhoods, and by-law amendments

Christy Holland, Community Liaison from L.A.D.W.P., introduced herself. She spoke about a major construction project coming to Arleta Ave. It is to replace the pipeline from 1914. The project will begin in about a month and will go from Terra Bella to the Tujunga Spreading Grounds. She added that the Tujunga Spreading Grounds will soon be open.

A stakeholder encouraged the ANC to invite mayoral candidates to our meetings. She asked Lorena Bernal from Council District 6 to send her the draft council file and to speak to Council President Martinez regarding concerns that criminals being released could be housed at the homeless shelter being brought to Arleta.

Andrew Soto, Partnership Specialist at the L.A. Regional Census Bureau spoke about the results of the 2020 Census.

Board Business:

V. Motion 1/Seconded/Carried – Burton Hunter – Move to approve the ANC General Board Meeting Minutes dated June 15, 2021. (Second by Loyce Lacson). The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Motion 2/Seconded/Carried –Jaime Gallo – Move to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.) for the month of June 2021. (Second by Mary Oberg). The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Motion 3/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to RE-approve \$200.00 for snacks and water for the L.A.P.D. Memorial Bike Ride. (Second By Brian Patton). The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Motion 4/Seconded/Carried – Mary Oberg – Move to RE-approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) submitted by **L.A.P.D. Mission Youth Service Officers** \$5,000.00 to fund a summer youth program for youth in the community. (Second by Jaime Gallo). The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Motion 5/Seconded/Carried – Burt Hunter – Move to approve a Community Impact Statement to show a lack of confidence in L.A. District Attorney, George Gascon. (Second by Jaime Gallo). A lengthy discussion ensued ending with the motion passing with 10 yes votes, 1 Abstention (2 board members were absent). It should be noted that the abstention was due to a fear of government. This is a concern since one of the goals of neighborhood councils is to promote public participation in government.

X. Possible Motion/Discussion/and possible action regarding Council File- 21-0407 which would require standardization of Neighborhood Council (NC) elections. Board members and stakeholders voiced opinions and concerns that to standardize NC Elections would contradict the L.A. City Charter regarding neighborhood councils to remain autonomous. This issue was referred to the Community Improvement/Land Use Committee to develop a Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding L.A. Council File 21-0407.

XI. Motion 6/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson - Move to approve an expense of up to \$2,000.00 to fund outreach material. (Second by Christianna Hartwell). The motion passed unanimously.

XII. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve board members to vacant committee seats. This item was tabled to the next ANC meeting due to no volunteers.

XIII. Report from Budget Advocate. Budget Advocate was not present.

XIV. ANC Committee Reports – Outreach Committee – Raymond Duran spoke about the Car Show and announced that the ANC event for National Night Out has been cancelled. Marco Valdez spoke about his plans to get youth involved. He also will be working on activating an Instagram Account and other social media to promote ANC activities.

XVIII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.