



ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Attention: Arleta NC
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Minutes of the Arleta Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting October 19, 2021

I. Call to Order: President Raymond Duran called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Margaret Shoemaker, Loyce Lacson, Jose Pumay, Gary Gallon, Jesse Ramos, Burton Hunter, Brian Patton, Christianna Hartwell.

Board Members Absent Excused: Mary Oberg, Marco Valdez, Jennifer Punay, Jesus Torres.
The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Burton Hunter

II. President's Report: Raymond Duran announced that there is an open Youth seat on the ANC Board. It will be on our next agenda. There is required training for Land Use committees – Planning 101. President Duran thanked everyone for attending our meetings.

III. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer, and Report from Government Officials:

Los Angeles County Supervisor representative, Jessica Orellano – announced a food distribution, partnering with Osborne Neighborhood Church and Council District 6. It will be held on Wednesday, October 22 at Osborne Neighborhood Church from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. She also spoke about a vaccine pop up last Saturday in Arleta and suggested anyone with questions about COVID-19 subscribe to or visit the Public Health website.

Council District 6 – Lorena Bernal spoke about homeless encampments and clean-ups in Arleta. The encampment that was at Branford and Woodman is still clean. She stated that there is currently no ordinance regarding vehicle dwelling but the City Council is working on it and will be looking for support once it is developed. Lorena spoke about the “Welcome to Arleta” sign. The plans have been reviewed and they are hoping to start the project soon. They are looking at structural calculations. The hope is that Council District 6 pick up any cost since the Arleta Neighborhood Council has invested so much already. She spoke about the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) – there has been longer response times due to staff shortages. She suggested that any vehicles causing a hazard be reported to her. Lorena spoke about redistricting – there is a meeting tonight and another meeting tomorrow approving maps. In addition, Lorena spoke about a community clean-up and a food drive in November.

U.S. Congress CA 29 – Lilia Monterrosa spoke about the Federal Budget - \$12.5 million of funds targeted for the San Fernando Valley. Other issues include vocation, housing, and mental health.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Adriana Cabrera, stated that AB361 – agenda updates went into effect on October 1st. She spoke about training, including Code of Conduct, CORE Institute Training, Planning 101, and Empower L.A. Listening Survey.

IV. Public Comment – Jesus Arana introduced himself as a **candidate for Los Angeles School Board Seat, District 6**. Some of his concerns are Safety, teacher development, and giving parents a voice. He wants an emphasis on trades and trade schools.

A stakeholder reminded that Nury Martinez voted to defund police. He also spoke against vaccination mandates and mask mandates.

V. Presentation from Dave Kolstad, the Young Eagles program operating out of Whiteman Airport: Mr. Kolstad is the treasurer of the **Whiteman Airport Association** and the vice president of **Experimental Aircraft**. He spoke about the many programs at Whiteman Airport including Angel’s Flight where pilots fly people with medical needs all over the country at no charge. He spoke about the Young Eagle’s program, Search and Rescue, Aviation Explorers Group, and others. In addition, Whiteman Airport is a necessary addition to the fire department and instrumental in getting aid to firefighters in surrounding fire prone areas. A lengthy discussion ensued. Board members and stakeholders spoke in favor of Whiteman Airport and were disappointed that our County Supervisor did not include Arleta and other surrounding areas in the committee investigating a possible plan to remove Whiteman Airport. It was noted that this is not just a Pacoima issue, it is a regional issue that affects all of the surrounding communities.

VI. Presentation from Los Angeles Bureau of Street Lighting. This item was tabled for a future meeting.

Board Business:

VII. Motion 1/Seconded/Carried – Burton Hunter – Move to approve the ANC General Board Meeting Minutes dated September 21, 2021. (Second by Jaime Gallo) The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Motion 2/Seconded/Carried – Jaime Gallo – Move to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.) for the month of September 2021. (Second by Margaret Shoemaker). The motion passed unanimously.

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

X. ANC Committee Reports:

Community Improvement Committee – Jesse Ramos stated that he will be holding a meeting next month. Some items for discussion will include a three-story Public Storage Building at Paxton and Interstate 5 and a Council File regarding a Koretz resolution on AB 140.

Outreach Committee – Raymond Duran – This Sunday, October 24th is the **L.A.P.D Mission Foot Pursuit 5k Walk/Run**. Ray encouraged all to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

