



ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Attention: Arleta NC
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Minutes of the Arleta Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting March 15, 2022

I. Call to Order: President Raymond Duran called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Margaret Shoemaker, Loyce Lacson, Jose Pumay, Gary Gallon, Jesse Ramos, Burton Hunter, Jesus Torres (arrived at 7:15 p.m.), Brian Patton, Mary Oberg, Marco Valdez, Christianna Hartwell.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Burt Hunter

II. President's Report: Raymond Duran reported that the legislative bill to repeal the gas tax failed. He spoke about the property at 9125 Woodman Ave. It used to be Reiner's Restaurant and is now going to be a Cannabis delivery service.

III. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer, and Report from Government Officials: Senior Lead Officer, Tracy Ware confirmed that she was advised that the 9125 Woodman Ave. location is going to be a Cannabis Delivery Service. Officer Ware reported that crime in our area has doubled since last year. Theft of Catalytic Converters has been a real concern as well as thefts from motor vehicles. She cautioned us to be sure not to leave items in vehicles. Jaime Gallo thanked Officer Ware for delivering a plaque showing Mission Station's appreciation of our support by participating in fund raising events.

Joel Gonzales introduced himself as our new **D.O.N.E.** advocate. He announced that he will be sending out e-mails informing board members of upcoming training and events. By-law amendments are due by April 1st.

L. A. City Council District 6 – Lorena Bernal gave updates on activities and services in our community such as resurfacing, homeless encampments, and rent relief. She was asked if Council District 6 would be funding a “party car” noting the need with summer coming. She said it would depend on the budget and that they would need a letter from L.A.P.D. Mission Station requesting funding for a “party car.” She advised that the 9125 Woodman location has a temporary permit and she will keep an eye on it

Congressional District 29 – Lilia Monterrosa reported that President Biden signed the Appropriations Act Budget. She spoke about a Congressional Art Contest and Free Covid Tests.

California State Assembly Office 39th District – Jessica Guzman reported that the office is still closed but they are actively responding to stakeholders. She spoke about upcoming events near us. She was asked what Ms. Rivas' stance is on AB1993 – “No Jab, No Job.” She committed to get back to us.

Los Angeles County Supervisor, 3rd District – Jessica Orellana thanked those that attended the “Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport” Open Houses. The next Zoom meeting on this issue will be on March 24th. She stated that Covid numbers are declining and the mask mandates are to end on March 21st but encouraged that they still be worn. She spoke about a new L.A. County pilot program of Guaranteed Income giving \$1,000.00 monthly for three months to qualified individuals.

Budget Advocate, Kevin Davis gave a report on upcoming events such as Town Hall Meetings and the Congress of Neighborhoods.

IV. Public Comments – a stakeholder stated that street vendors are purchasing their supplies at Target using their EBT cards to purchase food to sell – “this is just not right.” Another stakeholder requested more information on how Cannabis businesses are regulated. A concern was expressed that vendors have artificial lighting that reflects glare for drivers making it a safety hazard. Cannabis edibles target children – the wrappings are similar to popular candies and would like to see this discussed as a future agenda item. Cannabis.ca.gov.

Rudy Melendez thanked the ANC Board for asking hard hitting questions. He reminded us of the Statewide election on June 7th and announced his candidacy for **Congressional District 29**.

Board Business:

I. Motion 1/Seconded/Carried – Burton Hunter – Move to approve ANC General Board Meeting Minutes dated March 15, 2022. (Second by Jaime Gallo) The motion passed unanimously. (12 yes, 0 no)

II. Motion2/ Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.S.) for the month of February 2022. (Second by Mary Oberg). The motion passed unanimously. 12 yes, 0 no.

III. Motion3/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – Move to approve Christianna Hartwell as Vice-Chair of the Community Improvement/Land Use committee. (Second by Jesse Ramos). The motion passed. 7yes, 2 no, 4 abstentions.

IV. Motion4/Seconded/Carried – Jaime Gallo – Move to approve an expense of up to \$2,000.00 for “Victory for Victims” 5K Walk/Run benefitting The Center for Assault Treatment Services (C.A.T.S.) sponsored by Northridge Hospital to be held in April 2022. Funds to come from the Outreach Budget. (Second by Loyce Lacson). The motion passed unanimously. 12 yes, 0 no.

V. Motion 5/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – Move to approve funding up to \$15,000.00 for a National Night Out Event to be held on August 2, 2022. Funds to come from the Outreach Budget. (Second by Jaime Gallo). The motion passed unanimously. 12 yes, 0 no.

VI. Open Board Seats – President Duran announced vacant board seats for the following seats: School Representative (1 seat), Renter Representative (1 seat), and Youth Representative (1 seat). There were no volunteers.

VII. ANC Committee Reports:

Outreach Committee – Marco Valdez reported that there will be a meeting in the next couple of weeks to begin planning of National Night Out and for follow up on ANC Instagram and Facebook.

Community Improvement/Land Use Committee – Jesse Ramos reported on the Papa Juan Bar & Grill Restaurant going in at Roscoe and Woodman. He asked if the ANC Board is going to take a position on the CIS regarding the permit for beer and wine at that location. He cited concerns about problems when there is alcohol consumption. There is also a nail salon and a Starbucks going in at that location.

Jaime Gallo reported on the “**Welcome to Arleta**” sign – he has recently sent two e-mails to Mr. Quezada and has had no response. His most recent e-mail was yesterday. Lorena Bernal asked that she be included in the e-mails when he reaches out to Mr. Quezada in the future so she can assist in getting a prompt response.

A stakeholder wants a letter sent to Luz Rivas to ask her why she voted no on the gas tax reduction.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

