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ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Arleta Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting Tuesday, February 21, 2023

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 (Left at 9:11 P.M.), Margaret Shoemaker, Loyce Lacson, Gary Gallon, Jesse Ramos, Burton Hunter, Jesus Torres, Brian Patton, Mary Oberg, Marco Valdez.

Board Members Absent Excused: Jose Pumay, Christianna Hartwell

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

II. President's Report – President Raymond Duran reported on the Candidate Forum held last Saturday for the Council District 6 Special Election. It was a great success. Raymond applauded all board members for their hard work. He hopes to be able to hold in-person meetings in March. President Duran spoke about attendance and hopes that we will have good attendance at in-person meetings.

III. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and Report from Government Officials: Senior Lead Officer Tracy Ware thanked the Arleta Neighborhood Council for hosting the Candidate Forum. She gave an update on crime in our community – Crime is down 8% year to date. However, theft from motor vehicles is up compared to last year. She urges us to lock and secure our vehicles and remove all items from our cars. She is receiving complaints on Recreational Vehicles being used for storage. Officer Ware announced that Mission Station is holding their annual golf tournament and will send out flyers. Officer Ware answered questions from board members and stakeholders. President Duran thanked Officer Ware and the other officers for their attendance at the Candidate Forum. **Los Angeles Council District 6** representative, Lorena Bernal gave updates on homeless encampments and clean-ups at encampments. She spoke about infrastructure and sidewalk improvements and the L.A.D.W.P. North Trunkline project. She is looking to coordinate a community clean-up with the Arleta Community Garden. Mrs. Bernal also reported on the plan to improve Woodman Avenue between Community Street and Ventura Canyon. Lorena answered questions from board members and stakeholders. **California State Assembly Office District 39** – Jessica Guzman stated that they continue to assist with State Agencies. She gave updates on the state tax refund project. Ms. Guzman answered questions from board members and stakeholders. Katherine Catrejon from our **State Senator's Office** stated that the State Senator has proposed 16 bills. She spoke about an Emergency Preparedness Fair to be held at Pierce College and Cyclavia. She answered questions from board members and stakeholders. Jesse Leon from **Metro** spoke about the Community Leadership Board and the Community Leadership Council (CLC). He answered questions from board members and stakeholders. Chad Monk gave an update on the **Recuperative Health Care Facility at 9120 Woodman Avenue** (at Nordhoff). He answered questions from board members and stakeholders. Some expressed concerns that their free lunch program will bring more homeless to the community and long lines for the free lunches. It was suggested that perhaps they could use “Meals on Wheels” to avoid lines for free food.

IV. General Public Comment: Anthony Garcia introduced himself as the new deputy director for **L.A.U.S.D. (District 6)**. He is the new liaison for schools in Arleta.

Joel Gonzalez from the **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)** spoke about information sessions and the City Clerk. He will be sending e-mails out to board members.

Stakeholders expressed concern for sinkholes in Arleta. Rudy Melendez expressed his respect and admiration for the Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC) and the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) for holding the Candidate Forum.

Board Business:

- I. Motion 1/Seconded/Carried** – Mary Oberg – Move to approve the ANC minutes for the **General Board Meeting** minutes dated **February 21, 2023**. (Second by Loyce Lacson). The motion passed with 9 yes, 0 no, 1 ineligible, and 2 absent).
- II. Motion 2/Seconded/Carried** – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve the **Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.S)** for the month of **January 2023**. (Second by Burt Hunter). The Motion passed with 9 yes, 0 no, 1 ineligible, and 2 absent.
- III. Motion 3/Seconded/Carried** – Loyce Lacson – Move to approve spending \$5,000.00 for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) submitted by Carol Salazar-Loweree for supplies to continue a non-profit tutoring mentor program called Happy House. (Second by Margaret Shoemaker). The motion passed with 9 yes, 0 no, 1 ineligible, and 2 absent.
- IV. Motion 4/Seconded/Carried** – Loyce Lacson – Move to approve spending \$500.00 to help the Branford Park Easter event for children and their families. (Second by Burton Hunter). The motion passed with 9 yes, 0 no, 1 ineligible, and 2 absent.
- V. Motion 5/Seconded/Carried** – Loyce Lacson – Move to approve a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on Council Files 09-0651 and 19-0988 – Relative to the temporary closures of the pedestrian tunnel at Tonopah Street under the Interstate 5 and State Route 170 freeways to abate the public safety issues occurring at the site. (Second by Jaime Gallo). The motion passed with 9 yes, 0 no, and 3 absent.
- VI. Motion 6/Seconded/Carried** – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve in-person ANC meetings beginning March 2023 to be held at Osborne Neighborhood Church. (Second by Burton Hunter). The motion passed with 9 yes, 0 no, and 3 absent.
- VII. Committee Report: Community Improvement Committee** – Jesse Ramos spoke about AB665 – Wendy Carrillo – allows medical attention provided to minors parental consent and AB335 – seeks to remove proposition 47 passed in 2014. **Outreach Committee** – no report
- VIII. Announcements** – Jesse Ramos thanked Lorena Bernal for her service to our community. President Raymond Duran thanked everyone for attending.
- IX. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.