

Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)
General Board Meeting **DRAFT** Minutes
Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Location of meeting: Osborne Neighborhood Church, Fellowship Hall,
13501 Osborne St., Arleta, CA 91331

- I. Call to Order, by ___ANC Board President, Raymond Duran___ at ___6:39 p.m.____**
Roll Call Board members PRESENT: Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Jesse Ramos, Gary Gallon, Christiana Hartwell, Jesse Torres (7), Robert Yaffe arrived at 6:44 pm, Sandra Sanchez arrived at 7:51 pm. (quorum of 9 acquired).

Board member ABSENT : Jose Pumay:

(Official Board Meeting didn't commence until 8:30 pm, after Board quorum was reached.)

II. President's Report

Instructions about how the format of the meeting will proceed until we acquire quorum

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

● **Senior Lead officer Tracy Ware** gave an Arleta area crime Report: 2 car thefts, bicycle thefts, stolen vehicle recoveries.

Announced 5K Mission Foot Pursuit (fundraiser for Cadet program). Toy Drive & Car / Bike Show. Toy Give-Away event. Walgreens at Van Nuys & Woodman will be adjusting their hours (closing early) due to security issues. They'll start with shortened walk-in hours. Possibly keep 24 hours operation for drive-thru pharmacy. Shooting incidents.

● Council District 6 (CD-6) Imelda Padilla. **Lorena Bernal**. Introduced 2 newly appointed representatives from the office of Imelda Padilla. Their Van Nuys (VN) office will be temporarily closed for renovations. All staff will be located at the Sun Valley office of CD-6. (phone calls made to the Van Nuys number will be forwarded to the Sun Valley office until the VN office reopens.).

Homeless Encampment issues are still being worked on. Many restrictions on what they can and what they can't do. Right now, there are only 2 reasons why an RV can be towed away: Only RV's that are not registered or that are leaking can presently be towed away.

Encampment at Woodman & Kagel Canyon moved somewhere. They will watch that area.

Events: October Homeless Connect Day, with showers, haircuts, housing help & other.

Carnival Awards Fair, Miracle At Mission event with Mission Division Toy Give-Away (fliers on table).

Residential Recuperative Care Medical Facility at Woodman & Kagel Canyon: once the facility is open, then the "no encampment / loitering" City ordinance 4118 signs will be posted and enforcement can begin.

Stakeholders: asked about RV encampment at Sharp Avenue.

Lorena: Imelda Padilla is trying to get other City Council Members to cooperate on passing ordinances.

Board Members: suggested continuing to ticket vehicles with other illegal issues, including out of date registrations. Suggested that other surrounding cities don't have so much of these (RV's & homeless encampment issues & messes).

Stakeholder requested update on former KFC spot at Woodman & Nordhoff.

Lorena: Looks like the space is being leased to be the home of a Starbucks coffee facility.

Stakeholder: continued issue with residents in neighborhoods putting up cones or trash cans to reserve their own parking spaces. What can be done? Answer: Reach out to Marcela Q or to Lorena B. when you see this happen. Note address.

More Board members & stakeholders asked questions.

- **Jessica Guzman** from **Luz Rivas office**:

Legislative updates. 9 bills introduced by or co-authored by Luz Rivas were signed by Governor & have become law. Said that Luz Rivas co-authored SB 411. AB1700 – an environmental quality act brought \$3.5 million to our district. See their website. Annual Hike with Luz Rivas in Sylmar. Local Office phone: (818) 504-3911 or email.

- No one present from the **Mayor's office**.

- **State Senator, Caroline Menjivar's office**: "Coffee with Caroline" Meet-n-Greet in Sun Valley. Holiday Party at office, December 9th, 4:30-7:30 pm (fliers on table)
local office phone- (818) 901-5588. email- sd20.senate.ca.gov

- **Raymond ESFV Metro Project**: 2 up-coming community meetings (1 virtual, 1 in-person).

Stakeholder: responded that public should have an opportunity to speak at those meetings.

Answer: Comments cards are provided and will be read verbatim at those meetings.

They are only in the pre-consideration & design stage right now. Minor construction happening, only to relocate utilities.

E-Blast – to sign-up for construction updates and be notified of community meetings.

Question from Board member Geo. Comment from Jaime Gallo. Jesse Torres commented- need parking at all stations at street grade.

Answer: No parking structures in scope of the project.

Comment from Gary Gallon: Bus lanes, bike lanes, traffic problems + parking needed for metro stations.

Comment from Burton Hunter: We as residents of this area observe and can see the needs; so when we comment about the need for added parking lots or parking structures at Metro stations it's because we see the negative impact on residential neighborhoods when Metro riders park in the surrounding neighborhood instead of in a provided pay-parking structure.

- **Mirna** from the office of **County Supervisor, Lindsey Horvath**. She mentioned that she was hired in May. She told us her prior political employment experience. She mentioned that there will be 3 Sepulveda Transit Corridor meetings. RV's are technically a "housing unit" so hard to enforce restrictions against the people in them. -connected with this issue: the Board of Supervisors has delivered a motion for consideration to make it illegal to rent-out RV's. She spoke about efforts to address addiction prevention and substance abuse.

*After Government Officials, At this point in the meeting we **jumped to Board Business**,*

- Item # 7 motion to give an opportunity to appoint new ANC Board Members.

Giovani Escobar "Geo" stepped up and said Yes to fill one of the two available **At Large ANC Board seats** (the term ends in 2025). Geo has been in Arleta since 2005 and has been involved in the community for a long time. He answered questions from Board Members. A motion was made by Raymond Duran and Seconded by Jesse Torres to approve him to serve on the Board. **Vote: The motion passed** to accept him: **8 Yes votes, 0 No, 1 Absent.**

(The Chair, Raymond Duran, only votes when it affects the outcome [to make or break a tie]. In the event of a tie vote, the result is that the motion does NOT pass.)

No additional candidates stepped forward to fill an available ANC Board seat.

We came back to resume the meeting order after the brief interruption to appoint new Board Members. We started to go to Item #5 on the Agenda, but a point of order was called that General Public Comment had not yet been heard. We then went to General Public Comment before proceeding.

IV. **General Public Comments** on Items Not Listed on Agenda - California State Law (the Brown Act) requires PUBLIC COMMENT to be a **NON-DISCUSSION PERIOD (Two minutes /per Speaker)**.

- **Lionel Mares** informed us of the commencement of the Pacoima Reservoir project to clean-out the accumulated debris. The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) will be presenting the Neighborhood Councils Code of Conduct and will be voting on it November 2nd. 411 DID PASS at the government level in Sacramento. However, the City Council must vote on instituting it here and vote to pass the measure with a 2/3 majority vote in order to put it into effect.

Lionel announced himself to be running to be elected as a Budget Advocate (in place of Kevin Davis.)

- **Loyce Lacson** brought up that a project called Mission Mile Sepulveda: a One Infrastructure Project of an urban greenway belt down the middle of the boulevard is being proposed, with bicycle lanes and walking lanes and green space along the active transportation corridor (on Sepulveda Blvd. between Rayen to Rinaldi.). The project will take away 2 lanes (one in each direction) for this proposal. In addition to already losing 2 lanes for bus lanes. This would add a particularly stressful burden on the already heavy traffic flow through the area.

A meeting was held in Council District 7 on Tuesday, October 3rd to present the project. To submit a question or comment - Email the team at Mission-Mile@LACity.org or leave a voicemail at 213-442-4447.

V. ● Report from **Elizabeth Jimenez** and team from **LA Dept. of City Planning** with an update of the **East San Fernando Valley Transit Neighborhood Plan (ESFV TNP)**

- **David Olivo – Alexa Vasquez – Elizabeth Jimenez Land & Zoning Dept.**

They are beginning the Public Interaction Plan for up and down Van Nuys Blvd. Developing land use & zoning for this initial aspect of the project. Just starting the process of taking public opinion and input about different details of the project and what the public would like to see.

_Question arose from a stakeholder about a report previously seen, that some stages of the project had already begun to be put into motion; and that's before the public has even had a chance to speak up. How is that bringing the public's opinion in on this project?

_Answer: That the part that has already begun is just preliminary testing of ground structure and doing preparation for utility work that will be needed for the project.

- **Elizabeth Jimenez** – Planning assistant for **Lite Rail on Van Nuys Blvd.**

History & background / codes - forms – fares : visit the website

-Board Business -

I. **Motion #1**, Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the **ANC Minutes** for the last General Board Meeting and any other prior meetings not yet approved.

Motion is Tabled, awaiting an update.

II. **Motion #2** Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of any **financial statements**, including the Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.) or other ongoing monthly financial documents prepared by the Treasurer which have not yet been approved.

Motion is Tabled, awaiting an update.

- III. (8:30 pm) **Motion #3** Possible Motion/ Discussion and possible recommendations/Vote to the ANC Board regarding to approve a **Neighborhood Purpose Grant** (NPG) request from the **Mission Community Police Council for a grant of up to \$5,000** to assist with the overall cost of putting-on the **Mission Foot Pursuit 5K Run**, scheduled to be held at the Davis Training facility **on October 29, 2023**. Funds raised from this event are used to help with the general costs of the Cadet and Jr. Cadet programs as well as any other youth programs.
 Motioned #3 by _____ Jaime Gallo _____ Second by- _____ Jesse Torres _____
 Only item of discussion was to clarify that ANC will have an outreach table at this event.
Motion Passed 7- Yes, 1- Abstained, 1- Absent, 1- Ineligible, (Board Chair did not vote on this motion.)
- IV. **Motion #4** -Possible Motion/Discussion and possible recommendations/Vote to the ANC Board regarding to approve a **Neighborhood Purpose Grant** (NPG) request from the **Mission Community Police Council for a grant of up to \$3,000** for the purpose of providing food and refreshments to the 50+ employees and volunteers working **LAPD Mission Division Annual Toy Drive and Car Show** (on December 2, 2023). Also to support the cost of purchasing, advertising and outreach materials, five portable restrooms, including a handicap restroom and handwashing station. Also to purchase a trash bin rental for the event.
 Motioned #4 by _____ Jesse Torres _____ Second by- _____ Gary Gallon _____
 Only discussion was to clarify that this was a different event from Item #5 (This is a drive to collect some of the donated toys which will be given away the following weekend. Told where it is being held, and that was a good, successful that we participated in last year.
Motion Passed 7- Yes, 1- Abstained, 1- Absent, 1- Ineligible, (Board Chair did not vote on this motion.)
- V. **Motion #5** - Possible Motion/Discussion and possible recommendations/ & Vote to the ANC Board regarding to approve a **Neighborhood Purpose Grant** (NPG) request from the Mission Community Police Council for a **grant of up to \$1,000** for the purpose of supporting the cost of putting on the **Mission Division Annual Toy Give Away** event in December.
 Motioned #5 by _____ Burton Hunter _____ Second by- _____ Jesse Torres _____
Motion Passed 7- Yes, 1- Abstained, 1- Absent, 1- Ineligible, (Board Chair did not vote on this motion.)
- VI. **Motion #6** - Possible Motion/Discussion and possible recommendations/Vote to **re-submit a version of our previously approved and submitted CIS, regarding Whiteman Airport**. ANC's CIS to be submitted to the City Council, citing Council File: 21-0002-S13 & Council File: 20-1538.
 Motioned #6 by _____ Jesse Torres _____ Second by- _____ Gary Gallon _____
 DISCUSSION: Jesse Ramos – ANC's previous CIS was submitted in 2021. This new CIS will contain the same language; just updated for this date and current Board vote. Jesse considers it a "land-grab" – to hand over to private developers.
 Sandra Sanchez – Commented Whiteman Airport shouldn't be there –pollution, crashes, more.
 Christiana Hartwell – supports the airport. Sister saved by an Angel Flight from Whiteman.
 Burton Hunter – This new County Board of Supervisors will be the ones making the final decision. They need to hear our opinions – both our CIS and our personal input.
 Raymond Duran – stated reasons to keep the airport.
 Gary Gallon – Stated an appreciation of everyone's opinion. Lots of things to consider, but a lot of good, positive things come out of this airport.
 Loyce Lacson – commented on train noise issues, the recent Air Fair, & other special events.
 Stakeholder – Commented that a second air quality check has showed no difference in air quality at the airport itself compared to other surrounding areas.
 Other comments heard from Joann Gallon & Jesse Torres.
Motion Passed 7- Yes, 1- No, 1- Absent, 1- Ineligible, (Board Chair did not vote on this motion.)

(This motion was moved up to occur in the meeting AFTER the Government Representatives portion, and BEFORE General Public Comment. After this vote, we returned to General Public Comment)

VII. Motion # 7 -Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve to **fill each of the following open ANC Board seats:**

Motioned #7 by _____ Raymond Duran _____ Second by- _____ Jesse Torres _____

A.) At Large Representative (2) **Geovanni “Geo” Escobar** self-nominated to fill one of the available At Large Seats on the ANC Board. Geo has live in Arleta since 2006 – has been involved in the community for a long time. His term will end in 2025.

Motion Passed 8- Yes, 1- Absent, (Board Chair did not vote on this motion.)

- B.) Senior Representative (1) No candidates volunteered or were nominated.
- C.) School Representative (1) No candidates volunteered to join or were nominated.
- D.) Youth Representative (1) No candidates volunteered to join or were nominated.

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IX. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to select ANC Committee Seats:

Motioned #8-A by ___Ray Duran_____ Second by- _____Jesse Torres_____

A.) Outreach Committee (3 for quorum)

- **Chair** - Robert Yaffe

Motion 8-A.1 Passed 8- Yes, 1- Absent, 1- Ineligible, (Board Chair did not vote on this motion.)

- **Members** - Geo Escobar, Gary Gallon

Motion 8-A.2 Passed 8- Yes, 1- Absent, 1- Ineligible, (Board Chair did not vote on this motion.)

Motioned #8-B by ___Ray Duran_____ Second by- _____Burton Hunter _____

B.) Community Improvement Committee (3 for quorum)

- **Chair** - Jesse Ramos

Motion 8-B.1 Passed 7- Yes, 2- Absent (Jesse Torres was temporarily out of the room at time of vote)
, 1- Ineligible, (Board Chair did not vote on this motion.)

- **Members** – “Geo”, Jesse Torres

Motion 8-B.2 Passed 8- Yes, 1- Absent, 1- Ineligible, (Board Chair did not vote on this motion.)

Motioned #8-C by ___Ray Duran_____ Second by- _____Robert Yaffes_____

C.) By Laws Committee ()

- **Chair** - Christiana Hartwell

Motion 8-C.1 Passed 8- Yes, 1- Absent, 1- Ineligible, (Board Chair did not vote on this motion.)

- **Members** - Burton Hunter, Ray Duran, Jesse Torres, Loyce Lacson (stakeholder).

Motion 8-C.2 Passed 8- Yes, 1- Absent, 1- Ineligible, (Board Chair did not vote on this motion.)

X. Committee Reports

Jesse Ramos commented on establishing Parking Permit Districts. We need help to disseminate info to the community around proposed Metro line. Do we need to approve postage? Or will we be able to hand-deliver.

XI. Announcements

Jaime Gallo –Wants to thank people who showed up to the Air Fair (at Whiteman Airport).
Ray Duran – Biggest ANC Board issue is that we work as a team. Try to keep comments from the Board to a minimum. He wants us to try to work faster as a team.

XII. Meeting Adjournment at 9:43 pm

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the Chairperson.