

**Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)
Special Board Meeting MINUTES - DRAFT -
Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

I. Call to Order : President Raymond Duran called the meeting to order at ___7:47 pm__.

Roll Call: Those present: Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Jesse Ramos, Gary Gallon, Christiana Hartwell, Jose Pumay, Robert Yaffe, & Geo Escobar
Those absent: Jesse Torres We had a quorum of ANC Board Members.

The Pledge of Allegiance led by ___Burton Hunter__

II. President’s Report

A thanks to all for showing up and attending this extra, but necessary meeting.

III. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and Reports from Government Officials – None-

IV. General Public Comments on Items Not Listed on Agenda - :

Lionel Mares – Good news – San Fernando Valley will be receiving many millions of dollars in investments for application to such things as Bus Shelters, Streets, etc.
Noted an article in L.A. Daily News. Public engagement with elected officials is paying off with results.

Richard Serrano – Lives in CD-6 (previously ran for CD-6 City Council election). He has a plan for better city management. Part of his plans directly address how to handle some people who wants to unfairly take advantage of the system.

Board Business

I. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the ANC Minutes for the prior General or Special Board meeting of: (each date is a separate item to be vote on)

A.) July 31, 2023 minutes.

Motioned by __Christiana Hartwell__ 2nd by __Jaime Gallo__

Discussion: -none

Vote: Yes _8_, No _0_, Abstained _0_, Ineligible _0_, Absent _1_.

The motion **Carried**.

B.) August 15, 2023 minutes,

Motioned by __Christiana Hartwell__ 2nd by __Gary Gallon__

Discussion: a clarifying question from Jesse Ramos.

Vote: Yes _7_, No _0_, Abstained _1_, Ineligible _0_, Absent _1_.

The motion **Carried**.

C.) Special Board meeting minutes of September 5, 2023,

Motioned by __Christiana Hartwell__ 2nd by __Jaime Gallo__

Discussion: - none

Vote: Yes _7_, No _0_, Abstained _1_, Ineligible _0_, Absent _1_.

The motion **Carried**.

(continued: voting on approval of minutes of previous Board Meetings)

D.) **October 17, 2023** minutes,

Motioned by __Jaime Gallo__ 2nd by __Jesse Ramos__

Discussion: Robert Yaffe inquired if any ANC people were in attendance at the Branford Park Halloween event, that we helped sponsor? And was it a good event? Burton Hunter attended and it was a well-organized event and was well attended.

Vote: Yes __7__, No __0__, Abstained __1__, Ineligible __0__, Absent __1__.

The motion **Carried**.

E.) **November 21, 2023**, minutes (no quorum at that meeting)

Motioned by __Christiana Hartwell__ 2nd by __Jose Pumay__

Discussion: Jaime Gallo inquired if Board Minutes are required to be taken at meetings where no quorum was attained. Recently discovered that the answer to that question is Yes..

Vote: Yes __8__, No __0__, Abstained __0__, Ineligible __0__, Absent __1__.

The motion **Carried**.

II. Possible Motion/ Discussion/Vote on the approval of **monthly financial documents** prepared by the Treasurer which have not yet been approved.: (each item was voted on separately)

A.) **August, 2023 ANC M.E.R.s** (monthly expenditure reports)

Motioned by __Jesse Ramos__ 2nd by __Christiana Hartwell__

Discussion: - none

Vote: Yes __5__, No __0__, Abstained __2__, Ineligible __1__, Absent __1__.

The motion **Carried**.

B.) **September, 2023 ANC M.E.R.s**

Motioned by __Burton Hunter__ 2nd by __Gary Gallon__

Vote: Yes __6__, No __0__, Abstained __1__, Ineligible __1__, Absent __1__.

The motion **Carried**.

C.) **October, 2023 ANC M.E.R.s**

Motioned by __Christiana Hartwell__ 2nd by __Jose Pumay__

Discussion: none-

Vote: Yes __6__, No __0__, Abstained __1__, Ineligible __1__, Absent __1__.

The motion **Carried**.

III. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve to accrue a \$10 monthly increase in rent at Arleta Storage (for a total of \$520. /per month) beginning January 1st, 2024.

Motioned by __Jose Pumay__ 2nd by __Jesse Ramos__

Discussion: Robert Yaffe questioned, is negotiating a better price possible? Loyce Lacson responded: Rent there is comparatively reasonable.

Vote: Yes __7__, No __0__, Abstained __0__, Ineligible __1__, Absent __1__.

The motion **Carried**.

Jaime Gallo questioned: Have owners responded to the rodent issue there?

IV. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve the **amended ANC Budget** for the current fiscal year.

Motioned by __Burton Hunter__ 2nd by __Christiana Hartwell__

Discussion: Amendment is to put back into our Budget a "Roll-Over" amount approved by the City..

Vote: Yes __7__, No __0__, Abstained __0__, Ineligible __1__, Absent __1__.

The motion **Carried**.

- V. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to **approve up to \$1,000.00 for outreach to promote Arleta stakeholders participating in and/or joining the ANC Board.**
 Motioned by __Jaime Gallo__. 2nd by __Gary Gallon__.
 Discussion: Robert Yaffe, Christiana H. (use Next Door), Ray, Jesse Ramos, Jaime Gallo, Joanne Gallon (use multiple social media.). Ray Duran – Many have given up working hours to try doing a going door-to-door method of distribution. Richard Serrano – Started his career in high school. Suggest recruit high school students or others to help.
 Loyce – ANC can't pay-out to hire individuals; too much paperwork to get through a City approval process and then the tax reporting process for each individual hired.
 Dave Hunt – is it more productive over-all to include a “statement of our mission” on the flier – showing what we've been able to engage in on behalf of the community. Perhaps this would be effective in someone to help “strike a nerve” of their interest to participate this aspect of civic engagement.
 Ray – Light pole banners are no longer an easy way to communicate our presence to the community.
 Vote: Yes 7, No 0. Abstained 0, Ineligible 1, Absent 1.
 The motion **Carried**.
- VI. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to appoint **Jesus Ramos**, our ANC Board Treasurer, as the **primary ANC bank card holder.**
 Motioned by __Christiana Hartwell__ 2nd by __Gary Gallon__
 Discussion: -none-
 Vote: Yes 7, No 0. Abstained 0, Ineligible 1, Absent 1.
 The motion **Carried**.
- VII. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to **create a letter** and apply to the City Council & to any City agency that requires it, a **request to be able to meet virtually** (as in via ZOOM) if we choose to do so, as stated in the provisions of the CA State Senate Bill 411 that recently passed in Sacramento.
 (we must have a 2/3 majority vote for this motion to pass.)
 Motioned by __Burton Hunter__ 2nd by __Robert Yaffe__
 Discussion: Burton: recommended at a recent Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) meeting for each NC to submit such a letter of request. – Jaime Gallo- better availability. Gary Gallon. Burton. Loyce: Good idea. Dave Hunt: would help have greater participation.
 Vote: Yes 8, No 0. Abstained 0, Ineligible 0, Absent 1.
 The motion **Carried**.
- VIII. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to send a letter to the L.A. City Council and to the City Attorney and the Mayor's Office stating that we are protesting the City Attorney's restrictive interpretation of what is required for Neighborhood Councils to participate in holding virtual meetings (as is provided by SB 411, recently passed in Sacramento.
 This **MOTION WAS TABLED** due to lack of a draft of the proposed letter not being printed and available for all participants to read before commenting or voting on it.

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- IX. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve to fill each of the following open ANC Board seats:**
- A.) **At Large Representative** (1) -none-
 - B.) **Senior Representative** (1) -none-
 - C.) **School Representative** (1) -none-
 - D.) **Youth Representative** (1) -none-
 - E.) **Community Based Organization Representative** (1) **Dave Hunt** requested to join the ANC Board as a CBO Rep.– He is on the Board of Osborne Neighborhood Church in Arleta.
 Jesse Ramos posed questions about what he would like to bring to the ANC Board as a member?
 Dave: Would like to work with Outreach – Community improvement. He is good at getting the word out. Ray commented that he has been talking with Dave about joining.
 Vote: Yes 8, No 0. Abstained 0, Ineligible 0, Absent 1.
Dave Hunt is accepted onto the ANC Board as of Tuesday, November 28, 2023.
 - F.) At Large Representative (1) -none-
- X. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to fill any available ANC Committee Seats.**
- A.) **Outreach Committee** - Members -none-
 - B.) **Community Improvement Committee** - Members - **Dave Hunt** requested to join this committee.
 Motioned by Christiana Hartwell 2nd by Jesse Ramos
 Vote: Yes 8, No 0. Abstained 0, Ineligible 0, Absent 1.
Dave Hunt is accepted onto the Community Improvement Committee as of Tuesday, November 28, 2023.
 - C.) **By Laws Committee** - Members -none-
- XI. Appoint 2 new ANC Budget Representatives** to represent Arleta NC to the LA City Budget Advocates Committee.
 Motioned by Christiana Hartwell 2nd by Gary Gallon
 Discussion: **Robert Yaffe** requested to accept one of those spots as Budget Representative..
 Vote: Yes 8, No 0. Abstained 0, Ineligible 0, Absent 1.
Robert Yaffe is accepted to serve as a Budget Representative from ANC to the Budget Advocates Committee.
- XII. Committee Reports** – none-
- XIII. Announcements**
 CD-6 Christmas Party on December 12th.
 Neighborhood Watch Meeting this coming Wednesday night.
 Starbucks start-up in Arleta is waiting on City approval paperwork being processed.
- XIV. Adjournment** of ANC Nov. 28, 2023 meeting at 7:59 p.m.