

**Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)
Special Board Meeting MINUTES
Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

I. Meeting opened By Raymond Duran,

General Public Comment: Stakeholder **Matthew Vasquez** reported street lights out in his neighborhood and is creating unsafe conditions.

Loyce Lacson – re: up-coming election, Prop.1 takes away funding from County programs, so is “bad news”. City Measure HLA will take away driving lanes on City thoroughfares, congest traffic and make it more difficult for emergency vehicles to get through. Representatives from the fire department have now issued a statement disapproving of the measure for these very reasons..

Roll Call:

Present: Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Jesse Ramos, “Geo” Escobar,
Christiana Hartwell, Dave Hunt, Jose Pumay, Robert Yaffe

Absent: Gary Gallon, Jesse Torres

Pledge of Allegiance led by Burton Hunter At: 6:46 p.m.

II. President’s Report

III. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and Representatives from other State, County or City Agencies. Report from Budget Advocates. – none present -

**IV. General Public Comments on Items Not Listed on Agenda -
- Public Comment occurred at the beginning of the meeting.**

Board Business

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I. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the ANC Minutes for the prior **General Board meeting of January 16 and February 20, 2024 – General Board Meetings**

(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)

January 16, 2024 minutes:

Motioned by – Jaime Gallo 2nd by – Jesse Ramos

The Motion **Passed** with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent.

February 20, 2024 minutes:

Jaime Gallo brought up the issue if minutes required for a CANCELLED meeting? Answer: Yes

Motioned by – Jaime Gallo 2nd by – Robert Yaffe

The Motion **Passed** with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent.

II. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of monthly financial documents prepared by the Treasurer which have not yet been approved.

A.) January 2024 ANC M.E.R.s (monthly expenditure reports)

(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)

Motioned by – Jesse Ramos 2nd by – Jaime Gallo

The Motion **Passed** with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent.

Question,) Why 2 payments to Arleta Self Storage in same month? **Ans.)** A payment went through late.

III. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to sending a letter, as composed or amended, to the City Council & to any City agency that requires it, a **statement that ANC wants to be able to meet virtually** (as in via ZOOM) **at any time, 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.)

(At our Board meeting, a DRAFT copy of this letter is available to view on the check-in table.)

The **Motion _WAS TABLED_** due to not having a meeting attendance of 2/3 of all available board seats. (Required at least 10 Yes votes).

IV. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on the possible recommendation to approve sending to City Council members and elected officials a **CIS & letter** requesting that a City Council File be created addressing **State Senate Bill 969** – which has the intent of allowing a city or county in California to create a so called “*entertainment zone*” where individuals are allowed to carry alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises (into the open) within an *entertainment zone*, as zone is established by a city or county. [CA Senate Bill 969](#) , [Text of CIS for SB 969-](#))

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Motioned by – Burton Hunter 2nd by – Jesse Ramos

The Motion **_Passed_** with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent.

Jesse Ramos explained many of the details surrounding this bill and our motion in relation to it Robert Yaffe – Q.) What constitutes an ‘Entertainment Zone’? A.) County or City can designate. Jaime Gallo – There have been a whole batch of bad pieces of legislation proposed by this representative in Sacramento, who authored the bill.

Raymond Duran and a few others gave further comments.

V. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on the possible recommendation to approve sending to City Council members and elected officials a **CIS & letter** requesting that a City Council File be created addressing **State Assembly Bill 1772** – Relative to the State of California and amendments to the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act of 2014. [CA Assembly Bill 1772 2024](#) [Text of CIS for AB 1772](#)

(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)

Motioned by – Jaime Gallo 2nd by – Burton Hunter

The Motion **_Passed_** with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent.

Jesse Ramos – This bill makes it harder to enforce shop-lifting/ theft/ burglary. Please contact your State Assembly Representative. Instead, amend the ambiguous language that makes defining the crimes ambiguous.

Jaime Gallo – We residents will end up having to pay the bill for all those thefts, because businesses will have to raise their prices to cover losses.

VI. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to see if the Arleta Neighborhood Council will spend up to \$300 **to contribute water and snacks** for the **Branford Park Recreational Center** for the Easter program that they are planning to be hosting for kids and families in the park on Saturday, March 23rd.

Motioned by – Jaime Gallo 2nd by – Jesse Ramos

The Motion **_Passed_** with 6 yes, 1 no, 1 abstained, 0 ineligible, 2 absent.

- VII. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to give a **Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG)** of up to \$3,000 to the **Happy House** free cadet tutoring program thru Mission Station. The funds will be to purchase supplies.
(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)

Motioned by – Robert Yaffe 2nd by – Burton Hunter

The Motion **Passed** with 7 yes, 1 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent.

Burton Hunter – Carol Lowree is in charge of this program and spoke at our January meeting, giving us an update on what the program does and the results in student performance in schools. These funds go just to purchase supplies for the program.

Loyce Lacson – reiterated that this is ONLY for supplies; the tutors get no salary; that it is a totally free program. She also stated that students in the LAPD Cadet program are required to keep up good grades at school.

Geo Escobar – Q.) Are any kids from our area (Arleta) enrolled in the cadet program? A.) Kids from all around the LAPD Mission District are in the program. We don't know exactly where each come from, as, for privacy sake, there are no lists of kids names available for the general public to view.

Ray Duran – Looking at public schooling: generally it renders below average performance.

Jaime Gallo – Improvement in kids who get this tutoring.

Jesse Ramos – We've contributed to many different organizations & programs.

Other comments from Jose Pumay & Dave Hunt & Loyce Lacson.

- VIII. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to give a **Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG)** of up to \$3,500 to **L.A.P.D. Mission Division** to help sponsor their upcoming **Golf Tournament fund raiser** (which will provide funding for the Cadet and the PALS programs at Mission Station.).

Motioned by – Robert Yaffe 2nd by – Burton Hunter

The Motion **Passed** with 6 yes, 2 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent.

(discussion on Item # VIII):

Jaime Gallo – Q.) Where is the golf tournament? A.) Previously has been at the Knollwood Country Club. Likely same location.

Ray Duran – Q.) Will we be able to have a table there? and put up a banner? A.) Loyce will look into it.

Geo Escobar – Q.) Where is our money going? A.) Funds we may provide will be used to help provide food & water for the volunteers who are working the golf fund-raiser. The entry fees (donations) from golfers is the “fund-raiser” portion that will go to help supply uniforms and other items needed for sustaining the on-going Mission Division's cadet program.

Loyce Lacson – All areas of the city have seen an up-tick in crime.

Jaime Gallo – Goes back to items IV & V on our agenda – creation of bad laws make good law enforcement difficult.

Other comments from Robert Yaffe, Ray Duran, Burton Hunter & Jaime Gallo.

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

A.) **Renter Representative** (1)

B.) **Senior Representative** (1)

C.) **School Representative** (1)

D.) **Youth Representative** (1)

E.) **At Large Representative** (1)

-- NO ONE volunteered --

X. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to fill any available ANC Committee Seats:

- A.) Outreach Committee** - Members
- B.) Community Improvement Committee** - Members
- C.) By Laws Committee** - Members

Jamie Gallo offered to sit on the Outreach Committee until such a time as another person stepped-up to take-over his position on that committee.

Motioned by – Jesse Ramos 2nd by – Dave Hunt

The Motion **Passed** with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent.

XI. Committee Reports

Jesse Ramos –an upcoming agenda item will be for us to address the proposal for a pilot program that would allow beer vending machines at apartment complexes. An Outreach Committee meeting yet to be arranged.

XII. Announcements:

B.O.N.C. (the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) has recently updated the **NC Code of Conduct**. The training module is not yet finalized, but when it is, ALL current and new NC Board Members will receive an email from Empower LA. Each board member must then take the new training and acknowledge that, as an NC Board Member, you will adhere to the newly revised Code of Conduct.

Jose Pumay comment): The police have a job to do. He stands with the police, but is concerned because they aren't seen protesting against some of these bad laws or bad polices.

Ray Duran rhetorical comment): During Covid a lot of City Employees "Got Retired" (*because of not following what they were told to do.*). Others retired because of the bad policies.

XIII. Adjournment at 8:04 p.m. **Monday, February 26, 2024**