

**Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)
General Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

I. Call to Order by ___Raymond Duran___ at ___6:35 pm___,

Roll Call:

Present: Ray Duran, Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Jesse Ramos, “Geo” Escobar, Gary Gallon, Dave Hunt, Jose Pumay, Robert Yaffe, Christiana Hartwell (arrived at 7:37 pm, just before Board Business commenced.)

Absent: Jesse Torres We have quorum for conducting Board Business.

Pledge of Allegiance led by ___**Burton Hunter**_____

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.

- - NO LAPD nor Fire Department representatives present.
- **Marcela Quintanilla , Arleta Rep. from CD-6 (Imelda Padilla’s office)** –Clean-up team (for encampment) in front of Arleta Self-Storage Thursday. The couple will be offered services. North Hills Clean-up scheduled this Saturday, March 23.

Certificate was presented to National Health Foundation for their help with the Miracle in Mission Toy Give-Away event in December.

Questions from Jesse Ramos, Lionel Mares, Jose Pumay (speed humps on Beachy/abandoned car.), Richard Serrano (comments).

- **Rebecca - One of the Homeless Directors for CD-6**

3 Questions from Connie: 1 encampments, Tax Dollars spent – more transparency, 3. Housing plans at Nordhoff / Kagel Canyon & Woodman. Jose Pumay – asking for a count of homeless in this community. Answer: No current count, only from the January homeless count (don’t know that figure).

- -NO LAUSD Rep

- **Jessica Guzman– office of Luz Rivas** – Taco’s & Taxes at Goodwill community Center in Panorama City. April 6th 10:00 am – 1:00 pm - gathering honoring lady who was Council Member in San Fernando, who recently passed-away.

Questions: Geo Escobar. Jose Pumay – Potholes on I-5 from Burbank Blvd to Sylmar. Lionel Mares – I-5 Potholes. Connie – Wants to know how Luz voted on Head Start Program for pre-school kids.

Dave Hunt –SB-969 Entertainment Zones – open alcohol. AB-1772 Shoplifting/burglaries. Answer: No updates at this time. Jesse Ramos- A new Contact Sheet for elected officials is available on table.

- **Michelle - Deputy Director from Mayor Karen Bass Office** – Mayor Bass recently signed an MOU – City/State partnership. Dominick Choy – recently appointed interim LAPD Chief of Police. _____ recently appointed Deputy Mayor for Homelessness.

- **Keith – from L.A. Repair** (through Mayor’s Office) Opportunity to vote on how to spend money on improvement projects for Arleta/Pacoima (the 2 adjoining areas which are the current focus for S.F. Valley for this program). Can vote on-line. Must be 15 years old and have a “stake” in Arleta or Pacoima in order to vote.

- **Becky** will be our next Representative from the Mayor’s Office to our ANC Council.

Questions: suggestion from **Jaime Gallo** to separate between Arleta & Pacoima. Diverse communities. **Connie** – Planning programs – asking for accountability for transparent spending and only investing in workable programs. **Jesse Ramos** – Please ask Mayor about opening psychiatric wards for those unhoused who cannot favorably respond to medications, treatments or therapy. The homeless are being pushed in to our community. Observation from around the City – that once homeless facilities open up in an area, homeless encampments tend to grow and surround those homeless shelters & programs – sometimes because they have friends inside. Concern that once the National Health Foundation opens up in our community, that this same scenario is likely to happen here unless some reasonable pre-planning is not first implemented.

Gary Gallon – Knows of people waiting for months (on hold / postponement) to move into a new affordable housing building facility. Problem stated is that permits are not being processed. Mayor Bass was going to streamline the “Red Tape” for permitting on such housing programs.

Jose Pumay – asking for a count of homeless in the City.

- **DONE Rep NEA Mario Hernandez** – Instruction: If NC Board member has a conflict of interest on a matter, the Board should preferably Table that matter for this meeting. Confer with the City Attorney of how to handle this matter. or The individual should state that they have a conflict of interest and recuse themselves from any conversation and leave the room during that part of the Board Meeting. None-the less, contact the City Attorney.

- **Budget Advocate – Lionel Mares** - Sat. June 15th, Budget Day. Sat. Mar 23rd –Town Hall Meeting with BONC present.

More info: [www. BudgetAdvocates.org](http://www.BudgetAdvocates.org).

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).**

Arturo Gonzalez – works with Jacobs Will Do Renovation. Project working on Donald C. Tillman Water Purification Plant (for waste-water reclamation). \$500 million – Reach out to small, local businesses who might qualify as sub-contractors for this project.

Loyce Lacson – Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association – found that when voting by mail in the March Primary Election, that 100,000 ballots were not counted due to either having No Signature or that the Signature Did Not Match the voter registration signature on file with the Registrar of Voters.

Lionel Mares (speaking as an individual) – Richard Kaz appointed to DWP, LA Controller – Claims category. Also, Lionel is newly appointed to the Budget Advocates Committee. Lionel is also an advocate for promoting issues that promote bicycle advocacy.

ANC Board Business

I. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the [ANC Minutes](#) for the prior **Special Board meeting of ~~January~~ February 26, 2024 – Special Board Meeting**

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

Motioned by – Jesse Ramos 2nd by – Christiana Hartwell

Discussion: Motioned to amend the typo on this Agenda item from January to read February 26 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

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

The Motion to accept Amended (to Feb. 26th) version of the minutes

Passed with 7 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 1 absent, 2 abstained.

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

A.) **February 2024 ANC M.E.R.s** (monthly expenditure reports) (copy on table)

Motioned by – Jesse Ramos_ 2nd by – Burton Hunter_

Discussion: The updated ANC Account balance is \$14, 261.62

The Motion **Passed** with 9 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 1 absent.

- 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.)

Motioned to TABLE by – Ray Duran_ 2nd by – Jesse Ramos_

Due to ANC being 1 seated Board Member count short of having 2/3 of 16 available ANC seats.

The Motion **to TABLE Passed** with 9 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 1 absent.

- IV. Discussion and possible recommendations to the ANC Board regarding a Community Impact Statement regarding: **ZA-2023-4977-CUB** - Relative to the City of Los Angeles allowing **alcoholic beverage vending machines at multi-family properties**.

Motioned to **TABLE** by – Ray Duran_ 2nd by – Jesse Ramos_

Due to the fact that we have no completed document or printed document yet ready to consider.

The Motion **to TABLE** **Passed** with 9 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 1 absent.

- V. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on the possible recommendation to approve an expenditure of up to \$ 500. for purchasing water, snacks & candy for the **Branford Park's Spring Sports Opening Day Family Kick-Off event for all the Baseball and Softball teams and their families**. This event is scheduled to be held on **Saturday, April 13th, 2024** (weather permitting). ANC has been given permission by the Recreation Center employees to host an outreach table at this event if we wish to.

Motioned by – Gary Gallon 2nd by – Dave Hunt

Discussion: NEA Mario Hernandez recommended not to purchase, rather to grant them money for their event. Check with the City Clerk about making purchases.

The Motion **Passed** with 9 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 1 absent.

- VI. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on the possible recommendation to approve ~~an expenditure~~ **a grant** of \$ 2,000. for support of the Northridge Hospital **22nd Annual Victory for Victims (V4V) Walk/Run**, to be held **Saturday, April 13th, 2024** at **Hansen Dam**. Funds raised from this 2024 **V4V Walk/Run** will benefit the following:

1. The Center for Assault Treatment Services (CATS) provides forensic medical evidentiary examinations and interviews at no cost to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and human trafficking.

2. The Medical Safe Haven (MSH) is the only program in Los Angeles that provides integrated medical and mental health treatment to human trafficking victims.

Motioned by – Burton Hunter 2nd by – Christiana Hfartwell

Discussion: Amend the term “expenditure” to “grant”

The Motion to amend wording to “grant”

 Passed with 9 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 1 absent.

The Motion *as amended with “grant”* **Passed** with 6 yes, 2 no, 0 ineligible, 1 absent.

- VII. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve to **fill each of the following open ANC Board seats:**
- A.) **Renter Representative** (1) - none -
 - B.) **Senior Representative** (1) - none -
 - C.) **School Representative** (1) - none -
 - D.) **Youth Representative** (1) - none -
 - E.) **At Large Representative** (1) - none -

- VIII. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to fill any available **ANC Committee Seats:**
- A.) **Outreach Committee** - Members - none -
 - B.) **Community Improvement Committee** - Members - none -
 - C.) **By Laws Committee** - Members - none -

IX. Committee Reports

Jesse Ramos – Hopefully we’ll get some “traction” on the beer vending machines issue.

Robert Yaffe – He contacted and spoke with a Manager at Walmart at Roscoe & Van Nuys Blvd. in Panorama City. Got a good response from her. Hopefully will be a good future contact.

Geo – gave a comment

Christian Hartwell – By Laws – we need to have one more meeting to go into more depth on details of ANC By Laws changes. Department deadline for submitting NC By Law changes is April 1st..

Making changes this year will require us to convene a “special Board meeting” in order to submit changes in sufficient time.

(By law changes require review by Dept. Neighborhood Empowerment and Board structure changes also need to be approved by the BONC Commission.)

X. Announcements:

B.O.N.C. (the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) has recently updated the **NC Code of Conduct**. ALL current and new NC Board Members will receive an email from Empower LA. Each board member and stakeholder committee member must then download, read the document and, by signing and dating it, acknowledge that, as an NC Board Member, you will adhere to the newly revised Code of Conduct. Each individual N.C. is to retain this document in their official files.

The D.O.N.E. training module for gender equity and gender expression (ABLE) is also a new training that must be taken on the Cornerstone training platform by each NC Board member every 2 years. Any board member who has not completed the training can sit on the board for discussion, but will not be eligible to vote on any item of NC business.

Burt –These trainings can be taken on-line, through the Cornerstone program. Be sure to request taking a NEW training (do **NOT** open your old training or it will not register an update to your file.). Take the **new** training and download the certificate. Keep a certificate for your own records but also email a copy of your certificate of completion to Ray Duran, for him to put into our ANC files.

Dave Hunt – Petitions available to be signed against mixing gender for boys on girls (& visa-versa) on school sports teams.

Protect kids - Repeal laws that allow all-gender bathrooms in public schools.

Stop school staff from promoting sex change treatments, medications or operations without parental permission (behind the back of parents).

XI. Adjournment at ___8:30 p.m. ___

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