

**Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)
- General Board Meeting DRAFT MINUTES -
Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

I. Called to Order at 6:39 p.m., by Board President, Raymond Duran

Roll Call Board members PRESENT: Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Jesse Ramos, Moises Bazan, Javad Butah, Gary Gallon, Dave Hunt, Stelian Martinez, Ronald Pacheco, Jose Pumay, Robert Yaffe.

Board members ABSENT: Herberth “Jeo” Escobar, Christianna Hartwell.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Burton Hunter

II. President’s Report Food available at back table.

III. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and Representatives from other State, County or City Agencies. No LAPD present.

● **Marcela Quintanilla, from CD-6, Imelda Padilla’s office.** H-LA Initiative report from questions asked at last meeting. **Ask her in email to email you the article on H-LA.**

Taskforce on GFA (Grand Theft Auto) –Yesterday a carjack with the car owner inside the car.

Encampments cleanup: Osborne & Wingo (near freeway), Sanitation didn’t come out at the previous scheduled time. Cleanup there now rescheduled for July 26th. Repair gates and the cut through fence.

New Director at Branford Park Recreation Center Jonathan Sanchez. They’re meeting to address on-going issues at the park.

The homeless encampment of RV’s has now moved from Hoyt St. onto Canterbury.

Q. Burton – Branford Park gambling, Starbucks.

A. Branford: Yes in-park gambling & vending will be addressed. Starbucks: PLU has been pulled-in.

Scheduled meeting w/property manager. CE-6 to help with the outstanding permit process and to obtain an emergency demolition permit.

Q. Jaime Gallo – “Welcome to Arleta” sign – Requesting an accounting of where the taxpayer’s money, already spent, has gone (a clear and concise report is requested). What amount of taxpayer money is Imelda’s office going to have to additionally put in?

Q. Ray Duran – The U.S. Supreme Court has created a way for dealing with encampments on public right-of-ways. Where is the City standing on implementing a use of this as a City ordinance?

A. The Mayor prefers to address the issue with creating more housing. The City Council, however has drafted their own motion to follow-up on Supreme Court ruling.

Q. Jose Pumay, Moises – Taco stand near CVS leaving a mess there every day, including a growing oil slick that recently injured a bicyclist.

Q. Stelian Martinez – Arleta Sign – This issue has been going on for years. I manage properties and can get permits through and approved in 3 months. Why is THIS taking so long?.

A.– CD-6’s Lorena Bernal has a past history helping with this sign. Marcela will get more details from Lorena.

● **Katherine Castrejon from the office of Caroline Menjivar, Calif. Senate 20th District** – Aug. 3rd Partnering with Burbank with a Back-To-School Fair for families. Caroline Menjivar will be back in CA Senate session starting Aug. 5th, after their summer break.

- **Jessica Guzman from the office of Luz Rivas, State Assembly District 43**– enumerated State resources.

Q. Jose Pumay – Potholes on I-5 Freeway northbound in the vicinity of Lankershim.

Stated lack of regular maintenance by Cal Trans along freeways in our area.

Comments from: Marcela Quintanilla, Loyce Lacson, Jesse Ramos, Jaime Gallo, Dave Hunt – in school “grooming” agenda, Joanne Gallon, Loyce Lacson.

- **Report from Budget Advocates (BA). Alena** – she is a newly elected BA for Region 1. Cindy may also be a BA who shows up for our meetings. (aside: Lionel Mares has recently stepped-down.) Recent development on Crockett – 250 Studio Apartments + other size apartments. \$165 M spent on whole project. Much of this complex is unsupervised.

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)**. Please fill out a Speaker Card and submit it to the Chair of the meeting. You will be called in order.

- **Seta Zorabian – Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp.** Helping empower start-up businesses to get going, or to maintain a solid business structure in this economy. Help walk them through steps to success in business.

- **Celeste Rodriguez – Mayor of City of San Fernando.** Candidate for CA State Assembly District 43 – Raising her family in San Fernando. Get out and vote.

- **Loyce Lacson – National Night Out on Tues. Aug. 6th** Local celebrations of this event will be hosted in Panorama City and in Brand Park (Mission Hills)

ANC Board Business

I. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the [ANC Minutes](#) for the prior General Board Meeting of **June 18, 2024**

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

Motioned by – Robert Yaffe 2nd by – Jaime Gallo

The Motion Passed with 9 yes, 0 no, 2 ineligible, 2 absent.

- no discussion -

II. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of monthly financial documents prepared by the Treasurer which have not yet been approved. **June 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 – Robert Yaffe 2nd by – Burton Hunter

The Motion Passed with 9 yes, 0 no, 2 ineligible, 2 absent.

Prior to the vote, Jesse Ramos made some comments regarding our account status.

III. Discussion and possible recommendations to the ANC Board regarding a Community Impact Statement regarding: **Council File 21-0329-S5 - Relative to Los Angeles Municipal Code 41.18 and its enforcement.**

Motioned by – Jaime Gallo 2nd by – Jesse Ramos

The Motion Passed with 9 yes, 0 no, 2 ineligible, 2 absent.

In reading the Council File motion, it is not clear what way the City’s motion is headed on this issue -. Removal of encampments on City right-of-ways. Homeless are only observed within the City of LA. (in most of the cities around us, they are not seen as extensively in public spaces.) The rules for

enforcement are not at all clear; therefore, the police and other agencies are not able to do their jobs as they should have the ability to do. Further comments from Robert Yaffe, Jaime Gallo, and Jesse Ramos. **Jaime Gallo** noted that representatives of Government officials had left the meeting after delivering their announcements: Therefore they were not here to face this hot-tipic, big issue.

Many homeless, after being offered help and refusing it are still out there creating problem issues in our communities. These same people who have refused help then remain in the count of those whom the City has failed to help by not removing these problem situations from our streets.

It was suggested that we bring up these issues at the beginning of our next meeting, so that these opinions can be heard by officials and everyone in attendance.

Dave Hunt – Not telling you who to vote for, but when it comes time to vote, DO SO, because your vote can make a difference.

Ray Duran – Homeless issue – the City has created a “big Machine” of jobs that run on the need to continually address homelessness. If they fix homelessness, then their jobs will be eliminated. (not much of an incentive for them to actually do things that repair the problems). It is important for us to continually encourage enforcement of laws.

Loyce Lacson - The County also has a ballot measure for homelessness that involves raising taxes.

Robert Yaffe – Commented, he thinks that if the County measure gets passed, then the City sales tax ballot measure will not be enacted.

IV. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve to fill the following open ANC Board seats:

A.) Renter Representative (1)

Motioned by – _____ - _____ 2nd by – _____ - _____

The Motion _____ - _____ with ___ yes, ___ no, ___ ineligible, ___ absent.

- no one stepped forward to apply for this ANC Board Seat. -

B.) Alternate Representatives (3)

Motioned by – ___Burton Hunter___ 2nd by – ___Jaime Gallo___

The Motion __Passed for both__ with _9_ yes, _0_ no, _2_ ineligible, _2_ absent.

Explained the role: An Alternate can sit on the ANC Board when it is necessary to obtain quorum in order to hold a meeting for conducting Board Business. They are able to engage in discussions, even as Board Members. However, they do not have Voting privileges.

Question was posed regarding what trainings are necessary for Alternates to take? A. was presumed that they would definitely have to sign acknowledgement of having read the current Code of Conduct. Will be looked in to if other trainings are required for Alternates.

Both **Loyce Lacson** and **Joanne Gallon** applied to become Alternates to the ANC Board.

Both were approved.

- No one applied for filling the 3rd Alternate Seat.-

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

A.) Outreach Committee - Members

Javad Butah resigned from the Community Improvement Committee and applied for joining the Outreach Committee.

Motioned by – ___Burton Hunter___ 2nd by – ___Jaime Gallo___

The Motion __Passed_ with _9_ yes, _0_ no, _2_ ineligible, _2_ absent.

B.) Community Improvement Committee - Members

C.) Animal Welfare Committee - Members

Robert Yaffe & Ronald Pacheco applied to join the Animal Welfare Committee.

Motioned by – ___Raymond Duran___ 2nd by – ___Jaime Gallo___

The Motion _Passed to approve both_ with _9_ yes, _0_ no, _2_ ineligible, _2_ absent.

Comment from **Ray Duran**: The committees are now all fully-staffed with ANC Board Members.

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VI. Committee Reports

Community Improvement Committee will have a meeting on Tues. Aug. 6th, 6:30 p.m. at the Arleta Storage locker facility.

VII. Announcements:

Robert Yaffe – Saturday, September 28th and event hosted at a property of Robert Yaffe, 13456 Reedley St. (East of Spartan, Large Christmas tree in the front yard). Donation of musical instruments to the PALS program at LAPD Mission Division and to a community school. CD-6 Council member Imelda Padilla will be in attendance. Food will be provided.

Burton Hunter – Construction finally getting underway for Storage facility on wedge of land between I-5 freeway, Paxton St. and the Pacoima Wash.

Dave Hunt – Vacation Bible School program available for free to kids (ages: finished Kindergarten thru 5th grade) at Osborne Neighborhood Church the week of July 29- Aug. 2, 9:00 am -12:30 p.m.

Jesse Ramos – Issue with cars being sold on Vena Ave. (same email concern that was passed on to Marcela Q.)

VIII. Adjournment at 8:29 p.m.

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