

**Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)  
- General Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes  
Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

**I. Call to Order at \_\_\_6:37 pm\_\_\_, by \_\_\_ANC President, Raymond Duran\_\_\_,**

**Roll Call,**

Present: Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Jesse Ramos, Moises Bazan, “Geo” Escobar, Gary Gallon, Dave Hunt, Robert Yaffe, Christianna Hartwell (arrived at 7:59)

Absent: Javad Butah, Stelian Martinez, Ronald Pacheco, Jose Pumay

**Pledge of Allegiance led by \_\_\_Burton Hunter\_\_\_**

**II. President’s Report**

**Welcome to all. Water & Pizza available on table.**

**(other comment: we will be using ADA-accessible Restrooms – through double doors for tonight’s meeting.)**

**III. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and Representatives from other State, County or City Agencies.**

LAPD is on a Task Force, so not here tonight.

**CD-6, Arleta field-rep. Marcela Quintanilla (Lorena Bernal was also present)**

Homeless encampment on Canterbury at Carl St. has been cleared.

Care team has visited, offered services and given 30-day notice to encampments on Woodman, between Roscoe & Branford.

The KFC / new Starbucks site at Woodman & Nordhoff has been fenced-off and cleared on the inside, making preparations for demolition of current structure (scheduled for Sept 9<sup>th</sup>). Encampments are still present around the outside of the property, but no one currently in the path to block demolition process. This coming Saturday (Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>), 1st **Community Health Fair** for CD-6 under Imelda Padilla will be held at the Walgreens at Woodman & Van Nuys in Arleta.

**Community Summer Movie Night at Branford Park** in Arleta on Friday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 10 p.m. (movie: the latest Ghostbusters , “Frozen Empire”.)

Community Alert of **Auto Theft Arrests**. One arrest was in Arleta. LAPD Flier is encouraging community members to use any type of anti-theft device for their vehicles. Please contact LAPD detectives if you have any information about any persons involved.

Q. Ray Duran – After state permissions given for individual cities to enforce & clean-up homeless issues, what steps are now being taken in L.A. to implement these kind of enforcements?

A. The Mayor prefers to focus on “housing” the homeless, over employing “enforcement”.

Comments from Robert Yaffe Jesse Ramos, Jaime Gallo – the homeless issue has been in front of us for a Long Time; with no significant progress seen. Programs are eating up all of the money collected, without showing any significant signs of improvement.

Q. (stakeholder) Connie – Is there any evidence base that our city can track for successful solutions to homelessness?

Money has come in from Washington DC for re-do of Woodman from Branford to Roscoe. The plan is in process, but may take awhile before we see the work begin.

Q. (stakeholder, ANC Alternate) Loyce Lacson – With Bus Lanes being added to streets, are those limited to ONLY METRO busses? Or can school busses, daycare or vanpool vehicles also use?

Lionel Mares spoke with comments on multiple events.

Q. Group of Neighbors came to address issue of encampment at Canterbury.

L.A. D.O.T has been contacted for parking enforcement. They are the only ones that can enforce.

Suggestion that more people should **call the Mayor's Office** directly to put problem issues directly in front of her. The Mayor has many more immediate resources available at her disposal.

**Lorena Bernal from CD-6 Office** - to podium with information to address some of the questions being posed. The "homeless team", led by Rebecca & Chris are a good resource for directing your issues. They have direct contact to address the Mayor's Office with requests. Neighbors need to tell the Mayor, "We need more resources!"

(comments from) Ray Duran;

Jesse Ramos – constituent stakeholders have day jobs and so not much time to directly address the City departments during working hours.

Connie – Our power is joining to vote for a "Recall". (That will get their attention!)

Lorena – The **Arleta Welcome Sign** is seeing progress. The sign itself is almost done (some painting still to do). The Landscape review is what is holding it up. Each Inspector / Investigator requires an additional fee to be paid. ALL of the Vendors have been paid. Sign is paid for – awaiting installation after some final painting. A permit to install it is still needed & landscaping.

(comment from stakeholder) – Homeless issue makes living here with a family quite stressful. Too many "bad actors" out there to be worried about for the safety of their children & family.

**Report from Budget Advocates. – Lionel Mares** – August 17<sup>th</sup> had first Budget Advocates meeting since elections at Budget Day. Next Budget Advocates meeting via Zoom (tentatively on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>.)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81654142487>

Q. Geovanni Escobar – Has the budget allocation for NC's been raised yet?

A. Not for this fiscal year. Suggest we appeal for that in the budget for next fiscal year.

Q. Connie-

Lionel- Website BudgetAdvocates.org

Comments from Loyce L. – Monica Rodriguez has set-forth a motion to give "term limits" to NC Board members. Get out the old people and bring in more Youth.

Christianna Hartwell – It is insidious to allow this motion. Eliminate all those who have had experience serving their community in lieu of those with no experience? Those with no experience can be pushed around and told what to do – "controlled".

Mario Hernandez – DONE NEA – Fill out a CIS regarding City Council.

Another comment regarding DWP – Get in on the discussions at next Tuesday's DWP Zoom meeting.

The DWP Board meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:0 a.m.

Go to <https://www.ladwpcommission.com/board-meetings> to find "listen-in" "phone-in" options.

**IV. Jonathan Sanchez – the newly appointed Branford Park Recreation Facility Director** introduced himself to the Arleta Board and stakeholders present and told us a little bit about background experience, his vision to expand the programs at the park, and also the challenges and the successes that he is facing with our Arleta Recreation facility. The programs work through the efforts of volunteer coaching.

Comments from Connie, Loyce, Christianna H. – What about theater arts programs in the park and programs not just for kids, but also for programs that appeal to both kids and adults?

Jonathan -Programs for L.A. KIDS are good but must have directors or instructors for the programs.

Gary Gallon – with regard to park safety issues: What about the Park Rangers to patrol parks?

Jonathan – Parks & Rec. with Park Rangers are for County parks. The “Recreation Facility” parks are under City jurisdiction

Loyce – Have you reached out to Imelda?

Moises Bazan – Park was dark in spots when visited.

Jonathan – He was very concerned when he saw how many lights were out at the park. Potentially “shady characters” hanging out in those dark spots. He wants to get fixes for improved visibility and creating a safer park.

He would like to possibly plan for hosting a National Night Out at Branford Park next August.

**V. General Public Comments on Items Not Listed on Agenda –**

Loyce Lacson – Howard Jarvis Association reported the danger of Prop 5 on the November ballot. Requires only 55% vote needed for passing increasing taxes or any revenue issues. Consider voting NO on it.

Connie – The SOW Collective – on Beachy Ave. & Sunburst has programs every weekend (Sat. & Sun.) They are looking for more land to use for hosting community gardening programs.

LAUSD has yet another Bond measure on the Ballot for November. \$9 Billion bond. Vote No.

Lionel – Tomorrow (Wed.) Public Works meeting.

Discussing next Chief of Police. Plus, A Motion is being considered to transition the LAPD hiring process to a more “streamlined”(??) system.

**Board Business** (8:15 p.m.)

**I. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the ANC Minutes for the prior **General Board meeting of July 23, 2024** –General Board Meeting**

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

**July ANC Minutes approval** –Motedioned by – Jaime Gallo  
2<sup>nd</sup> by – Gary Gallon

Discussion: -none-

The Motion **Passed** with 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained, 0 ineligible, 4 absent .

**II. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of monthly financial documents prepared by the Treasurer which have not yet been approved. **July 2024 ANC M.E.R.s** (monthly expenditure reports)**

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

**July 2024 MERS approval** - Motioned by – Jesse Ramos  
2<sup>nd</sup> by – Jaime Gallo

Discussion: Roll-over of \$3,500.00 unspent from last year has been added back in to this year’s funds.

The Motion **Passed** with 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, 0 ineligible, 4 absent .

**III. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve ANC advertising and having a table at the first Community Health Fair that CD-6 has held since Imelda Padilla has taken office. This first Community Health Fair is going to be held here in **ARLETA**, at the **Walgreens Parking Lot this coming Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 1:30 pm.****

**Participate in Community Health Fair-** Motioned by – Geo Escobar  
2<sup>nd</sup> by – Burton Hunter

Discussion: Suggestion, If you are voting “yes”, then please plan to attend to help table at the event.

The Motion **did NOT Pass** with 3 yes, 5 no, 0 abstained, 0 ineligible, 5 absent .  
(Dave Hunt was out of the room at time of this vote.)

IV. Our Arleta Community fieldworker for **CD-6, Marcela Quintanilla** is also asking us to support an upcoming **Community Movie Night on Friday night, September 6<sup>th</sup>** at the **Branford Park Recreation Center**. She is also asking if we can provide something for that event.

Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve ANC participate in this event by (possibly tabling there, and also spending up to \$ 500.00 to provide water & snacks for this event.

**Participate& spend up to \$500. for Community Movie Night-** Motioned by – Christianna Hartwell  
2<sup>nd</sup> by – Burton Hunter

Discussion: Community Event at the park. We will give out the things we purchase at our table.

The Motion Passed with 7 yes, 2 no, 0 abstained, 0 ineligible, 4 absent .

V. Motion/Discussion/Action – Relative to consideration of **community beautification project(s)**.

**Motion to discuss project(s)-** Motioned by – Jesse Ramos  
2<sup>nd</sup> by – Jaime Gallo

Discussion: Jesse Ramos – Corner of Van Nuys Blvd. and Canterbury (between Van Nuys Blvd. & Hoyt.

The intended space is in the parkway outside of the DWP fence

(There is a model of the type of project that is intended at Wakefield and Terra Bella in Panorama City.)

We want feedback from the CD-6 office with some answers prior to deciding if to move ahead with this type of project. Comments from Loyce Lacson & Raymond Duran.

We want plants that will last long and are heat and drought tolerant. The intention of considering this project is to improve the look of our community.

(\*the motion is to Discuss this, not to vote on doing any project at this time.)

The Motion \* NO Vote taken\* .

VI. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve to **fill the following open ANC Board positions:**

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

**Appoint Renter Representative-** Motioned by – Robert Yaffe  
2<sup>nd</sup> by – Burton Hunter

Discussion: Ray: We have a prospect for filling this seat, but they are not at tonight's meeting.

- NO one stepped forward to fill this seat.

The Motion NO Vote taken .

B.) **Alternate Representatives** - 1 - At Large Rep. (for a total of 3) ALT-3 of 3

**Appoint a 3<sup>rd</sup> Alternate Representative for Board-** Motioned by – -none-  
2<sup>nd</sup> by – -none-

Discussion: No one stepped forward to fill this available position

Q. Ray Duran asked Mario, our NEA, what trainings our Alternate Board representatives need to take.

A. Mario said, "All of them".

Q. Comment from a stakeholder/ & current Alternate that we don't vote for Board items, we are only there in order to meet quorum for the Board to carry on business items. Why do we have to take them all?

A. Mario said that, "That a part of our approved new Bylaws was rejected and changed. (He sent a message to Raymond regarding this just prior to tonight's meeting.) Alternates will have to take ALL of the trainings.

Q. to Mario from Burton – The Cornerstone training was accessible ONLY to NC Board Members.

A. Contact NC Rosters and ask for a connection to Cornerstone.

NO Vote taken

VII. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to fill any available **ANC Committee Seats** (Stakeholder committee participants ONLY. Each committee is at maximum for ANC Board members):

A.) **Outreach Committee** - Members

B.) **Community Improvement Committee** - Members

C.) **Animal Welfare Committee** - Members

**Appoint Committee Seats-** Motioned by – - none-  
2<sup>nd</sup> by – - none-

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Discussion: The committees are all at capacity as far as available Board Member positions.  
Are there any stakeholders who wish to have a seat on one of the ANC Committees? - no one stepped forward.-

NO Vote taken .

### VIII. Committee Reports

CIC will discuss and look further into the community beautification project.

Look into the motion by Monica Rodriguez to enact a term limits clause on NC Board members.

**Outreach** – Robert Yaffe will be holding a donation of musical instruments event. Encouraging ANC to attend the event.

**Animal Welfare** – Christianna Hartwell – We will schedule a committee meeting.

### IX. Announcements:

- Please **REGISTER TO VOTE** (Voter Registration forms on the sign-in table).
- Reminder: though we are not tabling at this event, if you can please attend or tell people about the **Arleta Community Health Fair, this coming Saturday, Aug 24<sup>th</sup>, (10:00 am -1:30 pm)** in the Walgreens Pharmacy parking lot, at Woodman & Van Nuys, here in Arleta. (see flier at sign-in table)
- “LADWP Cool LA Heat Relief for Seniors” event in Pacoima (for age 60 and over), **Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 12 noon**. You may qualify for a free portable room air conditioner. RSVP sign-up is required; call (213) 367-9016 or (see flier at sign-in table for details to register at webpage: <https://www.ladwp.com/events/2024-08-26/cool-la-heat-relief-seniors-pacoima-91331> )
- Friday night, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>, 6–10 pm at **Branford Park Recreation Center – Community Movie Night**. We will be tabling at this event. The movie being shown is the new “Ghostbusters – Frozen Empire” –
- Saturday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> – “**FUR Fest**” at **Valley Plaza Recreation Center in North Hollywood (10 am – 2 pm)**. A pet resource fair showcasing various community organizations, info on resources and services tailored specifically for pet owners & their furry friends. Includes vaccinations, microchips, nail trims & giveaways. (see flier at sign-in table)
- Marlena – Vice President –oversight for the National Health Foundation facility at Woodman & Nordhoff recently gave us this update on the opening of the facility:  
**“ I just wanted to give you some feedback to the opening of the Arleta facility. We are anticipating opening before or by the end of September. Closer to that time NHF will send out an invite to the community for a tour. If anything changes we will let you know. Thanks “**
- Other announcements –  
Jaime Gallo - A Coyote killed a dog in his front yard. Notice received that a homeowner needs to have a written consent posted, giving city workers to come onto your property (even just a few steps). Consent must be posted on the front door on at the fence. They will take a dead animal if it is on city property.

Dave Hunt – School is starting. Children’s Good News Club starting at a local grade school.  
Equal Access required for faith-based programs as well as other programs.

### X. Adjournment at 8:53 p.m..

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