

Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
General Meeting of the Board
Tuesday, May 28th, 2013
at Beachy Ave. Elementary School, 9757 Arleta Ave., Arleta

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

Council President Sergio Ibarra called the Meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Roll call was taken by Minute Taker Irving Sandoval

Board Members Present:

Henry Ng	John Hernandez	James Kallas	David Avalos
Cyndee Riding	Jack Lindblad	Esperanza Gutierrez	Luisa Chajon
Celia Vasquez	Kelly Magallanes	Sergio Ibarra	

Board Members absent:

Juan Gonzalez	Eberardo Sanchez	Christian Guerra
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11 Board Members were present. A quorum is nine, so the Board could make Motions and take votes.

2. Presidents Message.

Dedicated the meeting to the veterans. He also thanked Arleta High School for being one of the leaders in the community.

3. Review of the Arleta Neighborhood Councils Code of Conduct

Jack Lindblad took issue with the code of conduct. In the previous meeting he was the subject of a targeted slander by one of the board members.

4. General Public Comment on Items Not Listed on Today's Agenda.

Speaker: Joy Bizar, Spoke in support of Jack Lindblad reassuring everyone that he has been serving the community.

Speaker: Margaret Shoemaker, It was brought to her attention that the ANC has been actively

trying to reacquire a paint sprayer they purchased. She was on the board when this item was purchased. This paint sprayer is being used by the Northeast Graffiti Busters. It's sole purpose

is to alleviate graffiti in Arleta. She is against the ANCs action to reacquire the paint sprayer.

Speaker: Al Piantanida, The Arleta/Devonshire park is moving forward. He also gave his thoughts on the good news about Arleta High. He was proud that the school stayed focused on achieving good attendance and a high graduation rate.

5. **Report from Public Safety from L.A.P.D Senior Lead Officer Perry or any LAFD representatives. Updates from any other government officials (Congressman Cardenas' Office, Assemblyman Bocanegra's Office, LA City Council District Staff Representative or City Departments.**

Speaker: Lorena Bernal, Congressman Cardenas' Office, There's a new signal installed at Pierce and Arleta near Sharp Elementary. Red curbs are still being painted and should be done by June.

6. **Board comments on items not on today's agenda**

Speaker: Jack Lindblad, The ANC needs an office. The council and committees needs to support each other.

Speaker: Esperanza Gutierrez, She is a senior at Arleta High School. Recent numbers showed that the school has a 90% graduation rate. She attributes the success to the work of Principal Dr

Linda Calvo

Speaker: Celia Vasquez, Math teacher at Arleta High School. A lot of parent involvement contributes to the schools success. The High School Exit exam has an 80% pass rate.

Speaker: Sergio Ibarra, Executive committee meeting was held and stakeholders were invited.

There was good feedback given. The committees are not functioning at the level they are supposed to. As president he doesn't think he has done a good job asking for help. He used Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council as an example of a group that can work together and make things happen.

Speaker: Luisa Chajon, Last weekend was the Mission Station Open House and only she and John Hernandez were able to attend. She is disappointed there were no other board members in attendance.

Speaker: Kelly Magallanes, Does not have time to designate time to attend events. The committees should get together and do the best they can and should limit themselves on what they can do.

7. **Discussion and update from Cal-Trans regarding the 5-FWY/170-FWY construction project**

Speaker: Claudia Mejia, Commended the board for the work they have done so far compared to other neighborhood council meetings she has attended. She reported that some ramps that were due to open in June will now open in July. *For more info visit I-5info.com or call the Toll-free I-5 Hotline (855)454-6335*

8. **a. Committee reports from Outreach, Improvement, and Budget (10min.)**
b. Appointment of a new treasurer and assignment of Purchase Card
c. Appointment of a new Outreach chair, and members of the Outreach, Improvement and budget committees.

Speaker: Jack Lindblad, A cleanup is being planned for the site of the Arleta sign. This event could take place on June 22.

Item 8b has been tabled

8c Luisa Chajon volunteered as chair for the Outreach Committee

MOTION (by Luisa Chajon, Second by Cyndee Riding) to Appoint Luisa Chajon as Outreach Chair

MOTION PASSED 10 in favor, 1 non - favor, 0 abstain

9. **Consideration of complaint submitted to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and forwarded to the ANC by Mr. Guy Dionne.**

Kelly Magallanes has 3 stakeholders who are willing to serve in the Grievance committee. 5 names were placed in a hat and 3 were picked.

Max Foster

Terry Hendricks

Diannne Hand

Serving as alternate is Margaret Shoemaker

10. **Discussion and possible board action on requesting that the Los Angeles Fire Department assign an 800 Series Basic Life Support Ambulance at Fire Station 7 to provide needed paramedic service to Arleta and Fire Station 7s service area.**

James Kallas read a letter written by Dianne Hand to Fire Chief Brian Cummings addressing the need for an ambulance. Fire Station 7 is the 4th busiest station in the Los Angeles Fire Department system and the busiest in the San Fernando Valley. James Kallas suggested the board endorse Dianne Hands request. Stakeholders Robert Rouge, Margaret Shoemaker, Terry Hendricks, and Joy Bizar support the motion.

MOTION (by Cyndee Riding, Second by Luisa Chajon) to support Dianne Hand's letter

MOTION PASSED 11 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

11. **a. Discussion/Motion/Vote on requesting that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation study and install a traffic signal and crosswalk at the intersection of Arleta Avenue and and Filmore Street next to the park project known as Devonshire/Arleta Park. 11b Discussion/Motion/Vote on requesting that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation Study and install a traffic signal, crosswalk, and**

street lighting at the intersection of Woodman Avenue and Montague Street next to Valor Academy Charter School.

Speaker: Jack Lindblad, Installing a traffic signal and crosswalk will help mitigate the concerns of those opposed to the park.

MOTION (Jack Lindblad, Second by Sergio Ibarra) to send the letter to the Los Angeles Department Of Transportation requesting a traffic study for items 11a and 11b

MOTION PASSED 11 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

12. **a. Discussion and update on the Arleta Gateway Project and Arleta Community Sign.**
b. Discussion and possible board action on the Arleta Gateway Project to set the date for
the Arleta Community Sign clean up and groundbreaking, proposed date of Saturday, June 22, 2013. Additional funds are needed to complete the project and as a
contingency
fund, \$8000 is recommended to be allocated from the 2013-2014 budget.
Items 12a and 12b will be continued until there is a reconciliation with the Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment. Joy Bizar and Jack Lindblad called for the resignation of Sergio Ibarra as president due to the lack of progress made in the planning of the Arleta Gateway Project.
13. **a. Discussion and possible action to reauthorize the National Night Out Committee Ad Hoc committee to help organize the event to be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, location to be determined. Appoint a chair for the Adhoc Committee and members**
from
the council. 13b. Discussion and possible board action on allocating an amount not to exceed \$5,000 from the 2013-2014 budget for any associated costs to run the event. (Ex. Outreach materials, food items, tent rentals, portable bathrooms, supplies, jumpers, snow cone machine, and or permitting fees)
MOTION (by Jack Lindblad, Second by Kelly Magallanes) to nominate Luisa Chajon to chair the Ad-Hoc committee for National Night Out.
MOTION PASSED 11 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain
MOTION (by John Hernandez, Second by Kelly Magallanes to allocate \$5000 from the 2013-2014 budget for any associated costs to run National Night Out.
MOTION PASSED 11 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain
14. **Discussion and possible board action on setting a date for a Special Joint Meeting of the**
ANC and Budget Committee to draft and approve the 2013-2014 Budget. An approved budget must be submitted to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment by June 15, 2013
The meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 12 at 6:30 at location TBA.
15. **Approval of the minutes for the meeting of April 22, 2013**
Item was continued
16. **a. Discussion and possible board action on the treasurer's report**
b. Monthly reconciliation 16c. Approval of the Quarterly reconciliation report.
No reports were made at this time. Frustrated with the lack of reports James Kallas called for

Sergio Ibarra's resignation as president.

17. Adjournment

MOTION (by Luisa Chajon, Second by Cyndee Riding) to adjourn the Meeting at 9:20 p.m. the motion passed unanimously.