

Minutes of the  
**ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)**  
General Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
at Beachy Ave. Elementary School, 9757 Arleta Ave., Arleta

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

President Sergio Ibarra called the Meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

The pledge of Allegiance was lead by Sergio Ibarra

Roll call was taken by Minute taker Irving Sandoval.

*Jack Lindblad tried to make a point of information, but Sergio Ibarra did not recognize the request*

**Board Members Present:**

Sammy Vazquez	Jack Lindblad	Cyndee Riding
James Kallas	Maria Diaz - Tran	John Hernandez
Henry Ng	Sergio Ibarra	Mark Lopez
Daniel Orozco	Kelly Magallanes	

**Board Members Absent:**

Celia Vasquez	Max Foster	Luis Sencion	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. Character counts program**

Pastor Sammy Vazquez spoke on the importance of character in everyone's lives. He recommended the board allow 2 to 3 minutes in each meeting to discuss a character quality. This activity is intended to help everyone in the meeting improve develop their character understanding.

**3. President's Message**

Sergio Ibarra began by thanking the veterans who have defended the country. He took full responsibility for the treasurer's report not being presented in the October board meeting. Lastly, he congratulated the committees who convened and did their work.

**4. General public comments on items not on today's agenda.**

**Speaker:** Jack Lindblad - The by laws and the Brown Act are understood by everyone. It is everybody's responsibility to see no violation of the brown act happens. If a meeting is not properly noticed it is a violation of the brown act. The board can help the community be better aware of the Brown Act.

**Speaker:** Veronica de Lara - *Phoenix House*, Representatives from Phoenix House are educating merchants about not selling alcohol to minors

**Speaker:** Jorge Castañeda - *nextdoor.com*, Nextdoor.com is a free, private social network that

allows neighbors to connect with each other. Neighborhood watch groups, police and fire departments, neighborhood councils use the website. It is open for everyone to use. Set up your account at [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com)

**Speaker:** Guy Dionne - He would like to see the ANC stop meetings on time. He demanded an update on his complaint. Sergio Ibarra will refer him to D.O.N.E for a follow up.

**5. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer Lee Perry and other Government Officials.**

*Officer Perry was not able to attend the meeting*

**Speaker:** Lorena Bernal - *Field Deputy CD6*, Mayor Eric Garcetti will have a neighborhood outreach door knocking walk to inform community members about the available city services. This event will be held Saturday November 23 beginning at 9:00am. She also mentioned sidewalks near schools are being repaired. Abandoned shopping carts are a problem. Los Angeles area retailers have a contract with Burbank based California Shopping Cart Retrieval Corporation. Iphone users can download an app so they can report any carts. The Nury Martinez office will be moving back to its old location on Laurel Canyon.

**6. Presentation from the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks on creating a vision plan for Arleta for more open space / park opportunities**

**Speaker:** Melinda Gejer - Los Angeles Departments of Parks and Recreation

She spoke about the Community Transformation Grant. This grant covers 5 community plan areas. Street Cleaning, Pocket parks, the community planning area. A survey is being developed and will be made available online. The department would like to know what the residents of Arleta would like to see. Loyce Lacson asked if exercise equipment can be put in existing parks or are they limited to new parks. Jack Lindblad commented that food security has been a concern for a while and there is no food security. Community gardens are very important. There is a common need for space to be shared. Mark Lopez added that most properties are owned by the city and the county and there is a lack of space available that can be transformed into recreational space. Obesity rates and sedentary lifestyle is high in the Northeast San Fernando Valley and this is a great opportunity to address health issues.

**7. Approval of the Minutes for the meetings of August 20, September 10, September 24, and October 15, 2013**

**MOTION** (by Sammy Vazquez, second by Kelly Magallanes) to approve August 20 minutes

**MOTION PASSED** 9 in favor, 1 non - favor, 1 abstaining

**MOTION** (by Sammy Vazquez, second by Maria Diaz - Tran) to approve September 10 minutes with corrections

**MOTION PASSED** 10 in favor, 1 non - favor, 0 abstaining

**MOTION** (by to accept September 24 minutes

**MOTION PASSED** 11 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining

**MOTION** (by Jack Lindblad, second by Maria Diaz) to accept October 15 minutes

**MOTION PASSED** 9 in favor, 0 non - favor, 2 abstaining

Minutes written by Arleta Neighborhood Council minute taker, Irving Sandoval November 2013.

8. **a. Discussion and possible board action on treasurer's report. b. Monthly reconciliation for August 2013 and October 2013**

Only expenditures for September were for the storage space.

**MOTION** (by Sammy Vazquez, second by Cyndee Riding) to approve the September treasurer's report.

**MOTION PASSED** 10 in favor, 1 non - favor, 0 abstaining, 1 ineligible

**MOTION** (by John Hernandez, second by Mark Lopez) to approve October 2013 treasurer's report

**MOTION PASSED** 10 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining, 1 ineligible

9. **Discussion and possible board action on an application for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) application from Arleta High School for an Opera Training Class for special needs students. The NPG amount requested is \$1329.00**

Arleta coordinator Laura Mageary spoke before the board to help fund Opera classes and a performance that took place on November 16. 3 Students were on hand to share their experiences. James Kallas believes the program is a tangible benefit for the community.

The fact the event has already happened prevents the board from taking a funding action.

Kelly Magallanes suggested a new flyer be made and have the ANC appear as a sponsor. James Kallas suggested a standard request form be filled out.

**MOTION** (by Cyndee Riding, second by Jack Lindblad) to send item back to Outreach

**MOTION PASSED** 10 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstaining

10. **Discussion and possible board action on an application for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) application from Narconon for a youth program to send 10 youth from Arleta to run in the Say No To Drugs 5k held at the Universal Studios Backlot**

**Sammy Vasquez** - It's a great opportunity to provide outreach to the students.

**Jack Lindblad** - By sponsoring Narconon the board would be supporting a religion.

There is a public connection between L Ron Hubbard and Narconon.

**John Hernandez** - This is more about empowering youth.

**Daniel Orozco** - It's inspiring for participant student athletes to get medals.

**MOTION** (by Cyndee Riding, second by James Kallas) to support Narconon in the amount of \$500

**MOTION PASSED** 7 in favor, 0 non - favor, 3 abstaining, 1 ineligible

11. **Discussion and possible board action on the identifying office space for the ANC.**

As treasurer, Kelly Magallanes believes there is a strong need for an office space to help organize documents. Jack Lindblad says an office space will help committee chairs get organized. James Kallas thinks the new shopping center across from the high school is plenty big enough so that all committee meetings can be held there. The cost for renting one of these spaces is \$1,500. Beachy Elementary's Principal Bluestein has made a storage space available

on the school campus. Accessing this space is only limited to certain hours. Sammy Vasquez believe the board should make clear what amount they are willing to spend on a space. The item will be continued.

**12. Presentation and discussion on the Arleta NC Committee operations. Presentation form Melvin Cañas. 11b. Update on setting the regularly Scheduled dates for the ANC Committee**

*Melvin Cañas was not able to make the meeting. Item was continued.*

**13. Status update of the Arleta Gateway Sign project**

Lorena Bernal updated the board on the Status of the Arleta Gateway Sign. The CD7 office reached out to the office of Community Beautification to help the project move forward and acquire the proper permits. They are currently looking for a structural engineer to provide calculations on the integrity of the sign.

**14. Committee reports from Outreach, Improvement, and Budget**

*No reports were made at this time.*

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

**Cyndee Riding** - Would like to see the agenda trimmed down. It has to stay within the 6:30-9:00 time frame.

**Daniel Orozco** - Suggests having two general board meetings a month.

**James Kallas** - Wants some inventory done on the equipment in the storage space.

**16. a.Appointment of new Committee members for Outreach, Community Improvement, Budget, and Adhoc Public Safety Committee.**

Robert Rouge would like to join the Community Improvement Committee. He feels he can be a good asset as a consultant. He would like to provide resources.

**MOTION** (by Jack Lindblad, second by Henry Ng) to appoint Robert Rouge to the CIC committee

**MOTION PASSED** 7 in favor, 3 non - favor, 1 abstaining

**17. Discussion/Motion/Vote on appointment of members to the Adhoc Youth Committee charged with putting together recommendations to the board on items that affect Youth and organize an outreach event to Arleta's Youth**

*Item was continued*

**18. Discussion/Motion/Vote/ on the recommendation from the Elections Adhoc Committee to submit the 2014 Neighborhood Council Elections Stipulation Worksheet. Region 1 election will be in March 2014**

Mark Lopez presented the board with a draft copy of the Election Stipulation worksheet. This outlines all the ANC election procedures. Election will be held on March 8, 2014 at Branford Recreation Center from 10:00am-2:00pm. Vote by mail option will not be provided.

Translation to be provided includes Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese

**MOTION** (by Kelly Magallanes, second by Cyndee Riding ) to accept the draft stipulation worksheet with the addition of the languages.

**MOTION PASSED** 11 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining

**19. Discussion/Motion/Vote on the recommendation from the Executive Committee to purchase a time clock for the ANC's monthly board meeting with a budget not to exceed \$150.00**

Item was continued

**20. Discussion/Motion/Vote on the recommendation from the Executive Committee to purchase a time clock for the ANC's monthly board meeting with a budget not to exceed \$500.00**

*Item was continued*

**21. a. Discussion/Motion/Vote on the recommendation from the Outreach Committee to purchase Outreach Committee to participate in the Pacoima Holiday Parade and pay the participation fee not to exceed \$90.00. 21b Discussion/ Motion/ Vote on the recommendation from the Outreach Committee to walk in the Pacoima Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 7, 2013**

*John Hernandez recuses himself from item 21a*

Jose Zavala from the Pacoima Chamber of Commerce provided details on the Pacoima Holiday parade. The parade starts at 9:00am and begins at Pacoima City Hall. There is a \$75 entrance fee to have a float or walk in the parade. The board discussed the possibility of a vehicle being donated to have the board members ride in the parade.

*Jack Lindblad believes there should be a fair warning before the event to avoid a violation of the brown act*

**MOTION** (by Maria Diaz, second by Mark Lopez) to participate in the holiday parade and pay the \$75 entrance fee

**MOTION PASSED** 9 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstaining 1 ineligible

**MOTION** (by Sergio Ibarra, second by Mark Lopez) to change the wording on item 21b from walk to participate

**MOTION PASSED** 9 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstaining, 1 ineligible

**22. Discussion/Motion/Vote on the recommendation from the Community Improvement Committee to organize and participate in a community clean up with Council Member Nury Martinez' Office with a possible date in January 2014, with a budget not to exceed \$500. The funds will be used to purchase supplies including materials, equipment and food for volunteers.**

All supplies and equipment to be purchased for the event need to be itemized. There can be no board action without an invoice statement.

**MOTION** (by Kelly Magallanes, second by James Kallas) to send item back to the Community Improvement Committee

**MOTION PASSED** 11 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining

**23. Update on the status of the complaint filed by Ms Joy Bizar**

*With the absence of Melvin Cañas the item was continued*

**24. Next meeting of the ANC will be on December 17, 2013 at 6:30pm at Beachy Elementary School**

**25. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was passed unanimously

Sergio Ibarra **Adjourned** the Meeting at 10:22 p.m.