

Minutes of the  
**ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)**  
General Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014  
at Beachy Ave. Elementary School, 9757 Beachy Ave., Arleta

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

President Sergio Ibarra called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
The pledge of Allegiance was lead by Sergio Ibarra  
Roll call was taken by Minute taker Irving Sandoval.

**Board Members Present:** *(at time of roll call)*

Sammy Vazquez	Celia Vasquez	Luis Sencion
James Kallas	Cyndee Riding	John Hernandez
Henry Ng	Sergio Ibarra	Mark Lopez
Daniel Orozco	Kelly Magallanes	

Board Members Absent:

Jack Lindblad	Max Foster	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 presented the character of the month. This months character was Endurance. He stressed the importance of not giving up.

*Maria Diaz - Tran enters the meeting at 6:38pm. 12 members now present.*

**3. President's Message**

Sergio Ibarra mentioned he had a strategic planning session with the executive committee in September. They identified the successes and the goals the board would like to tackle. Successes included submitting public comments to the DWP to halt truck trips. Completing the Arleta gateway sign and finding an office space are some of the goals for the board. The board has to be relentless in achieving these identified goals.

*Max Foster enters the meeting at 7:00pm. 13 members now present*

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

**Speaker: Dr Bluestein** - Beachy Elementary Principal, Standardized testing in schools is being postponed this year as a new test is being developed. The standards for learning have changed. At Beachy Elementary, the breezeways are being replaced. It is a 2 million dollar project. Lastly he said, the school is not scheduled to get ipads from the district because it is not a phase 1 or a phase 2 school.

**Speaker: Al Piantanida** - Devonshire/Arleta park is expected to be finished in late spring. The skatepark being currently under construction will be the most advanced skatepark in all of Los Angeles.

**Speaker: James Kallas** - In November's board meeting he was denied the right to speak. He was given two minutes and did not speak for those two minutes. The Brown Act states that board members have a right to speak before or during the agenda item and can speak up to 4 times on an item.

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

**Speaker: Officer Perry**, Crime is up in the area. Seven people were victims to violence on New Years Day. The biggest crime is still breaking into vehicles. It is a concern that some areas are not reporting crimes or suspicious activity. Officers will begin to crack down on any yard sales going on for more than 2 consecutive days.

**Speaker: Lorena Bernal** - *Field Deputy CD6*, Urban Forestry will be back in Arleta. 1,256 trees that interfere with street lights and power wires need to be trimmed. Cal-Trans is in the midst of doing night work on the 5 freeway. The work will go on through February. The Northeast Graffiti Busters have a contract with the city of Los Angeles.

**Speaker: Franklin Ochoa** - *Office of Raul Bocanegra*, Los Angeles Mission College will be hosting a Cash For College event on Saturday, February 1st from 10am-1pm

**Speaker: Lydia Grant**, Region coordinator

**Speaker: Betty Lay** - *CPAB*, Residents can stay updated on what is going on with the Area. It's important to get people involved and create more neighborhood watch groups. She spoke

of two events. First Empower LA and LAPD will have a town hall meeting to discuss public safety in the community. This will take place on Wednesday January 29, from 6pm-8pm at Van Nuys City Hall. Secondly, she mentioned the Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Saturday February 22 9am-12pm at Mission Division Station.

**6. Board Comments on Items not on today's agenda**

**Speaker: James Kallas** - The board needs to learn about motion to amend. An amendment to the motion is allowed as long as it is germane. A Substitution to the motion can be made.

**Speaker: Max Foster** - The safety committee is trying to contact the new training firefighters.

**7. Presentation and discussion on Public Safety in LAPD Mission Station Patrol Area - Todd C. Chamberlain, Captain III, Commanding Officer for Mission Area**

*The Captain was not available at this time*

**8. Presentation from Pacoima Beautiful on Conservation**

*The presenters from Pacoima beautiful could not make it to the meeting.*

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

Outreach Committee report from Chair Pastor Sammy Vasquez. He discussed the events the committee plan to put together and participate in this year. A prayer breakfast is planned to take place on May 1st at Branford Park. Arleta High School Concert Choir, Edwards Air force base honor guards, and boy scouts are due to attend the event. National Night Out is scheduled to take place at Branford Park as well. Halloween Harvest and the Pacoima Holiday Parade are two more events the committee is looking forward to.

10. **Update from the Elections Adhoc Committee. Region 1 elections will be held on Saturday, March 8 2014 at Branford Park Child Care Center from 10:00am-2:00pm**  
Mark Lopez discussed the success of the neighborhood walk for candidates. 16 volunteers participated in the walk. Bags and magnets were handed out. Jose Sandoval praised the work of the ANC describing it as “awesome”. Lydia Grant said it is important that everyone win or lose work together to improve the council.

11. **Motion/Discussion/Vote to appoint two new Stakeholders to the ANC Grievance Committee and a chair for the committee. The ANC Grievance Committee is charged with reviewing grievances filed in consultation with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Attorney’s Office. Committee members must follow ANC Bylaws, Code of Conduct, Brown Act and any other City of Los Angeles established policies.** The board was to select two new stakeholders as two of the 3 previously selected stakeholders were found to have a conflict of interest by the city attorneys. They were notified they could no longer serve on the board. There was no clear definition to what presents a conflict of interest. The mother of Daniel Orozco was the lone remaining member of this committee but because she is the mother of a board member that presented a conflict of interest.

**Public Comments**

Betty Ley - The Ethics training includes what a conflict of interest is.

Guy Dionne - He has not been updated on the status of his complaint and it’s almost been a year since he filed the complaint.

Joy Bizar - There are some things that have happened in the board. She would not like to be disqualified because of a conflict of interest.

Lydia Grant - It’s important to address the complaint and get it done.

Margaret Shoemaker - It’s biased that the board is the one to make the final decision on a complaint addressed to itself.

Dianne Hand - The Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment did not have the courage to contact her or Margaret Shoemaker

There were 3 stakeholders present who volunteered to participate in the new grievance committee: Thomas Lucero, Luis Castillo, and Nelly Arrrue

**MOTION** (by John Hernandez, Second by Cyndee Riding) to send names to the District Attorney to determine if those names pose a conflict of interest

**MOTION PASSED** 9 in favor, 1 non - favor, 3 abstaining

**MOTION** (by Sergio Ibarra, Second by John Hernandez) to nominate Luis Castillo as grievance chair

**MOTION PASSED** 12 in favor, 1 non- favor, 0 abstaining

12. **Approval of the minutes for the meeting of December 17, 2013**

There were a number of corrections to be made to the minutes as pointed out by Loyce Lacson.

**MOTION** (by Max Foster, Second by Luis Sencion) to approve minutes with corrections

**MOTION PASSED** 13 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining

*Sammy Vasquez leaves the meeting at 9:05pm. 12 members now present.*

**13. a.Discussion and possible board action on treasurer’s report. 13b. Monthly reconciliation for 2013.**

**MOTION** (by Sergio Ibarra, Second by James Kallas) to accept the treasurer’s report

Mark Lopez (yes)	Celia Vasquez (yes)
John Hernandez (yes)	Henry Ng (yes)
Cyndee Riding (yes)	James Kallas (yes)
Max Foster (yes)	Daniel Orozco (ineligible)
Kelly Magallanes (yes)	Luis E Sencion (ineligible)
Sergio Ibarra (yes)	
Maria Diaz - Tran (yes)	

**MOTION PASSED** 10 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining, 2 ineligible  
*Discussion and action on the monthly reconciliation was be continued.*

*Luis Sencion Leaves the meeting at 9:18pm. 11 members now present*

**14. Discussion and possible board action on identifying an office space for the Arleta NC**

John Hernandez and James Kallas have found a storage space going for \$460 a month. A space is not available on the first floor of the Arleta Storage Space. It is a 10X30 space. It has an available mail box, free wi-fi, a phone, and an ada accessible restroom.

**MOTION** (by Sergio Ibarra, Second by Max Foster) to allocate \$2,123 towards the upgrade of the current storage location to a 10X30 office space.

Sergio Ibarra (yes)	Max Foster (yes)
Mark Lopez (yes)	Celia Vasquez (yes)
John Hernandez (yes)	Daniel Orozco (ineligible)
Kelly Magallanes (yes)	Maria Diaz - Tran (yes)
Henry Ng (yes)	
James Kallas (yes)	
Cyndee Riding (yes)	

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING RECESSED AT 9:39**

**REGULAR MEETING RETURNS AT 10:11**

**15. Motion/Discussion/Vote on clarifying the board motion allocating \$12,000 for Tajo Landscape for the construction of the landscape portion of the project known as the Arleta Gateway project from FY 2012-2013 funds**

Tajo is responsible for the hardscape and the landscape, installing a sidewalk, and irrigation. James Kallas has asked to see the contract. but D.O.N.E has not finalized the contract. The board needs to clarify that it will not spend more than \$17,000 for the sign, but will spend \$12,000 for the landscape. A contract will not be made until this clarification is made.

**Public Comments:**

**Quoc Tran** - Doesn't see confidence in the board that the project is moving forward. This is not the same project that was started 3 years ago. The board should provide the Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment with specifics.

*Item will be continued*

**16. Motion/Discussion/Vote on allocating \$4,253 from fund 300-Community Improvement projects (FY 2013-2014) for the balance left to complete the concrete construction portion of the project known as Arleta Gateway Sign Project.**

*item was continued*

**17. Motion/Discussion/Vote on an application for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) application from Arleta High School for an Opera Training Class for students. The NPG amount requested is not to exceed (\$1329.00) and transfer the same amount from fund 200-Outreach to Fund 400-Neighborhood Purposes Grant.**

*Item was continued*

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

*Item was continued*

**19. Next meeting of the ANC will be on February 18, 2014 at 6:30pm at Beachy Elementary School**

*Cyndee Riding leaves the meeting at 10:31pm*

*Max Foster leaves the meeting at 10:31pm*

*James Kallas leaves the meeting at 10:31pm*

Quorum is lost and meeting ends at 10:32 p.m.