

Minutes of the  
**ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)**  
Meeting of the Board and  
Elections Adhoc Committee  
Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
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 6:40pm.

The pledge of Allegiance was lead by John Hernandez.

Roll call was taken by Minute Taker Irving Sandoval.

Board Members Present:

Sergio Ibarra	James Kallas	Daniel Orozco	Cyndee Riding
Maria Diaz - Tran	Henry Ng	Luis Sencion	John Hernandez
Kelly Magallanes	Sammy Vasquez	Max Foster	

Board Members Absent:

Mark Lopez	Celia Vasquez	Jack Lindblad	Christian Guerra
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11 Board Members were present. A quorum is nine, so the Board could make Motions and take votes.

**2a. President's Message.**

Sergio Ibarra urged the member of the public get involved with the agenda items.

**3. Character Counts Program**

Pastor Sammy Vasquez spoke on the character quality of the month, wisdom. A wise person makes wise decisions for today and for the future. A foolish person makes unwise decisions. To be wise is to make practical applications of truth in daily decisions.

**4. General Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda**

Veronica De Lara, Phoenix House - The goal of Phoenix House is to eliminate underage drinking educate. They educate vendors on their responsibilities. They also offer drug prevention programs.

Guy Newell - He gave the board a copy of a DVD on the dangers of smart meters. France has experimented with Wi - Fi in schools but has since pulled all wi - fi in schools due to negative health impacts.

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

Lee Perry, Theft from cars is still a major problem in the area. People caught with possession of shaved keys are being arrested. Late 80s to early 90s Toyota Camry is the most stolen vehicle. Illegal vendors and yard sales are still being monitored. A suspect has been caught in the area between Branford and Woodale. This area has a large number of incidents.

Lorena Bernal, Field Deputy for Nury Martinez, Car sales on Van Nuys Blvd are a growing concern. The office will try their best to solve the issue legally. An event will be going on at

Branford Park on Saturday February 22. Community members are welcome to come and share their ideas for new park spaces. This will take place at the Child Care Center from 10am-12pm Franklin, Raul Bocanegra's office, On Saturday, February 22 there will be an Affordable Care Act Workshop at the Sun Valley Recreation Center from 10:00am-1:00pm. For more information call (818) 504-0090

**6. Board comments on items not on the agenda**

Kelly Magallanes - Dr. Bluestein has requested a corkboard be used to post up agendas. This item was discussed on item 13.

Daniel Orozco - Arleta students are starting a Red Cross Youth Club. They hope to have more Red Cross events like blood drives and hold emergency preparedness events at elementaries.

James Kallas - Stakeholders would like items 14, 15, 16 to be moved up in the agenda.

**7. Presentation on the community Planning Forum: Plan RecodeLA, Mobility Plan 2035 and Plan for a Healthy Way LA. Lyz Mendes, Los Angeles Planning Department**

On March 15 a regional forum is being held at the Granada Hills Recreation center a 9am. Residents are welcomed to attend these events to learn what the planning department is working on for the future of LA and give their feedback. To learn how you can get involved visit *recode.la*

**8. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of January 21, 2014, Special Meeting held on February 11, 2014**

Only the January 21 meeting minutes were available at the meeting. Sergio Ibarra apologized for not having the special meeting minutes available.

**MOTION** (by Sammy Vazquez, second by Kelly Magallanes) to approve the minutes for the meeting of January 21

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

**9. Discussion and possible board action on treasurer's report.**

Purchases were made for the Neighborhood Cleanup, Neighborhood Walk, and Rally in the Valley. LAUSD has been paid. She is still trying to find out about the translator and the minute taker. James praised the job Kelly has done as treasurer.

**MOTION** (by John Hernandez, second by James Kallas ) to approve the treasurer's report

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

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

*Luis Sencion Leaves the meeting. 10 members now present.*

**10. Update on the identifying a new office space and new storage location for the Arleta NC**

James Kallas and his son help moved things down from the storage to the new office. D.O.N.E still needs to certify the space to hold meetings, the space can only be used for storage. Internet needs to be installed. John Hernandez suggests the board get a magicjack to use the phone service.

**11. Committee reports from Outreach, Improvement, and Budget, and Adhoc Safety Committee**

Sammy Vazquez announced the meetings of the Outreach Committee are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 5pm at the First Assembly of God Church.

CIC Chair Maria Diaz reported on the success of the Arleta neighborhood cleanup. More than 135 volunteers helped out in the event. The Neighborhood Council Blitz was sponsored by the Bureau of Street Services. Every Neighborhood council was asked to submit the top 15 addresses or locations that needed some repairs. Locations were taken into consideration depending on the extent of work. 9 of 15 submitted by the CIC will be worked on. The CIC along with Rec and Parks will have a workshop at the Branford child care center on February 22 from 10am to 12pm to discuss ideas for an open park space. Regarding the construction of a digital billboard on the corner of Beachy and Van Nuys the CIC members were not able to submit their comments opposing the sign as a committee, but instead voiced their opinions as individuals. She felt the sign would be too bright for area residents come night time. The sign was approved on February 5.

Max Foster updated on the happenings of the Public Safety Committee. The committee is planning to hold a C.E.R.T. class sometime after the 4th of July. For this class they are also planning to put together safety kits to hand out in these classes.

**12. Update from Melvin Cañas on establishing the Arleta NC Grievance Committee**

Melvin was not able to attend the ANC meeting to discuss the item. Luis Castillo was one of the names submitted to the new grievance committee. He has not heard back from the city attorneys. Margaret Shoemaker was part of the previous grievance committee. Stakeholders do not need to abide by the brown act as long as there are no board members in the committee. It is an investigatory body. The committee meetings are not a special meeting of the board. The board is in error because the board did not allow the grievance committee present their findings.

**13. Motion / Discussion / Vote on a possible board action to amend the Arleta NC budget and fund a board resolution recommending funding to pay for an invoice from Y.J. Inc in the amount not to exceed \$250 from (Fund 300-50 Community Improvement and Projects FY 2013-2014) for Engineering Services for Structural Calculations/Renderings for the approved Arleta Community Sign. The document will be submitted to the City of Los**

**Angeles Department of Public Works Engineering Division as required to receive the permits to install the sign. Office of Community Beautification will be pulling the permits for the project**

Margaret Shoemaker - The item should not have been on the agenda since it has already been voted down. A board member must make a motion to reconsider in order for an item to go back on the agenda. She will address her concern to the elected city attorney's office. This loop-hole goes against the by-laws.

Sergio Ibarra He clarified by saying he consulted with the city attorneys regarding the item. It was taken back to the executive committee for discussion and was put on the agenda and posted following the by laws.

**MOTION** (by Max Foster, second by Cyndee Riding) to

Sammy Vazquez (yes)	Kelly Magallanes (yes)
Henry Ng (yes)	Sergio Ibarra (yes)
Maria Diaz (yes)	John Hernandez (no)
Cyndee Riding (yes)	James Kallas (no)
Max Foster (yes)	Daniel Orozco (ineligible)

**MOTION PASSED** 7 in favor, 2 non - favor, and 0 abstaining, 1 ineligible

**14. Motion / Discussion / Vote on a possible board action to purchase a bulletin board to be placed at Beachy Elementary School to post public notices and ANC agendas with an amount not to exceed \$1,000**

Beachy Principal Dr. Bluestein requested the board purchase a cork board to put at the front of the school. Tape used to post paper notices on the auditorium doors peels some paint when the paper and tape is removed.

**Public Comments on the item**

Margaret Shoemaker - Opposes the cork board. The central posting location is toward the north end of Arleta. The residents of the south end of Arleta feel like they have no neighborhood council.

Joy Bizar - She is against D.O.N.Es proposed plan to move the required posting locations from 5 to 1. How are residents going to find out about the meetings. Post in many locations in a timely manner.

Dianne Hand - She is against the possible action on the item because it should be given more consideration.

**MOTION** (by James Kallas, second by Cyndee Riding) to purchase a bulletin board to be placed at Beachy Elementary School to post public notices and ANC agendas with an amount not to exceed \$1,000

James Kallas (yes)	Cyndee Riding (yes)
Kelly Magallanes (yes)	John Hernandez (yes)

Sammy Vasquez (yes)	Max Foster (no)
Sergio Ibarra (yes)	Henry Ng (abstain)
Maria Diaz (yes)	Daniel Orozco (ineligible)

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

**15. Next meeting of the board will be on March 18th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Beachy Ave. Elementary School.**

**16. Adjournment**

**MOTION** (by Cyndee Riding, second by Kelly Magallanes) to Adjourn the Meeting

**MOTION PASSED** with all 10 Board Members in favor.

Sergio Ibarra **Adjourned** the Meeting at 9:17 p.m.