

Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
General Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 15th, 2014
at Beachy Ave. Elementary School, 9757 Arleta Ave., Arleta

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

President Maria Diaz-Tran called the Meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Veronica DeLara.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Maria Diaz - Tran

Board Members Present:

Maria Diaz - Tran	Sammy Vazquez	Raymond Duran	Jaime Gallo
Kelly Magallanes	James Kallas	John Hernandez	Daniel Orozco
Veronica DeLara	Max Foster	Julian Ramirez	

Board Members Absent:

Sergio Ibarra	Cyndee Riding	Maria Mejia	Luis Sencion
David Sandoval			

11 Board Members were present. A quorum is nine, so the Board could make Motions and take votes.

President's Message.

Maria Diaz - Tran - LA Council Members Joe Buscaino and Mitch Englander proposed a plan to fix the streets. The focus is on identifying streets that are in desperate need of repair. She is hoping to have a representative attend a future general board meeting to go more in depth about the project details. The ANC will host their second Clean-Up Day on Saturday April 26. Volunteers are to meet at Canterbury Elementary School. The event runs from 8am to 12pm. On April 10 there was a ribbon cutting ceremony at Brandford Park to commemorate the completion of a new baseball field, new water fountain, and the repaving and of the sidewalk and parking lots. Department of Parks and Recreation invited board members to come out and participate in the event. She thanked those who made it out and joined her at the ceremony. When she was elected as board president she felt a huge responsibility was put upon her shoulders. It is important to continue addressing the issues and challenges regarding the ANC by-laws. She asked each and every member to help each other be aware of the rules by sharing their knowledge of those by-laws and other applicable rules. It is better if the board focuses on stuff they can do in the upcoming year instead of things they would like to see happen.

2. Government reports and announcements

Lorena Bernal, Nury Martinez Office - Homeless encampments in the Arleta and surrounding neighborhoods is a growing safety concern. One of the camps was vacant and sanitation truck was brought in to pick up the items. It turns out that area is used for chronic illegal dumping. The homeless were actually under the freeway underpass. Sanitation is not allowed to move in to areas identified as homeless encampments. Nury Martinez did her best to get sanitation to remove the encampments. She asks for patience from residence as there is a lengthy process to get this done.

Nury Martinez participated at the CATS fundraiser 5k & 10k walk/run at Lake Balboa.

Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra - He is currently working on a couple of bills. The Film and TV Tax Credit Program will help keep industry jobs in California. With a drought affecting the state he is on the committee trying to engineer the Water Bond that was negotiated back in 2009-2010 and get it on the November ballot. If approved this would help clean up the water in the San Fernando Valley.

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Lee Perry - Breaking into motor vehicles is still a big problem. The hot areas are Van Nuys and Woodman. Crime activity is at its peak from midnight to 6am. Additional officers are patrolling The Panorama-Arleta area. They have been receiving great tips so crime has been decreasing. 4th of July firework activity was bad in Arleta last year but the department hasn't planned what it will do to control activity this year. AB109 are inmates released on parole. About 800 are monitored by one officer. One parolee was found in possession of four guns. The department has to do a better job monitoring those parolees.

Jenny, Congressman Cardenas Office - An Identity Theft Workshop is being held on Thursday at Pacoima City Hall from 6pm to 8pm. Representatives from the IRS, FTC, and United States Citizen and Immigration services will be at the event. Alex Padilla is holding a Citizenship workshop at Poly High School on Saturday April 26 from 9am-12pm

LADWP - There is a scam targeting all utilities customers. LADWP never asks for payments by phone. If a customer has an issue with their account there is a Van Nuys branch they can go to and speak with someone face to face.

3. Approval of the minutes

MOTION (by Kelly Magallanes, Second by Max Foster) to approve the February 11, 2014 minutes.

MOTION PASSED 10 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstention from John Hernandez

MOTION (by Sammy Vasquez, Second by Julian Ramirez) to approve March 13, 2014 minutes

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

MOTION (by Max Foster, Second by Kelly Magallanes) to approve March 18, 2014 minutes

MOTION PASSED 10 in favor, 1 non - favor from James Kallas, 0 abstaining

4. Public Comments on non-agenda items.

Major John Wells, North Valley Military Institute - Requested to be on the June board agenda to go more into detail about NVMI charter school.

Guy Newell - The ANC should create an alliance with the business community to Create a Arleta Chamber so residents can communicate better and discuss what they would like to have in the community.

Vicky Birch, LAPD Foothill Division - The Jeopardy program has been in existence since 1993 and helps at risk youth stay off the streets. She is asking for \$2000 in funding and will go to committee with her request.

Joe Ramirez - There is a safety hazard at Devonshire/Arleta park. Wires in the river bed are sticking out enough to cause harm. He wants the park opening to be delayed until the issue is addressed.

5a. Appointment of new committee Chairs and Committee members for Outreach, Community Improvement, and Budget Committees

Outreach Committee - Sammy Vasquez, Chair
members: Cyndee Riding, Veronica DeLara, Max Foster

Community Improvement - Julian Ramirez, Chair
members: Jaime Gallo, Raymond Duran, Daniel Orozco

Budget Committee - Kelly Magallanes, Chair
members: John Hernandez, Sergio Ibarra, Maria Diaz - Tran

5b. Appointment of new Committee Chairs and Committee Members for Ad-Hoc Public Safety, Youth, and By-Laws Committees.

Max Foster declined the nomination to remain Ad-Hoc Public Safety committee chair. Former ANC president Sergio Ibarra contacted the fire department and asked firefighter Jensen to cancel the C.E.R.T program the Ad-Hoc Public Safety Committee was scheduled to put on in the summer. Max did not believe it was in his best interest to remain Ad-Hoc Public Safety Committee chair. The board will work on a letter asking the department to rectify the program. Board members agreed to sign this letter.

The appointment of an Ad-Hoc Public Safety Committee Chair has been tabled

The appointment of an Ad-Hoc Youth Committee Chair has been tabled

By-Laws Committee - John Hernandez, Chair
members: Kelly Magallanes, James Kallas, Raymond Duran

6. Approval of the treasurer's report

MOTION (by Sammy Vazquez, Second by Max Foster)

James Kallas (yes)	Maria Diaz -Tran (yes)	Jaime Gallo (yes)
Sammy Vazquez (yes)	Kelly Magallanes (yes)	Julian Ramirez (yes)
Raymond Duran (yes)	Veronica DeLara (yes)	Daniel Orozco (ineligible)
John Hernandez (yes)	Max Foster (yes)	

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

7a. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to purchase vests for the Chrysalis Cleaning crew to promote the Arleta Neighborhood Council's sponsorship of this program. Amount not to exceed \$200.

MOTION (by Veronica DeLara, Second by Kelly Magallanes) to discuss item.

Chrysalis was in need of vests, but they already have some with the ANC logo on them.

Veronica withdrew her motion.

item was tabled.

7b1. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to purchase the following items for outreach on Arleta's Spring Clean-up event held on April 26, 2014

MOTION (by John Hernandez, Second by James Kallas) to purchase 1000 ANC magnets containing important City Services information. Amount not to exceed \$1000

James Kallas (yes)	Maria Diaz - Tran (yes)	Jaime Gallo (yes)
Sammy Vazquez (yes)	Kelly Magallanes (yes)	Julian Ramirez (yes)
Raymond Duran (yes)	Veronica DeLara (yes)	Daniel Orozco (ineligible)

John Hernandez (yes)	Max Foster (yes)	
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MOTION PASSED 10 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible

Maria Diaz - Tran leaves the room at 8:22

Maria Diaz - Tran returns to the room at 8:24

7b2 Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to purchase 1000 shopping bags with Arleta Neighborhood Council’s logo. Amount not to exceed \$2000.

MOTION (by Sammy Vazquez, Second by Max Foster) to purchase 1000 shopping bags with Arleta Neighborhood Council’s logo. Amount not to exceed \$2000.

James Kallas (yes)	Maria Diaz - Tran (yes)	Jaime Gallo (yes)
Sammy Vazquez (yes)	Kelly Magallanes (yes)	Julian Ramirez (yes)
Raymond Duran (yes)	Veronica DeLara (yes)	Daniel Orozco (ineligible)
John Hernandez (yes)	Max Foster Foster (yes)	

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

7b3. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to purchase 1000 business cards containing Arleta Neighborhood Council’s Information; meeting date, phone number, office information, and important contact information. Amount not to exceed \$45.

MOTION (by Max Foster, Second by John Hernandez)

James Kallas (yes)	Maria Diaz - Tran (yes)	Jaime Gallo (yes)
Sammy Vazquez (yes)	Kelly Magallanes (yes)	Julian Ramirez (yes)
Raymond Duran (yes)	Veronica DeLara (yes)	Daniel Orozco (ineligible)
John Hernandez (yes)	Max Foster (yes)	

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

7c. Discussion and possible board action to refer the following projects to respective committee: 1)Veterans Day Parade 2)Rental Equipment for Veteran’s Breakfast 3)School Banners 4) Movie Night at the Park 5)Christmas decorations for Woodman, Osborne, and Van Nuys Blvd.

MOTION (by Veronica DeLara, Second by Max Foster) to refer the Veterans Day Parade to the respective committee

John Hernandez made a friendly amendment to Veronica DeLara’s motion. Maria Diaz - Tran accepts the amendment.

MOTION (by Veronica DeLara, Second by Max Foster) to submit items 7c 1-5 to the Outreach Committee.

James Kallas (yes)	Maria Diaz - Tran (yes)	Jaime Gallo (yes)
Sammy Vazquez (yes)	Kelly Magallanes (yes)	Julian Ramirez (yes)

Raymond Duran (yes)	Veronica DeLara (yes)	Daniel Orozco (yes)
John Hernandez (yes)	Max Foster (yes)	

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

8. Board member comments/announcements

Sammy Vazquez - Invited everyone to the Easter Sunday service at the First Assembly of God Church.

James Kallas - The board purchased a time clock and it was not used. The government reports ran over an hour.

Max Foster - He appreciated the work Maria did to help the agenda run smoothly

John Hernandez - It was great to have Raul Bocanegra at the meeting. Maria did a phenomenal job in her first meeting as president.

Julian Ramirez - The board needs to take Joe Ramirez public concerns about the park very seriously.

9. Next meeting of the board will be on May 20th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Beachy Ave. Elementary School.

10. Adjournment

MOTION (by Max Foster, second by Jaime Gallo) to Adjourn the Meeting all 11 Board Members in favor, **MOTION PASSED**

Maria Diaz - Tran **Adjourned** the Meeting at 8:58 p.m.