

Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
Joint Meeting of the ANC Board and Budget Committee
Tuesday, July 22nd, 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 6:47 p.m.
The pledge of Allegiance was led by vice president Luis Sencion.
Roll call was taken by minute taker Irving Sandoval.

Board Members Present:

Sergio Ibarra	Raymond Duran	Jaime Gallo	Luis Sencion
Julian Ramirez	James Kallas	John Hernandez	Daniel Orozco
Kelly Magallanes	Cyndee Riding		

Board Members Absent:

Maria Mejia Veronica DeLara Max Foster Sammy Vazquez

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

2. President's Message

President Sergio Ibarra mentioned the issue with the agenda last week that caused the July 17 meeting to be postponed. He apologized to the stakeholders and board members but thanked them for their flexibility in rescheduling the meeting. City Attorney Mike Feuer office encourages board members to attend a town hall meeting that will announce a new neighborhood prosecutor for Foothill Division. This town hall takes place on August 13 6:30 at Mountain View Elementary School. D.O.N.E North Valley Commissioner Lydia Grant has invited board members to the North Valley Neighborhood Council roundtable on Tuesday July 29 at Our Lady of Peace Church in North Hills to begin at 6:00pm. Board members will have the opportunity to meet and network with members of other neighborhood councils.

3. Character counts program

With the absence of Sammy Vasquez no presentation was made. Item will be continued.

4. General Public Comment on Items not listed on today's Agenda.

John Hernandez On Saturday August 9th Mr John Hernandez will be holding his third annual blood drive. The address is 13631 Van Nuys Blvd., Pacoima, CA and it will go from 9am-3pm. Donors are always needed. Last year he collected 57 pints of blood. His goal this year is a minimum of 100 pints of blood. The drive supports Providence Hospital. Donating a pint of blood will get you a coupon to redeem for a pint of ice cream at Baskin Robbins. Representatives from the bone marrow institute will also be testing for bone marrow donors. For more information

Richard Tocher Mission Hills Neighborhood Council. He is the head of the Beautification Committee in his neighborhood council. He is reaching out to other neighborhood councils in

CD7 who use the 311 app. He is heading a program that collects data that tracks what is being requested and the response time to those requests. The committee will organize and submit findings to Council District 7. He is looking to partner up with other beautification committees and hope they also collect data. The committees would meet once a month and present their findings. They would be submitted as a monthly collective report card to CD7 showing how residents are or are not using city services. The program is in early development.

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

Officer Lee Perry was not able to attend the meeting

Battalion Chief Combs Chief Combs introduced himself and gave a few updates on the area. Battalion 12 covers 75 square miles of the Northeast San Fernando Valley. It stands as the largest in the city of Los Angeles. Fire Station 7 has two new captains. Captain Kenabe and Captain LaRue. The new fire station should be completed by early 2015. Chief Combs acknowledged the department didn't do a great job getting fireworks under control on the 4th of July noting that it is difficult to patrol for fireworks. He believes our state leaders need to create legislation that outlaws fireworks in the state. The department just does not have the resources to control fireworks. Brush season has begun therefore fire danger is extreme. Everyone should be diligent in helping minimize the risk of fires. The department is working on improving its response times by collecting data to help improve its performance. Lastly he mentioned the appointment of new fire chief Ralph Terrazas. If the City Council approves him he will begin service on August 4.

Eddie Martinez Area Director for Councilwoman Nury Martinez. It is important that everyone know when to water their lawn. Anyone caught watering on the wrong day could face a fine for up to \$500. On July 2nd the councilwoman introduced a motion prohibiting the sale of vehicles on the street. A lot of those vehicles are stolen vehicles. Streets affected are Van Nuys Blvd Woodman between woodman Avenue and the 5 Freeway. This motion was introduced on the last day before the council went into recess and will be amended to include more streets. It will take a couple of months before it is approved and becomes an ordinance.

Captain Kenabe Fire Station 7 The captain introduced himself to the board and stakeholders. He thanked everyone for all the support. The new fire station is ahead of schedule and should be completed by the beginning of 2015. He noted that there has been concern over boundaries but that has not been discussed yet. Sergio Ibarra invited the Captain and the crew to attend National Night Out. Captain Kenabe said Fire Station 7 will be at the event.

6. City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works presentation by commissioner Monica Rodriguez

Item will be continued

7. Board comments on items not on today's agenda

Julian Ramirez He invited everyone to attend the Gullo Ave Block Party on Saturday August 23rd from 11am-6pm. Neighbors in Action is putting the event together.

8. Committee reports from Outreach, Improvement and budget, Adhoc Public Safety Committee, and Adhoc Bylaws Committee

Outreach report from Sergio Ibarra - National Night Out is on Tuesday August 5 at Branford Park from 5:30-7:30. Councilwoman Nury Martinez, Fire Station 7, and other elected officials have been invited. In-N-Out burger will be there handing out a meal consisting of a burger,

chips, and a drink. A ticket handed out at the registration table will be required to receive the meal. There will be music and entertainment including a puppet show and face painting for the kids. Board members and volunteers are to meet at 4pm that day to go over duties and help set up for the event.

Community Improvement report from Julian Ramirez - The committee discussed areas that need to be improved Streets that need to be repaired. He received a package regarding land use. He prefers stakeholders get the ability to voice their opinions about projects going on in their area.

Bylaws committee report from John Hernandez - Effective July 1st by-laws amendments are being accepted. He would like to meet July 28 at Kid's Korner. He is hoping to present a new draft of the by-laws at next months board meeting.

9. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to fund the Neighborhood purposes Grant submitted by the Jeopardy Program for the purchase of gym equipment not to exceed \$2,000

A representative from the Foothill Jeopardy program spoke on his request to fund the purchase of new gym equipment. The program helps at risk youth stay off the streets by training them in boxing. There are currently 37 kids active in the free program. He described the shape of the boxing gloves as too filthy to put their hands in and the equipment as old. James Kallas mentioned Jeopardy had previously received money from the board to fund a tournament. The board requested a copy of the receipt and a list of youth from Arleta enrolled in the program but never received anything. James Kallas said the program was a money grab. The officer mentioned there are Arleta youth in the Jeopardy program but their names can't be released because they are juveniles. All of the money will be used for the purchase of sports equipment. It is a non-profit and the money will be held by the Foothill Area Boosters Association(FABA).

Public Comments on item

Margaret Shoemaker - She is embarrassed by what board member James Kallas said calling the program a money grab. She is in favor of the program. Supports it whether or not there are kids from Arleta in it. It helps keep kids from surrounding areas off the street.

Guy Newell - He is against a program that teaches kids to fight when kids are taught not to fight.

Robert Rouge - He recommends the program be supported even if kids form Arleta arent in it.

Terry Hendricks - He supports the program. The ANC should be doing good without getting recognition.

Loyce Lacson - The program is worth it even if it helps only one kid off the street.

MOTION (by Raymond Duran, Second by Jaime Gallo) to fund neighborhood purposes grant submitted by the Jeopardy Program for the purchase of gym equipment no to exceed \$2,000

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Jaime Gallo, Raymond Duran, Cyndee Riding, John Hernandez, Luis Sencion

No Julian Ramirez, James Kallas

Abstain Kelly Magallanes

ineligible Daniel Orozco

MOTION PASSED 6 in favor, 2 non - favor, 1 abstain, 1 ineligible

At 8:18pm Daniel Orozco leaves the meeting. 9 board members present.

10. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to direct the community improvement Committee and work with the Department of Public Works to identify 15

public works request for the NC Blitz program

The CIC will identify 15 locations that need beautification. They will be sent to D.O.N.E. Stakeholders are encouraged to attend a CIC meeting on Tuesday July 29 to submit addresses of locations they think are in need of beautification.

MOTION (by Luis Sencion, Second by Kelly Magallanes) to direct community improvement committee and work with the department of public works to identify 15 public works request for the NC Blitz program.

Yes Kelly Magallanes, John Hernandez, Cyndee Riding, Julian Ramirez, Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Luis Sencion, Sergio Ibarra

No none

Abstain James Kallas

MOTION PASSED 8 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstention

11. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to approve the Arleta NC budget and strategic Plan and Goals for FY 2014-2015 and various other documents required by DONE

MOTION (by Cyndee Riding, Julian Ramirez) to approve draft budget

Yes Kelly Magallanes, Jaime Gallo, James Kallas, John Hernandez, Cyndee Riding, Sergio Ibarra,

Raymond Duran, Luis Sencion, Julian Ramirez

No none

MOTION PASSED 9 in favor, 0 non - favor, and 0 abstaining.

12. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to approve funding for the purchase of (8) light pole banners to be installed in front of Arleta High School along Van Nuys Blvd. The total purchase is not to exceed \$2,581.55

With the 9 board members present this item would've posed a conflict of interest to Vice President Luis Sencion, an Arleta High School alumni. He would've had to recuse himself from the discussion leaving only 8 board members. The board could not take action. This item will be continued.

13. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to appoint two budget advocates to represent the ANC at City Hall

Item will be continued

14. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action on allocating funds for a community mixer to be held at Branford Park for the month of September 2014 not to exceed \$600.00

This item has been tabled.

15. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of June 17, 2014

A number of corrections had to be made. There was a disagreement over what goes into minutes. They can be a bit more detailed. Sergio Ibarra was opposed to fixing comments Max Foster made at the last board meeting. Most everyone agreed that the minutes can be more detailed.

MOTION (by Luis Sencion, Second by James Kallas) to accept minutes with changes
Yes James Kallas, Julian Ramirez, Sergio Ibarra, Cyndee Riding, John Hernandez
No Kelly Magallanes, Luis Sencion, Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo
MOTION PASSED 5 in favor, 4 non - favor, 0 abstaining

16. Discussion and possible board action on treasurer's report 16b. monthly reconciliation for June 2014

There is currently a hold on ANC purchases. Kelly Magallanes went over how D.O.N.E is putting more responsibilities on the neighborhood councils.

MOTION (by Luis Sencion, Second by John Hernandez) to approve treasurer's report
Yes James Kallas, Julian Ramirez, Sergio Ibarra, Cyndee Riding, John Hernandez
Kelly Magallanes, Luis Sencion, Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo
No none
MOTION PASSED 9 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining

17. Next meeting of the ANC Board will be August 19, 2014 at location tbd

18. Adjournment

MOTION (by Luis Sencion second by Kelly Magallanes) to Adjourn the Meeting

MOTION PASSED with all 9 Board Members in favor.

Sergio Ibarra **Adjourned** the Meeting at 9:27 p.m.