

Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
General Meeting of the ANC Board
Tuesday, October 21st, 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 6:48 p.m.
The pledge of Allegiance was lead by President Sergio Ibarra.
Roll call was taken by Minute Taker Irving Sandoval.

Board Members Present:

Sergio Ibarra	Veronica DeLara	Raymond Duran	Jaime Gallo
Luis Sencion	James Kallas	Julian Ramirez	John Hernandez
Kelly Magallanes	Fabiola Saucedo	Saul Perez	Maria Mejia

Board Members Absent:

Max Foster Mark Lopez Mark Ruelas

12 Board Members were present. A quorum is nine, so the Board could make Motions and take votes. Also attending: 15 Stakeholders and guests.

2. Presidents Message

With Veterans Day coming up he recognized two veterans' on the board, James Kallas and Raymond Duran. The LA City council met to discuss protocol on an ebola outbreak. There are several hospitals nearby and there are nurses who live in the community who have expressed concern about what measures the city is taking in the event of a possible outbreak.

3a. Discussion and possible board action of the adoption of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners "Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy" (Policy Number 2014-2)

Stakeholder Robert Rouge sent out an email to board members in which he stated his opposition to the passage of the document. He hopes the board can take it up at a later date. He noted that the Neighborhood and Education Committee cancelled their meeting today and the document isn't online. Melvin Cañas said the document is a set of principles the board, as elected officials, is expected to abide by. Board members who do not sign the document will be removed from the neighborhood council. Luis Sencion, Julian Ramirez, Jaime Gallo all expressed the same concern feeling that the document doesn't protect them. Sergio Ibarra mentioned that there are laws broader than the document that protect elected officials. James Kallas received the email from Robert Rouge and suggests the board should table the item and review the document more thoroughly. The board has until January to sign the document.

MOTION (by James Kallas, Second by Julian Ramirez) to table item and continue it in the November meeting.

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Saul Perez, James Kallas, Maria Mejia, Fabiola Saucedo, Jaime Gallo, Julian Ramirez, Raymond Duran, Luis Sencion

No John Hernandez

MOTION PASSED 11 in favor, 1 non - favor, 0 abstain

4. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of September 16, 2014.

Loyce Lacson would like to see the corrections stated in the minutes so people are aware what was corrected. In the August meeting minutes on item 7 the outcome of the homeowner representative vote was not reflected on the minutes. She feels the Homeowner representative should be ineligible to participate until the item is corrected. On the September minutes item 5, MPG should be corrected to NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grant). Item 14 motion to appoint James Kallas to Community Improvement Committee needs to reflect outcome of motion.

MOTION (by Kelly Magallanes, second by Sergio Ibarra) to approve September meeting minutes with corrections

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Luis Sencion, Julian Ramirez, John Hernandez, Maria Mejia,

Fabiola Saucedo, Saul Perez

No Raymond Duran, Veronica DeLara

Abstain James Kallas, Jaime Gallo

MOTION PASSED 8 in favor, 2 non - favor, 2 abstain

5. Discussion and possible board action on the treasurer's report

Mary Armenteros introduced herself to the board and mentioned that she volunteers her time to mentor new treasurers. John Hernandez suggested the wording on the agenda item be clearer. Kelly Magallanes reported that the Jeopardy Program NPG was paid for on September 25th. She mentioned how D.O.N.E is running smoother with funding.

MOTION (by John Hernandez, second by Veronica DeLara) to approve treasurer's report

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, James Kallas, Luis Sencion, Jaime Gallo
John Hernandez, Raymond Duran, Julian Ramirez.

No none

Ineligible Fabiola Saucedo, Maria Mejia, Saul Perez

MOTION PASSED 9 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining, 3 ineligible

6. Committee reports if any from Outreach, Improvement and Budget, and Adhoc Public Safety and Adhoc Bylaws Committees.

Report from Community Improvement Chair Julian Ramirez - A sidewalk repair questionnaire has been emailed to stakeholders. He believes sidewalks damaged by trees and sidewalks on residential streets should be a priority. He feels like he hasn't done much in his time as a board member. He urges stakeholders to turn in the surveys to show elected officials what needs to be fixed.

On October 14 Sammy Vazquez submitted his letter of resignation from the Neighborhood Council. Due to his increased responsibility at the church he resigned as outreach chair and board member. He hopes to still serve as stakeholder member on Outreach Committee.

at 7:25pm Mark Lopez enters the meeting. 13 members now present.

7. Report from Public Safety Departments from LAPD senior Lead Officer Lee Perry or any LAFD representatives. Updates from any other government officials (Congressman Cardenas' Office, State Senator Alex Padilla's Office, Assemblyman Bocanegra's Office, Lorena Bernal, Council Member Nury Martinez's Office, Representatives from Monica

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Ratliff's Office, or any other City Departments

Lee Perry, LAPD Mission Division Senior Lead Officer announced that crime is down. Burglaries remain a problem in the area surrounding Beachy elementary. Most of the burglaries are occurring at night and on weekends. Flatscreen TVs, laptops, and jewelry are the items burglars are taking. As far as quality of life goes there is an increase in homeless people. The department is working on closing transient encampments.

Larry Hernandez, LAPD Mission Gang Enforcement Detail, Arleta is lucrative area for flyer parties attracting people from surrounding cities. Gang units cite homeowners under their own discretion if there are signs of a gang presence. The Pacoima Knock Knock Boys is the most established gang in Arleta. Pacoima 13 and Pacoima Brownstone are two other gangs with a big presence in Arleta. Both of these gangs tend to recruit at Arleta High School. They also tend to use abandoned properties to hold meetings. Larry Hernandez pointed out that the majority of gang problems are in Panorama City and North Hills, and activity is not as big in Arleta.

Lorena Bernal, Field Deputy for Nury Martinez, A lot more homeless encampments are opening up in Arleta. The homeless have rejected city services offered to them. The office has been working with other elected officials, departments, and city attorneys on how to resolve this issue. The 8th annual community Health Fair will be held on November 22 in partnership with Walgreens. The event will take place at Branford Recreation Center from 10am-2pm. Kelly Magallanes asked what will become of KFC on Osborne. She has seen the homeless gathering at the location. Lorena Bernal reported that the inside has been cleaned up and couldn't say what business would move in to the property, but she did say it will not be a food establishment.

Lilian De-Loza, LA County Metro, The metro fare increase has been well received. She noted that metro riders are enjoying the 2 hour transfer window. She announced three meetings updating the public on the Valley Transit Corridor Project will take place on the following dates and locations:

Thursday, November 6 San Fernando Regional Pool Facility, San Fernando 6-7:30pm.

Wednesday, November 12 Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center, Van Nuys 4:30-6pm.

Thursday, November 13 Pacoima Neighborhood City Hall, Pacoima 6-7:30pm

8. Discussion and possible board action on a recommendation from the Adhoc Planning Committee to submit recommendation letters to the Department of City Planning for the following planning cases

8a. (1) ZA-2014-973-CU - A Request to allow an increase in the number of children from 49 to 70 at the Little Stars Academy Preschool at 14237 Van Nuys Blvd

The Ad-Hoc Planning & Land Use Committee recommended that the Planning Department make changes to the case. As a preschool owner Kelly Magallanes thinks the suggestions made in the letter are unreachable. She is concerned that adding more students will increase the number of students dropped off close to start time resulting in increased traffic. The increase in children is in accordance to the square footage of the facility. Robert Rouge asked what the traffic impact would be in the area. There is no designated drop off zone on Van Nuys Blvd. Students must be dropped off in a driveway on the property.

MOTION (by Luis Sencion, second by James Kallas) to accept the letter for item 8a.

Yes Mark Lopez, Saul Perez, Raymond Duran, James Kallas, Luis Sencion

No Sergio Ibarra, Julian Ramirez, John Hernandez, Kelly Magallanes

Abstain Veronica DeLara, Fabiola Saucedo, Jaime Gallo, Maria Mejia

MOTION PASSED 5 in favor, 4 non - favor, 4 abstain

8b. (2) APCNV-2014-2178-ZC and supplemental case AA-2014-2177-PLMA - A request for a zone change from A2 - 1 to (T)(Q)R1-1; a subdivision of a lot into four (4) individual parcels, resulting in the construction, use and maintenance of four (4) single-family homes at 14101-14103 Terra Bella St.

Due to conflict of interest board members Jaime Gallo & Raymond Duran recuse themselves from item 8b at 8:18pm. Mark Lopez mentioned there wasn't much negative feedback on the proposed changes from the neighbors. The property has been seen as an eyesore. James Kallas would like to see if there is a possibility to make the house a community house for the neighborhood council. Mark Lopez pointed out there was no discussion to preserve the house. The intent is to demolish the house and construct the four single family home. Saul Perez suggested the board discuss the motion itself and not take any additional recommendations. Stakeholder William Kuzman mentioned he is a real estate agent and he couldn't understand what was mentioned in the letter. He was disappointed that a copy of the letter was not available to the public on the ANC website so they could make informed comments. Stakeholder Loyce Lacson said a site plan should be available so stakeholders know what's going on. Mark Lopez apologized for not having documents available to the public. There is no set date for a public hearing.

MOTION (by Luis Sencion, second by Maria Mejia) to approve letter for zone change as presented

Yes Mark Lopez, Julian Ramirez, Veronica DeLara, Fabiola Saucedo, Kelly Magallanes, James Kallas, Maria Mejia

No Saul Perez, Sergio Ibarra, John Hernandez, Luis Sencion

Recuse Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo

MOTION PASSED 7 in favor, 4 non - favor, 0 abstain 2 recuse

At 8:35 board members Raymond Duran & Jaime Gallo rejoin the meeting. 13 members present

9. Update on the participation of the Arleta NC at the homecoming community fair at Arleta High School to be held on Saturday, November 1, 2014. ANC board members are requested to be at the school at 9:00AM to set up the booth

Board members should arrive at Arleta high school by 9am. The event begins at 10:30am. The ANC would set up a booth to provide information about the ANC to those who attend. The board would need to use their own equipment as it will not be provided by Arleta High School.

10. General Public Comment on Items not listed on Today's Agenda

Olga Ayala- Campaign manager for Bob Hertzberg. The voter turnout in the June 3rd election was the lowest ever in California. It is important that voters come out to vote on November 4th.

Mary Armenteros - She looked at the ANC website and noticed how the about sections reflects \$45,000 instead of \$37,000.

Loyce Lacson - In the August minutes these was a comment made from Saul Perez that Guy Dionne got aggressive because of a lack of transparency from the treasurer. She was the treasurer at the time and that comment hurt her. She did agree with the board's decision not to elect him.

William Kutzman - Stakeholders Empowerment Enlightenment Coalition is holding a public meeting on Monday, October 27, 2014. Keynote speaker will be Jay Handal.

Dianne Hand - At the August executive committee meeting held on August 14 she submitted a written request to Sergio Ibarra regarding the replacement of the minute taker. The item didn't appear on the August, September, or October agendas. She is once again submitting her request.

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She doesn't want another example of how the neighborhood council ignores stakeholders.

Guy Newell - He was on the board when Loyce Lacson was treasurer. He called downtown and asked if she did her job and he was assured that she had done her job.

Gary Fordyce - There was no copy of the ANC bylaws available on the back table.

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

Saul Perez - He apologized to Loyce Lacson and cleared what he meant by his comment. He will debate anybody on his qualifications and ability to serve the board. He has no problem with anyone telling him to step down.

Kelly Magallanes - Regarding the status of the ANC sign, she has been in contact with Dave Brill. Everything has been paid as of June 16. There was a holdup because Tajo Landscape lost a check from D.O.N.E. The permit from Department of Work is still pending.

John Hernandez - To the board members who haven't taken the funding training it is worth the 3 hours because there is a lot to learn.

Luis Sencion - He found the comments made from Dianne Hand about James Kallas hearing to be disrespectful.

James Kallas - He is not aware that he has a hearing problem. He does have cancer and is receiving treatment.

12. Discussion and possible board action to reschedule the study session and special board meeting to review and discuss revision of the Arleta NC bylaws

Sergio Ibarra sent an email to Paige Barnes at Branford Recreation Center and hopes to be able to use the conference room on November 8 or November 15 for a study session.

13. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to participate in the Branford Park Community Health Fair to be held on Saturday, November 22, 2014

The ANC would have an information table at this event. Event is from 10am-2pm. It is hosted by Nury Martinez, Tony Cardenas, and Raul Bocanegra.

MOTION (by Kelly Magallanes, second by Veronica DeLara) to participate in the Community Health Fair

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Luis Sencion, Mark Lopez, Jaime Gallo Raymond Duran, Fabiola Saucedo, James Kallas, Julian Ramirez, Maria Mejia

Abstain John Hernandez

MOTION PASSED 12 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstain

14. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action on a recommendation from the Community Improvement Committee for the purchase and Installation of thirty (30) neighborhood watch signs 18inx24in at a cost of \$4,338.50. Funds to be allocated from Fund No. 300-10 Community Improvement and Projects

The board had previously purchased 50 signs. 30 of those signs are currently in storage.

Community Improvement Committee chair Julian Ramirez wants 30 new neighborhood watch signs. James Kallas noted that those signs were purchased for the Arleta Looky Loos neighborhood watch group. Sergio Ibarra would like to see if the signs in storage can be used.

The signs currently in storage were purchased for the established neighborhood watch groups with 10 going to each group. Saul would like to see the board use the signs it already has instead of purchasing new signs. Margaret Shoemaker said \$4,000 is a lot of money to spend on what the board already has. Loyce Lacson said the board had previously bought signs for under \$1,000

and Robert Mercado put up 17 of them. Robert Rouge said he would be more than happy to put the 12x18 signs in his area, but the ones in storage should be put up first. William Kuzman asked if the signs were being purchased from a local vendor and would the ANC be recognized on the signs. Julian Ramirez showed him a quote from an Arleta vendor. Mary Armenteros said 18x24 is a big sign for main streets. Smaller signs are better for smaller streets. Each sign must have a permit and be installed a certain way. James Kallas clarified that the quote of \$144 Julian Ramirez received is for the sign and pole installation.

MOTION (by Luis Sencion, second by Jaime Gallo)

Yes Julian Ramirez, Sergio Ibarra, Raymond Duran, James Kallas, Luis Sencion, Jaime Gallo

No Mark Lopez, Veronica DeLara, John Hernandez

Ineligible Saul Perez, Maria Mejia, Fabiola Saucedo

MOTION PASSED 6 in favor, 4 non - favor, 0 abstain 3 ineligible

15. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to participate in the writing of book about the Community of Arleta and to appoint Veronica DeLara, ANC Secretary as a representative of ANC board to work with and assist the publishing company with information about our community

Publishing company Arcadia publishing contacted secretary Veronica DeLara about publishing a picture book on the history of Arleta. It is a big project and she thinks it could be a community thing. It could take up to a year. Participating in this project would require a contract and the ANC can't enter any contracts. There is a request that publisher Alyssa Jones attend the next ANC meeting.

16. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible aboard action to appoint new chair for the ANC Outreach Committee

MOTION (by Veronica DeLara, second by Kelly Magallanes) to appoint Saul Perez as outreach chair

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, John Hernandez, Jaime Gallo, Raymond Duran, Mark Lopez

Luis Sencion, Fabiola Saucedo, Maria Mejia, Julian Ramirez, Veronica DeLara

No Saul Perez

MOTION PASSED 12 in favor, 1 non - favor, 0 abstain

17. Adjournment

MOTION (by Julian Ramirez, second by Veronica DeLara) to Adjourn the Meeting

MOTION PASSED with all 13 Board Members in favor.

Sergio Ibarra **Adjourned** the Meeting at 9:29 p.m.