

Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
General Meeting of the Board
Tuesday, February 17th, 2015
Beachy 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 6:34 p.m.

Roll call was taken by Treasurer Kelly Magallanes.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Beachy Elementary Principal Dr. Bluestein

Board Members Present:

Sergio Ibarra	Raymond Duran	Max Foster	Faviola Saucedo
Kelly Magallanes	John Hernandez	Jaime Gallo	Julian Ramirez
Veronica DeLara	James Kallas	Saul Perez	

Board Members Absent:

Mark Lopez	Maria Mejia	Luis Sencion
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A quorum is 9, with 11 board members present the board can make motions and take votes.

2. President's Message

With all the items on the agenda it shows that the committees are doing their job. He Thanked all the chairs and the executive officers for all the work they've done for putting together projects.

At 6:38 Mark Lopez enters the meeting. 12 board members present.

At 6:39 Maria Mejia enter the meeting. 13 board members present.

3. Review of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners "Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy"

4. Reports from Public safety departments or any government officials

Officer DeLarosa - Came to update the board on the Jeopardy program. They have ordered gloves and head gear at a cost of a little over \$2,000. He will have an invoice available at a later time. The gym is currently being renovated. It will also be repainted with paint donated by the community.

A clean up was held on January 17. The public is invited to their boxing show event being held on March 29 at 1pm. _

Officer Cortez - It's his fourth and last week filling in for officer Perry. A different officer will hold the senior lead position every month until an officer is appointed. Violent crime is down 56.3% from a year ago. Property Crimes are down 26% Assaults are down 32% Arleta has seen the biggest decrease in crime compared to the other geographical areas in the division. He is very proud of Arleta for their deep involvement in the community._

Lorena Bernal - As of last week the tree planting along Woodman and Parthenia has been completed. On Woodman and Montague an LED signal will be installed to help pedestrians cross the street safely. The councilwoman will host "A Night for Light", a town hall meeting where she and guest speakers will discuss human trafficking. This will be held on Thursday February 19 at the United Methodist Church in Mission Hills. Event begins at 7:00pm.

Dr. Bluestein - Thanked board member Monica Ratliff, John Rome, and Dr Kim for their support.

Robert Gurtzin, fire station 7, The high number of fires this year have been attributed to the lack of smoke detectors in homes. Smoke detectors are available for the public at the fire station. A smoke detector that chirps every 30 minutes or so needs to have the battery replaced. The current fire station is still occupied by 6 members. The new station will be bigger and is 3-4 months away from being occupied. With the flu season going strong the department is being inundated with calls. People tend to wait too long resulting in crowded emergency rooms. Anyone who starts to feel sick should go see a doctor before it becomes a trip to the emergency room.

5. Briefing from Cal-Trans on the 5-fwy Construction project in Arleta

Sara from Cal-Trans - The good news is that the project is due to be completed in April. The I-5 carpool lane between the 170 and Buena Vista will open at the same time creating 8 miles of continuous carpool lane. Striping, median barriers, outside shoulder work, signage installation, irrigation and landscaping will still need to be done over the next couple of months

6. General public comment on items not listed on Today's Agenda

Reyna Rosales - She works at El Super and as of December the union that represents the employees have called for a boycott. The union is currently in negotiations for a new contract. She has come to ask for the councils support in passing a resolution to support the boycott.

Patricia Esquivel - Phoenix House, The program helps prevent drug use among teens. Part of The goal is to improve the areas and the way the liquor stores do business. They are also part of a coalition named Community in Action. They are working on educating the smaller liquor stores.

Loyce Lacson - In January's ANC meeting Mark Lopez said he was gonna attend a meeting in Mission Hills and report back to the board in the next meeting and the item is not on the agenda

Guy Newell - On Hoyt street between Beachy and Mercedes there is a no parking sign on one side and people still park there. The curb and wall needs to be repainted.

Anne Porter - She is a member of the Los Angeles area leadership team Move to Amend. Her local group has created a video to educate and raise awareness in the communities. Watch video on youtube by searching "A Question of Personhood"

John Rome - LAUSD Education Service Center North. He is an instructional director and works with schools in the Arleta Community.

Arlene Apodaca - Partners in Diversity, Partners in Diversity is a temp agency that helps various entities with staffing support. She looks forward to helping out in any way she can

7. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of January 20, 2015 and February 7, 2015.

Approval of the February 7 minutes has been continued.

Corrections to minutes. On item 4 correct Assemblyman Bocanegra to Assemblywoman Patty Lopez. On Item 5 there is a formatting issue. In officer Perry's report denied can be changed to declined.

MOTION (by Kelly Magallanes, second by Max Foster) to approve the minutes for the meeting of January 20 with corrections.

MOTION PASSED 13 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible

8. Discussion and possible board action on the treasurer's report. 8b Approval of the monthly Expenditure Report for January 2015.

There are three payments to Partners in Diversity. The invoices go back to May. Some funds have been taken from this fiscal year. Some have been paid and some have not. It posed a huge problem for her to go back almost a year to see what has been paid and what has not. In a public comment Loyce Lacson said it was fraud to take money from last fiscal year and use it for this fiscal year. She added that in October it was clarified that the minute taker would only get paid of minutes.

MOTION (by Max Foster, second by Julian Ramirez) to approve the treasurer's report.

MOTION PASSED 11 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain, 2 ineligible

At 7:25 Luis Sencion enters the meeting. 14 board members present.

9. Committee reports from Outreach, Improvement and Budget, and Adhoc Public Safety Committee, Adhoc Bylaws Committee.

Community Improvement Committee report from Julian Ramirez - April 22nd is earth day and the neighborhood council is working on a clean up. Dr Bluestein is helping out by making the school available as a base for the cleanup. He thanked Raymond Duran for working on getting the items needed for the event.

Report from Mark Lopez - He attended the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council meeting on Monday February 2 to discuss the spreading grounds project. The discussion focused on air quality and noise impact. He is in contact with the project manager and hopes to get more information and possibly schedule a meeting in April where community members can attend and learn more and voice their concerns.

John Hernandez Motion to move up item 11. seconded by Max Foster.

At 7:40 James Kallas exits the room. 13 members present.

10. Presentation from Honorable Monica Ratliff, Board Member, LAUSD.

The ipad program is the ipad program the plan was rolled out without knowing how to sustain the program. Some schools are still struggling to help special needs kids due to lack of funding. If a school is not giving you results then contact her or the other instructional directors. It is important that parents pressure the government to increase funding for schools. Illegal vendors are a legitimate complaint, but she does not have a possible solution for that. It's hard to get the arts back in schools because there is not enough money. Middle schools prefer not to have the arts because it interferes with their schedules. School lunches are a problem because kids are refusing to eat their lunches. The district saves money by heating lunches because cooking is too expensive. Contact the board member via email or phone. email monica.ratliff@lausd.net (213) 241-6388.

At 7:45 James Kallas reenters the room. 14 members present.

11. Discussion and possible board action on draft Arleta NC Bylaws changes

The committee met on February 7th and again on February 9 to discuss the proposed changes. Notable changes include boundary definitions and eliminating the youth group and taking a youth seat and adding it to the homeowner position. The committee decided the seat would be better suited to a homeowner who has a stake in the community. Board members are divided over this proposed change. If the board does not approve the changes then the adhoc bylaws committee will need to meet again and take further action on the bylaws.

MOTION (John Hernandez, second by Max Foster) to accept the proposed bylaws and submit to D.O.N.E

MOTION FAILED 3 in favor, 8 non - favor, 3 abstain, 0 ineligible

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

Max Foster - Thanked the adhoc bylaws committee for all their hard work. The concerns were addressed by the board regarding the youth positions.

Saul Perez - The youth were not available at the bylaws meeting so they weren't able to give their input.

Luis Sencion - The youths were not able to attend the bylaws meeting because they were at DACA 100 event hosted by Monica Ratliff.

Veronica DeLara - All the committees are being proactive and she is proud of all their hard work.

Raymond Duran - Talked to Los Angeles City Attorney about the flyers on the vehicles and she will help the neighborhood council resolve the issue.

13a. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to submit a letter from the ANC to Council Member Nury Martinez regarding loud parties and nuance properties.

The letter did have some grammatical errors but was otherwise approved by the board.

MOTION (Raymond Duran, second by Kelly Magallanes) to submit letter with corrections.

MOTION PASSED 13 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstain, 0 ineligible

13b. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to allocate an amount not to exceed \$300.00 for the printing of an informational flyer about the City of Los Angeles "Loud Party Ordinance"

Max Foster suggested it would be good to duplicate the flyer in Spanish. Stakeholder Andrea Diaz said the flyer could also get more attention if it was distributed at schools. Julian Ramirez would like to go around the area and knock on neighbors doors and handing them the flyer personally.

MOTION (Raymond Duran, second by Kelly Magallanes) to allocate \$300.00 and accept item 13b as is.

MOTION PASSED 8 in favor, 4 non - favor, 0 abstain, 2 ineligible

14. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to organize a community clean up in the surrounding neighborhood around Beachy Elementary School to be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015 and allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,000 to purchase any materials, food for volunteers and any required insurance for the event.

\$500 has been approved for food by the Community Improvement Committee. The ANC might be required to pay insurance because all neighborhood councils are required to have insurance for events.

MOTION (Raymond Duran, second by Veronica DeLara) to organize a community clean up and allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,000 to purchase any materials, food for volunteers and any required insurance for the event.

MOTION PASSED 11 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstain, 2 ineligible

15a. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action on accepting the recommendation from the Outreach Committee to fund the Branford Park Annual Egg hunt on April 4, 2015 in the amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the following items (snow cone, popcorn, cotton candy and either a magician or face painter.)

MOTION (Veronica DeLara, second by Max Foster) to fund the Branford Park Annual Egg hunt on April 4, 2015 in the amount not to exceed \$1,000.

MOTION PASSED 12 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain, 2 ineligible

15b. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action accepting the recommendation from the Outreach Committee to fund “Movie at the Park” event with Councilwoman Nury Martinez/CD6 on May 22, 2015 in the amount not to exceed \$1,200 for the following items (snow cone, popcorn, cotton candy, and hot dogs) The movie the committee recommended to ask CD6 to facilitate and pay are Big Hero 6, Maleficent, Planes: Fire & Rescue.

The outreach committee will get 2 snow cone machines, 2 popcorn machines, and 2 cotton candy machines. Nury Martinez will provide the projector and the rights to screen the film. The board chose between 3 movies. Big Hero 6 was chosen by 9 board members which is the majority. Volunteers will be needed for the event.

MOTION (Max Foster, second by John Hernandez) the board approve in an amount not to exceed \$1,200 to be spent on movie night at the park to include snow cone, popcorn, cotton candy and a movie which will be chosen by the board.

MOTION PASSED 12 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain, 2 ineligible

MOTION (Kelly Magallanes, second by Max Foster) to select Big Hero 6

MOTION PASSED with all board members in favor.

15c. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action on accepting the recommendation from the Outreach Committee to purchase outreach materials in the amount not to exceed \$4,000 from the PIP printing and Marketing for, but not limited to tote bags, magnets, pens, notepads, and or sport bottle cup.

MOTION (Kelly Magallanes, second by Veronica DeLara) to purchase outreach materials in the amount not to exceed \$4,000

MOTION PASSED 12 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain, 2 ineligible

The board takes recess at 9:08pm

The board reconvenes at 9:15pm. 14 board members present.

16. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action on the selection of ANC Board Officers for President, Vice - President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

President. Julian Ramirez nominates James Kallas. James Kallas accepts the nomination. There are no other nominations for president.

MOTION (Kelly Magallanes, second by Julian Ramirez) to appoint James Kallas president.

MOTION PASSED 11 in favor, 0 non - favor, 3 abstain

Vice President. Kelly Magallanes nominates Saul Perez. Saul Perez accept the nomination. Luis Sencion nominated Veronica DeLara. Veronica DeLara accepts the nomination.

Both nominees gave a brief statement on their qualifications to be ANC vice president
Votes for Veronica DeLara (8) - Julian Ramirez, Mark Lopez, Max Foster, Maria Mejia, Faviola Saucedo, Luis Sencion, Sergio Ibarra, Jaime Gallo
Votes for Saul Perez (4) - Kelly Magallanes, John Hernandez, Raymond Duran, James Kallas
MOTION (Julian Ramirez, second by Faviola Saucedo) to appoint Veronica DeLara as Vice President.

MOTION PASSED 11 in favor, 2 non - favor, 1 abstain, 0 ineligible

Treasurer. Max Foster nominated Kelly Magallanes. Kelly Magallanes accept the nomination.

MOTION (Saul Perez, second by Max Foster) to appoint Kelly Magallanes as treasurer.

MOTION PASSED 14 in favor, 0 non - favor 0 abstain, 0 ineligible

Secretary. Kelly Magallanes nominated John Hernandez. John Hernandez accepts the nomination.

MOTION (Max Foster, second by Kelly Magallanes) to appoint John Hernandez as secretary

MOTION PASSED 14 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible

16b. Board designation of Purchase Card Holder and second signatory.

MOTION (Sergio Ibarra, second by Kelly Magallanes) to appoint Kelly Magallanes as purchase card holder and James Kallas as second signatory.

MOTION PASSED 14 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain, ineligible

17. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to fill vacancies on the Arleta NC. Application for the following vacant positions will be accepted and reviewed for the ANC action at the board meeting on March 17, 2015.

No applications were submitted at this time. Item is continued

18. Update on Arleta Gateway Project

The Office of Community Beautification is waving permit costs. The contract was signed in June 2014. All funds have been secured. The project was due to be completed in December of 2014 but has not even had a groundbreaking. Kelly Magallanes has talked to Jeff Brill and he has assured her that everything has been paid out. The council reached out to Lorena Bernal to help extend the project and expedite the permits. If all goes right then groundbreaking could take place in March or April. The Northeast Graffiti Busters are working with Segura and Associates to make sure there are no additional costs.

At 9:40 Faviola Saucedo leaves the meeting. 13 board members present.

19. Discussion and possible board action to create a grievance committee.

No stakeholders volunteered to submit named. The item is continued.

At 9:58 Maria Mejia and Luis Sencion leave the meeting. 11 board members present.

20. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action on replacing the current minute taker.

Dianne Hand said the minute taker was not reporting objectively and did not accurately report what was said by the president, but in light of what has happened no change should be made. Loyce Lacson said it would be a good time for the board to start anew because the

difficulty with the time cards are a major issue. Robert Rouge said the president needed to depend on somebody to help him transport equipment. Margaret Shoemaker said the minute taker should only take the minutes and should not be used as an administrative assistant. James Kallas said as president he would like to keep the minute taker. Max Foster pointed out that volunteers have done the minutes for free and have done an excellent job. Kelly Magallanes doesn't appreciate receiving the late invoices from the minute taker. Saul Perez hopes that maybe with a new administration things will be different.

MOTION (by Max Foster, second by Kelly Magallanes) to replace the current minute taker

MOTION FAILED 2 in favor, 8 non - favor, 1 abstain, 0 ineligible

21. Adjournment

MOTION (by Max Foster, second by Julian Ramirez) to adjourn the meeting

Sergio Ibarra **Adjourned** the meeting at 10:10pm_