

Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
General Meeting of the Board
Tuesday, March 17th, 2015
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 6:40

Roll call was taken by Secretary Veronica DeLara

The pledge of allegiance was led by Officer Ruelas

board members present:

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

board members absent:

Mark Lopez	Maria Mejia	Luis Sencion
Marc Ruelas	Jaime Gallo	Faviola Saucedo

A quorum is 9, with 9 board members present the board can make motions and take votes.

At 6:43 Jaime Gallo enters the meeting. 10 board members present.

2a. President's Message 2b. Recognition of outgoing executive officers.

He has been invited to attend high speed rail authority meeting in Sun Valley and he will invite those speakers to a future ANC meeting. On his last day as council president he thanked all board members and the executive committee for their support. He said he looks forward to continue serving as a member of the budget committee.

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

4. Report from Public safety departments and government officials.

Officer Ruelas - He is in his last week serving as acting senior lead officer. Arleta continues to lead the division in crime reduction. It is down 36% from last year. The community is getting involved in reducing crime and helping keeping crime down. The increase in transient activity might be responsible for home and vehicle burglaries. A "party car" will patrol the streets beginning in May to combat any loud party calls. Feel free to contact him at 34435@lapd.lacity.org

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Officer Lopez - He is part of the LAPD transient detail mission division. Transients are being taken to jail then released a couple of days later. A lot of the transients live in areas where they grew up in so families can reach them. Most of the transient detail hours are afternoon. It's best to email him with any transient related issues at 33620@lapd.lacity.org. If possible attach a picture of the area you are referring to.

Jenny Rayas, Congressman Cardenas Office. The congressman invites the community to learn about Immigration Executive Action on Saturday, March 21 from 1pm-3pm at Panorama High School. Illinois representative Luis Gutierrez will be at the event as a special guest. Jenny Rayas presented Sergio Ibarra and Luis Sencion with certificates recognizing them for their time as executive board members.

Evelyn Bravo Ayala, Senator Bob Hertzberg's office. The senator will have his district office grand opening on Saturday, March 21 from 11am-2pm. Office is located at 6150 Van Nuys Blvd. #400 Van Nuys, CA 91401.

Julio Anleu, Monica Ratliff's office. The school district has released a survey to gather input from parents, students, and employees on the environment of the schools. April 10 is the last day to submit the survey.

Lorena Bernal, Councilwoman Nury Martinez. LED traffic signals are up next to Valor Academy. Work will now move to Van Nuys and Canterbury where there is a much needed traffic signal. The first Ciclavia of 2015 will be held in the valley on March 22 9am-4pm. Participants will be able to enjoy a stretch of Lankershim Boulevard between North Hollywood Red Line stop and Ventura boulevard. The councilwoman will be at the event with her staff.

Melvin Cañas, D.O.N.E - Civic University is a partnership between the Mayor Garcetti's office, Cal State LA Pat Brown Institute, and D.O.N.E that will train neighborhood council members. Each neighborhood council is to assign two board members to attend a discussion on how city hall and city government works so council members can get a better understanding of their duties. The discussions will take place over three Wednesdays, April 1,8,15 from 6-9pm at LAPD headquarters. In regards to funding deadlines the final day to use bank card to pay for invoices is June 30. The deadlines to submit expenses for projects is May 15.

Bill Ulmer, Assemblywoman Patty Lopez. The office helps constituents with state and city related issues. The office also deals with any legislative issues. The assemblywoman has partnered up with other elected officials and the Employment Development Department for a Job Fair at Dodger Stadium on March 28.

5. General public comment on items not listed on today's agenda

Sarah Ramswack - North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council. There are now 96 neighborhood councils. She spoke about the Congress of Neighborhood Councils which is scheduled to take place on the last saturday. It's a great opportunity to speak to elected officials and learn more about the neighborhood council system. Registration begins in August.

Cheryl Cashman, CPAB - Community preparedness summit to be held on Saturday April 25, 2015. Follow @cherylcashman on Twitter for updates.

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Officer DeLarosa - The Jeopardy program will have its first fight on Sunday, March 29 at the Foothill Boxing Club 11844 Glenoaks Blvd San Fernando, CA 91340. Tickets are \$5.00.

6. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of February 7, 2015 and February 17, 2015

Two corrections. Include the time Mark Lopez entered the meeting. On item 9 change *Adhoc Public Safety Committee Mark Lopez to report from Mark Lopez.*

MOTION (Julian Ramirez, second by Raymond Duran) to approve the minutes of February 7, 2015 and February 17, 2015 minutes with corrections.

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

7a. Discussion and possible board action on the treasurer's report.

There are two separate payment for outreach materials. 2,500 and then 1,500 for a total of 4,000. Two time sheets from Partners In Diversity are still outstanding. The board needs to find a new webmaster and needs to look into vendors soon.

MOTION (by Max Foster, second by Veronica DeLara) to approve the monthly expenditure report

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

7b Clarification on funding request process.

Request for funds from committee chairs should be complete with all necessary paperwork. Incomplete M.E.R.s will result in frozen funds. Anyone planning an event should turn in the complete paperwork at the executive committee meeting.

8. Committee reports from Outreach, Improvement and Budget, and Adhoc Planning Committee. Adhoc Bylaws Committee

Community Outreach report from Saul Perez The board approved co-sponsorship for item for the Easter Egg Hunt and Movie at the Park. Waiting for funding approval from D.O.N.E

Community Improvement Report from Julian Ramirez The application for the installation of neighborhood watch signs only needs the Department of Transportation approval to be submitted. The neighborhood council clean up is scheduled for Saturday April 18 from 8am-12pm. 1000 flyers have been ordered. There are currently 8 planned areas to be cleaned. The fire department came to the committee to ask for help purchasing tools to fix their rigs. The CIC turned down the request because they felt it wasn't a life saving tool and instead would be used for maintenance.

Adhoc Bylaws Committee report from John Hernandez The bylaws committee will have a meeting on Tuesday, March 24 at 6pm to once again discuss the proposed changes.

9. Presentation from the Valley Industry & Commerce Committee (V.I.C.A) on the East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Project - Doug C. Arsenault

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The valley represents about 20% of the population in the county. The orange line has a lot more riders than expected and needs to be changed to a light rail system. The orange line hasn't brought the economic development it should have compared to the gold line in the San Gabriel Valley. The East Valley Transit Corridor will help ease congestions on the 405. If 10% of traffic on the freeways can be relieved it will help maintain a speed of 45mph.

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

Saul Perez - He stands by the statement he made last meeting. He said the bylaws should be amended to eliminate the youth seats and be given to people who are committed.

John Hernandez - The recommendation made by the fire department should not have been killed at the committee. Regardless of what happened at the committee, the board should be able to make the final decision. He would like to have the item on the next months agenda.

Max Foster - If committees have the power to eliminate an item then its an issue that should be addressed. If the committee does not have the money to help out the fire department then the board needs find a way to help.

11. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to act on the recommendation from the ANC Budget Committee and amend the approved Arleta NC budget for fiscal year

2014-2015. The budget committee met to move money around in the ANC budget. Money was moved to outreach to help its easter egg hunt and movie night.

MOTION (John Hernandez, second by Kelly Magallanes) to amend the approved Arleta NC budget for fiscal year 2014-2015.

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

12. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to act on a recommendation from the Community Improvement Committee to submit a letter of support for the following petition: "A petition to return Chase Street to two lanes each way with a shared bicycle lane in each direction from Van Nuys Blvd. to Woodman Avenue."

Stakeholder Loyce Lacson presented the petition at the community improvement committee. The item was discussed through public comment but the petition itself was not an item on the agenda. Melvin Cañas suggested the board put in on the next months ANC meeting agenda. Stakeholder Margaret Shoemaker told the board to be cautious about a Brown Act violation. James Kallas made a motion, seconded by Raymond Duran, to send the item back to the community improvement committee. The motion failed. Max Foster made a motion, seconded by John Hernandez, to send the item to the executive committee. The item passed with all board members in favor.

13. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to support the "Merchant Committee" program and send letters encouraging merchants in Arleta to participate in the program, once merchants successfully complete the training program they would receive a letter of recognition from Arleta NC.

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Due to conflict of interest Veronica DeLara recuses herself from the item at 8:36.

Albert Melena and Albert Trevino Community in Action is a coalition with a mission to prevent underage drinking. Phoenix House is one of its partners in Arleta. They go to area liquor stores and ask owners to be more diligent about who they sell alcohol to. They are not trying to vilify outlets but rather they help them do what they're supposed to do. Merchants who have received the training sign a letter and they get a sticker to place on the front of the store.

MOTION (Kelly Magallanes, second by Julian Ramirez) to support the Merchant Committee program.

MOTION PASSED 9 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstaining

Veronica DeLara reenters the meeting at 8:53.

14. Update on Arleta Gateway Sign.

The Landscape architect has changed the plan twice. It will need to be changed again and it's not clear if there will be any additional costs. North East Graffiti Busters are looking into that matter. James Kallas and Kelly Magallanes met with Jeff Brill from D.O.N.E and he said the wording on the contract needs to be changed. The Office of Community Beautification needs to give an update on the status of the permits.

15. Seating of the new Arleta NC Executive Officers: Jim Kallas, President, Veronica DeLara, Vice-President, Kelly Magallanes, Treasurer, John Hernandez, Secretary

The four new executive members took the oaths.

16. 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 ANC action at the board meeting on March 17, 2015. Business Representative (1), Faith Based Group Representative (1). Applications will be reviewed and verified for stakeholder status.

The item will be tabled.

17. Next meeting of the ANC board meeting will be on April 22, 2015 at 6:30pm at Location to be determined

18. Adjournment.

MOTION (Max Foster, second by Jaime Gallo) to adjourn the meeting
Sergio Ibarra **Adjourned** the meeting at 9:06

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