

Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
ANC Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 21st, 2015
at Beachy Ave. Elementary School, 9757 Arleta Ave., Arleta

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

Acting President Veronica DeLara called the Meeting to order at 6:51pm.

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Raymond Duran.

Roll call was taken by Minute Taker Irving Sandoval.

Board Members Present:

Veronica DeLara	Jaime Gallo	Max Foster
Kelly Magallanes	Raymond Duran	Mark Lopez
Sergio Ibarra	Julian Ramirez	

Board Members Absent:

John Hernandez	Faviola Saucedo	Maria Mejia
Saul Perez	Marc Ruelas	Luis Sencion

8 Board Members were present. A quorum is 9, so the Board cannot make motions or take votes.

2a. President's Message.

In the past two weeks the ANC has sponsored Easter Egg Hunt and hosted the Community Clean up. She thanked all those who showed up to both of the events. She wants to see more commitment and participation from Board Members in future ANC sponsored events.

4. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to accept James Kallas resignation as President and Senior Representative

MOTION (Sergio Ibarra, second by Kelly Magallanes) to accept James Kallas resignation.

MOTION PASSED 8 in favor, 1 non - favor.

At 7:00pm Saul Perez enters the meeting. 9 Board members present. Board members are now able to make motions and take votes.

3. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and representatives from elected government officials.

Officer Larry Hernandez, Interim Senior Lead Officer for LAPD Mission Division. Over the next few months a different officer will serve on the interim basis until an officer is appointed the new senior lead officer. Crime is up all over the city. The increase is due to non-violent offenders being released back into the community and Prop 47. The good news is that Mission Division leads the city in crime reduction. In Arleta crime is down 31% from this time last year. Property crime remains a problem while violent crime is down. Officer Hernandez can be reached at 818-634-0624.

Lorena Bernal, Field Deputy for Councilwoman Nury Martinez, On March 18 an amendment to a motion was made at City Council meeting regarding clothing donation bins. The motion instructs the Bureau of Street Services to remove all bins on private and public property. They must draft a plan to maintain all the bins before they can be installed. The councilwoman met with the new Deputy Chief Bob Green. Among the topics they discussed were prostitution and loud parties. There will be a Citizenship Workshop on April 25 from 9-12 at Vista Middle School. The Emergency Preparedness Summit is also happening on the 25th of April at the North Hills United Methodist Church from 10am-3pm.

Julio Anleu, Field Deputy for LAUSD board member Monica Ratliff, - Vendors are going door to door posing as students and teachers claiming to fundraise for their school. LAUSD does not have teachers or students walk neighborhoods for fundraisers. Vena Elementary had a successful Neighborhood Watch Community Block Party. 50 students and their families put the event together. With regards to the bins discussed earlier, all donation bins have been removed from school sites. North Valley Job Fair is being held on May 8 from 10:30am-1:30pm at the North Valley Occupational Center.

Angelica Ayala - Senior Field Deputy Sheila Kuehl Van Nuys district office. Among the things the supervisor is working on is providing services to people who were recently released from prison. The Supervisor has also introduced a motion to raise the minimum wage. A study is being done on the impact of this proposal.

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MOTION (Sergio Ibarra, second by Kelly Magallanes) to accept James Kallas resignation from the board.

MOTION PASSED 8 in favor, 1 non - favor.

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

Dianne Hand, She is very concerned about marijuana dispensaries. Nury Martinez has done a lot to get some dispensaries out of Arleta. There is an assembly bill that would give the policing of the dispensaries from the city to the state. She thinks doing this would be a disaster.

Glenn Bailey, The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils meets on the second Thursday of each month. He hopes to see ANC Board Members attend the next VANC meeting in May. June 27 is Neighborhood Council Budget Day. This event is held at the Los Angeles City Hall Board of Public Works Room. It is open to the public. He hopes the Board can agendaize an item towards appointing two budget representatives to attend the event in the June meeting.

6. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of March 17, 2015

MOTION (Kelly Magallanes, Second by Sergio Ibarra) to approve the minutes for March 17, 2015

MOTION PASSED 9 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

7a. Discussion and possible board action on the treasurers report.

7b Approval of the monthly expenditure report for March 2015.

Expenditures for March included the neighborhood watch signs and items and equipment for the community clean up.

MOTION (Sergio Ibarra, second by Julian Ramirez) to approve the treasurer's report

MOTION PASSED 9 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

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

Community Improvement Report from Julian Ramirez - He began by thanking Raymond Duran, Lorena Bernal, Jaime Gallo, Mark Lopez, Robert Rouge, Kelly Magallanes, Sergio Ibarra, and Veronica DeLara. The turnout was successful. He was glad to see members take action. The Department of Transportation has approved the neighborhood watch signs. He thanked Lorena Bernal for her assistance in getting them approved. DOT has approved 22 signs, 8 are still pending approval.

Community Outreach Report from Saul Perez - More than 250 people attended the Easter Egg Hunt and the fair held at Branford Park on April 4. The event was a success. He will begin working with Lorena Bernal for the Movie at the Park which will be held on Saturday, May 18th. He would like to see more Board Members volunteer to operate the machines.

Budget Committee update from Kelly Magallanes - The Budget Committee meeting will be on Thursday, April 30th. All the committee chairs should have everything ready so the budget committee can know where to allocate funds.

9. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to submit a letter to support the petition received from Arleta Looky Loo's Neighborhood Watch to return Chase street from Woodman to Van Nuys to four lanes with a shared bicycle lane.

Chase street between Woodman and Van Nuys gathers a lot of traffic. There is currently one lane in each direction. Stakeholder Loyce Lacson gathered over 200 signatures in support of the petition. There wasn't one business owner that did not sign the petition. Max Foster grew up in the area and supports the idea. Glenn Bailey said the Department of Transportation should do a traffic study and present alternatives. Margaret Shoemaker said Chase Street is not appropriate for bike lanes and money should be spent on educating cyclists on the rules of the road.

MOTION (Sergio Ibarra, second by Julian Ramirez) to support the petition.

MOTION PASSED 7 in favor, 1 non - favor, 1 abstain

10. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to purchase the Fire Department Station 7 tools to fix their rigs for amount not to exceed \$1500

Max Foster said in his experience most funds go towards hazard pay. Raymond Duran asked to why there were no representatives at the Community Improvement Meeting. Dianne Hand said she would have attended the meeting if the item was agendaized. Jaime Gallo said the money would be well spent. Kelly Magallanes wants to see the board help in any way they can. The purchase will come from the Board's general fund.

MOTION (by Sergio Ibarra, second by Jaime Gallo) to purchase the Fire Department Station 7 tools to fix their rigs in the amount not to exceed \$1500.

MOTION PASSED 9 in favor, 0 non - favor

11. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to allow the Executive Committee to interview and approve a new webmaster upon approval of the contract of the City of Los Angeles Empowerment with authorization.

The current ANC webmaster is no longer an approved vendor according to the list of vendors just released by the City. The Board currently pays the webmaster \$250/month. The board needs to negotiate and find a new webmaster within 30-45 days.

MOTION (Sergio Ibarra, second by Jaime Gallo)

MOTION PASSED 9 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

12. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to appoint up to three individuals and not limited to board members to represent the ANC at LAFD Valley Public Safety Advisory Committee.

MOTION (Max Foster, second by Raymond Duran) to appoint Margaret Shoemaker and Dianne Hand to represent the ANC at the LAFD Valley Public Safety Advisory Committee

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

13. Motion / Discussion / Vote on a possible board action to fill vacancies on the Arleta NC for Business Representative, Senior Representative, Faith Based Group Representative. Applications will be reviewed and verified for stakeholder status.

Guy Newell submitted an application for the seat of Senior Representative. He was the sole applicant for the position.

MOTION (Sergio Ibarra, second by Kelly Magallanes) to appoint Guy Newell to the seat of Senior Representative

MOTION PASSED 9 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

14. Motion / Discussion / Vote on the selection of the ANC Board president or any other Executive Committee Officers which may become vacant.

President

Even though John Hernandez was absent, The Executive Committee minutes reflect that he would accept the nomination for ANC President.

Kelly Magallanes nominates John Hernandez

MOTION (Sergio Ibarra, second by Kelly Magallanes) to appoint John Hernandez as ANC President.

MOTION PASSED 8 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstain, 1 ineligible

Guy Newell is ineligible to vote because he has not signed the code of conduct

Secretary

Mark Lopez nominates himself

MOTION (Max Foster, second by Jaime Gallo) to appoint Mark Lopez as ANC secretary

MOTION PASSED 9 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible

15. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to designate a Purchase card holder and Second signatory.

MOTION (Mark Lopez, second by Max Foster) to designate Mark Lopez as second signatory and purchase card holder

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

Melvin Cañas assisted Guy Newell complete the code of conduct document

16. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to approve the proposed bylaws changes from the ad hoc committee. The bylaws need to be approved and submitted to empower LA prior to May 1, 2015.

Melvin Cañas

MOTION (Sergio Ibarra, second by Max Foster) to approve the bylaws with new corrections

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

17. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to request that all ANC materials/keys be returned to the executive committee for inventory

The treasurer is required to take inventory every year. Kelly Magallanes needs to place stickers on the equipment and materials.

MOTION (Max Foster, second by Veronica DeLara)

motion passed will all board members in favor.

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

Max Foster The Jeopardy Boxing event had a big turnout. He was shown a lot of the materials the program purchased through the NPG. He announced his resignation from the board. He has been promoted to a new position and will move out of Los Angeles. An article posted on *chicanajournalist.weekly.com* recently posted an article from a CSUN student specifically mentioning him and saying that he tried to have the youth seats removed. Max had nothing to do with the motion. Sergio Ibarra was cited as the source in the article. He said the article is libelous and the behavior should stop. The article has since been removed. He added that as board President Sergio Ibarra interfered with his job as safety committee chair in the past. A letter was supposed to be sent to the firefighter Max Foster worked with addressing the issue but the letter was never sent.

Sergio Ibarra He agrees with Max Foster and said that he had nothing to do with the article. A journalism CSUN student attended one of the Board meetings. He reiterated his support for the first amendment.

A heated discussion ensued.

Saul Perez He clarified that it was him that made the comment about removing the youth seats.

19. Adjournment

MOTION (Max Foster, second by Julian Ramirez) to Adjourn the Meeting

MOTION PASSED with all 10 Board Members in favor.

Veronica DeLara **Adjourned** the Meeting at 9:29 p.m.