



Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 16, 2015

at Beachy Ave. Elementary School – Auditorium, 9757 Beachy Ave., Arleta, CA 91331

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I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

President/Presiding Officer John Hernandez introduced himself and called the Meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Veronica DeLara.

Roll Call was taken by Mr. Hernandez. Seven of the 15 Board Members were present at the Roll Call, which is not a quorum: Veronica DeLara, Raymond Duran, John Hernandez, Mark Lopez, Kelly Magallanes, Guy Newell and Julian Ramirez. Jaime Gallo and Sergio Ibarra arrived later. Six Board Members were absent: Max Foster, Marla Mejia, Saul Perez, Marc Ruelas, Faviola Saucedo and Luis Sencion (all excused). The PNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is nine (see <http://www.ArletaNC.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/ANC-Bylaws-Amendments-012614SD.pdf>), so at this time the Board could only take public comments and could not have any discussions, make any Motions or take any votes. Fifteen of the 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Two Board Seats (Business and Community-Based Organizations) were vacant. [To apply, see www.ArletaNC.org.] Also attending: 20 Stakeholders and Guests.

II. President's Message

Mr. Hernandez welcomed everyone.

Board Member Jaime Gallo arrived at 6:45, making eight Board Members present, one short of the ANC quorum of nine.

III. Comments/Announcements from Government Officials, including

a. Congressman Tony Cardenas

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #III. d.] Jenny Rayas, Constituent Service Specialist for U.S. 29th District of California Congressman Tony Cardenas (ofc. 818-781-7407; Jenny.Rayas@mail.house.gov; <http://cardenas.house.gov>), cautioned about people claiming to be representing the IRS. Government Day will be August 15th at Panorama City Mall; agencies will be there to help.

b. State Senator Bob Hertzberg

No representative was present; there was no report.

c. Assemblywoman Patty Lopez

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Mr. Bartz's report in Item #III. f.] Bill Ulmer, Field Representative for State 39th District Assemblymember Patty Lopez (818-504-3911; William.Ulmer@asm.ca.gov; <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a39>), reported that Assemblymember Lopez was added to her sixth Assembly Committee, Public Safety. He described that the Assembly is revising the inoculation Bill "to allow exceptions for special needs children."

d. Councilmember Nury Martinez

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Ms. Mejia's report in Item #III. f.] Lorena Bernal, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Six Councilmember Nury Martinez (office 818-771-0236; Lorena.Bernal@LACity.org; <http://CD6.LACity.org>), reported that "signs prohibiting vehicle sales are up" on Van Nuys Blvd.

Board Member Sergio Ibarra arrived at 6:48, making an ANC quorum of nine Members present. Now the Board could take binding votes on Agendized Items.

Ms. Bernal continued. The City wants public comments about sidewalk vending and there will be Hearings. Also, "work on Branford continues."

e. L.A.U.S.D. Board Member Monica Ratliff

Julio Anleu, Field Deputy for LAUSD Board Member Monica Ratliff (ofc. 818.232.5445; cell 818.935.7049; Julio.Anleu@lausd.net; <http://Ratliff.LASchoolBoard.org>), reported that applicants are sought for the LA Children's Health Trust Fund Board; health, law and/or educational experience are preferred.

f. Other Government Agencies

Amanda Mejia, Mayor Garcetti's East Valley Area Representative (213.978.0812; Amanda.Mejia@LACity.org; <http://LAMayor.org>), reported that the Mayor signed the minimum wage law; in July 2016 the minimum wage in Los Angeles will increase to \$10.50 per hour and increase each year through 2020. The www.SaveTheDropLA.org website has water-saving information.

Maria Landry, Community Resource Specialist, Neighborhood Prosecutor Program (818.374.6839; Maria.Landry@LACity.org; <http://atty.LACity.org/Criminal/NeighborhoodProsecutorProgram/index.htm>). reported that the Program is available.

Greg Bartz, Community Liaison, DWP (L.A. Dept. of Water and Power) (213-367-2800, Greg.Bartz@ladwp.com; www.ladwp.com), reported that "LA Aqueduct-Owens Valley tours" are available to Board Members; they leave Friday morning and return Saturday afternoon. He distributed copies of the "2014 Briefing Book" that includes updates and water conservation, security and more information. Lawn replacement rebates are available at "\$3.75 per square foot . . . for the first 1,500 square feet" for drought-resistant plants. An artificial turf rebate is available at around \$2.00 per square foot. He noted that it is not necessary to remove all grass; some of it can be replaced. He encouraged seeing the "gray water" information on the website. Rooftop solar rebates are available. Mr. Bartz cautioned about an "imposter alert . . . the DWP has a 24-hour security operation." There's a Customer Service Center "on Van Nuys Blvd. near Victory . . . ask them about our water conservation programs" and "we've got a Speaker's Bureau" who speak at community meetings. Mr. Ibarra requested to Agendize having a DWP local projects update.

IV. Report from L.A.P.D Senior Lead Officer and/or L.A.F.D Representatives

Christina Caprioli, Senior Lead Officer, LAPD Mission Division (phone 818-838-9840, office 818-838-9800; 40353@LAPD.LACity.org; http://www.LAPDonline.org/Mission_Community_Police_Station), reported that "crime, for the most part, is down in Mission" Division, though they are seeking burglary suspects. She encouraged contacting them about loud parties, fireworks and gunshots; call the non-emergency 1-877-ASK-LAPD (275-5273) and ask for "the party car" to be sent; it's faster than a regular call. If the party is going, the Police will issue a ticket. She reminded it is illegal "to set off fireworks in the City." There will be a fireworks presentation at San Fernando High School.

V. General Public Comments on Items Not Listed on Agenda.

Maria Leyva said battered women shelter services are available; there are separate shelters for women and men.

Presentations:

VI. Rita Hernandez Venegas – Supervising LA City Attorney (ACE Program)

Rita Hernandez-Venegas, Supervising City Attorney, Administrative Citation Enforcement Unit (213.978.6907; ATT.ACE@LACity.org; www.atty.LACity.org), and Felipe Ortega distributed copies of ACE Program information. She explained Program reasons, intensions and operations and said “illegal vending is one of the most common” Citations, along with “drinking in public.” She noted that illegal vendors can attract gang extortionists and robbers. Other citable offenses include barking dogs and animal abuses. Ms. Hernandez-Venegas said “many violations are curable” after compliance. Citations are mailed; recipients have up to 15 days to pay a fine or respond. Fine money goes into a Compliance Fund. “If circumstances warrant,” offenders could be “criminally charged.” The Program is expanding. They work with Ayelet Feiman, L.A. City Deputy Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecutor Program (818.374.6837; Ayelet.Feiman@LACity.org; <http://atty.LACity.org/Criminal/NeighborhoodProsecutorProgram/index.htm>). Mr. Hernandez and Officer Caprioli agreed to inform other Police Officers of the Program.

Board Business:

VII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on ANC Board Minutes

a. April 21, 2015

MOTION (by Ms. Magallanes, seconded by Ms. DeLara): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its April 21, 2015 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no objection.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Newell and Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

b. May 19, 2015

MOTION (by Ms. Magallanes, seconded by Mr. Hernandez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its May 19, 2015 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no objection.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Newell and Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

c. May 26, 2015

MOTION (by Mr. Ibarra, seconded by Mr. Lopez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its May 26, 2015 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no objection.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Newell and Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

VIII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on the Monthly Treasurers Report, including the Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R)

Ms. Magallanes distributed copies of, reviewed and explained the ANC “May Monthly Expenditure Report” and bank and other receipts. She clarified that the Union Bank receipt showing a payment to Board Member Saul Perez for \$300 for a “Reimbursement to Costco” is regarding a reimbursement for a Domino’s Pizza expenditure, not Costco; there was a problem with DONE (the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment; 213-978-1551; www.EmpowerLA.org) that L.A. City District Six Councilmember Nury Martinez (818-771-0236; Nury.Martinez@LACity.org; <http://CD6.LACity.org>) is trying to help resolve. She explained challenges with the financial system.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Hernandez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2015 with the understanding that the Union Bank receipt showing a payment to Board Member Saul Perez for \$300 for a “Reimbursement to Costco” is regarding a reimbursement for a Domino’s Pizza expenditure, not Costco

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Newell and Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

IX. Committee Reports

a. Executive

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #XI.]

Mr. Hernandez explained the reasons for having a new Minutes writer. He met with City Councilmember Martinez about the Sidewalk Repair Program, medical marijuana and speed bumps. The Councilmember encouraged reporting services needed through the MyLA311 phone application.

b. Outreach

The Chair was not present; no report or Motion was made or vote taken.

c. Community Improvement

Mr. Ramirez reported that “22 signs will be replaced” by the City Dept. of Transportation; the remaining eight may be replaced by the end of this year. Also, cleanup equipment was bought; Mr. Hernandez reminded not to use the equipment until a check is issued.

d. Budget

Ms. Magallanes reported that “CIC has used almost all their funds . . . everything has been paid.” An equipment inventory will be scheduled. She reminded that funding requests “must be complete” or they will not be Agendized; contact her [KMagallanes@ArletaNC.org] with questions. She said that DONE ruled that Neighborhood Councils “cannot purchase anything” for the Fire Department.

X. Motion/Discussion/Vote on appointments to the following committees

a. Budget- 1 Board Member and/or up to 2 Stakeholder (5 members total)

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #XIV.]

MOTION to POSTPONE (by Mr. Ibarra, seconded by Mr. Hernandez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council POSTPONES Item #'s X and XI until its next Board Meeting.

MOTION to POSTPONE PASSED with no objection.

b. Outreach- 1 Board Members and/or up to 3 Stakeholders

See above Item #X. a.

XI. Motion/Discussion/Vote on appointment for City of Los Angeles Budget Representative for 2015-2016 (Board Member or Stakeholder)

See above Item #X. a.

XII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to [see the below Motion].
(Saul Perez-Outreach Chair)

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Ibarra, seconded by Mr. Hernandez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council will purchase two-way radios to be used at Outreach Community events throughout the ANC boundaries as well as disasters and emergencies not to exceed \$3,100

DISCUSSION: Copies were distributed of a quote from “Discount Two-Way Radio” that includes six pieces with a three-year warranty. Mr. Hernandez explained the radios’ usefulness and that “they’ll be stored in the storage room.” Mr. Lopez noted they can be used if cell phone service is not available. Ms. DeLara noted “they don’t require batteries . . . they’re wireless” and rechargeable.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no objection.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Newell and Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

XIII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to [see the below Motion].
(Julian Ramirez-CIC Chair)

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Ibarra): The Arleta Neighborhood Council will purchase power tools including hardware for the installation of the “no dumping” signs not to exceed \$400.

DISCUSSION: Copies were distributed of a quote. Mr. Hernandez explained the Bosch equipment’s usefulness and quality; it would be purchased from Lowe’s Hardware.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Newell and Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

XIV. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to [see the below Motion].
(John Hernandez- President)

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Magallanes): The Arleta Neighborhood Council will purchase a projector, portable screen and HDMI cables to be used at ANC meetings as well as other outside activities not to exceed \$600.

DISCUSSION: Copies were distributed of a quote. Mr. Hernandez explained the equipment’s usefulness “to eliminate” much paper distributed at Meetings and possibly for movie nights.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no objection.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Newell and Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Board Member Veronica DeLara left at this time at 8:19, making eight Board Members present, one short of the ANC quorum of nine.

XV. Board Member Comments

Mr. Ibarra encouraged Committee Chairs to develop a Budget for the next Fiscal Year [that begins July 1st]. Mr. Gallo described a successful Police event. Mr. Duran encouraged seeing the <http://SidewalkVending.LACity.org> website. Mr. Hernandez encouraged Board Members to set up and start Meetings on time. He will communicate with them about absent Board Members and vacant Board Seats.

XVI. Adjournment and BONC Meeting July 7, 2015 and Next Board Meeting July 21, 2015

Mr. Hernandez declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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