



Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 17, 2016

at First Assembly of God Church, 9757 Arleta Ave., Arleta, CA 91331

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I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President John Hernandez called the Meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Nine of the 10 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Jesus Barron, Olivia Chavez, Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, John Hernandez, Loyce Lacson, Kelly Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Margaret Shoemaker. Henry Ng was absent. The ANC 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/2015/09/ANC-Approved-Bylaws-090115SS.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. Ten of the 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Seven Board Seats (Business, Home/Condo Owner, Renters (2), Seniors (2) and Youth) were vacant. [To apply, see www.ArletaNC.org.] Also attending: 21 Stakeholders and Guests.

II. President’s Message

Mr. Hernandez gave a brief message.

III. Comments/Announcements from Government Officials, including

- a. Congressman Tony Cardenas – No representative was present; no report.
- b. State Senator Bob Hertzberg

Eveline Bravo-Ayala, District Representative for State 18th District Senator Bob Hertzberg (818-901-5588; Eveline.BravoAyala@sen.ca.gov; <http://senate.ca.gov/hertzberg>), reported that Governor Brown “issued a permanent water restriction . . . continue to do your best for conservation.” Water wasters can be reported at (800) 342-5397; have their address, the date and time, and a description. The minimum age to buy cigarettes is now 21, no longer 18. Senate Bill 919 passed to hold the DWP accountable for water use. SB 954 passed “protecting workers paychecks” from employers automatically deducting contributions.

c. Assemblywoman Patty Lopez

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #15.*] 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 supported and requests support for Assembly Bill 1846 “to move \$250 million into adult education from the general fund.” He will report more on the homelessness issue.

d. Councilmember Nury Martinez

Elizabeth Jimenez, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Six Councilmember Nury Martinez (office 818-771-0236; Elizabeth.Jimenez@LACity.org; <http://CD6.LACity.org>), gave Certificates of Appreciation to former, outgoing and incoming Board Members. She reported that Homeless Count information is available at LAHSA.org and that the “homeless car” was for the entire LAPD Mission Division, not just Arleta; other services are offered by CD6. She described law enforcement regarding homeless encampments.

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

Ruby Chavez, Chief of Staff for LAUSD Board Member Monica Ratliff (ofc. 818.252.5445; Ruby.Chavez@lausd.net; <http://Ratliff.LASchoolBoard.org>), reported on a “pilot campaign” to highlight accomplishments at Arleta schools. She cited statistics that show higher graduation and lower dropout rates in the LAUSD. Also, “hiring is stricter than ever” regarding background checks.

f. Other Government Agencies

Kevin Davis, L.A. City Fire Dept. Fire Station Seven Captain, reported on their recent successful Open House. Their community room is available for events, though it is “slightly outside” the ANC boundary. Mr. Hernandez presented a hot stick to Captain Davis, who noted its usefulness. Congressional Candidate Jack reported that Congress is considering military funding legislation.

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

Tracy Ware, LAPD Mission Division Senior Lead Officer (ofc. 818-838-9844; cell 818-634-0624; 34621@LAPD.LACity.org; http://www.LAPDonline.org/Mission_Community_Police_Station), reported on law enforcement regarding a homeless encampment under a bridge at Stanwin and Wentworth. The Police are working with the County, which owns the land under the bridge, and with the State (Caltrans) regarding an encampment at 9600 Sharp “next to the Caltrans lot.” She encouraged calling 9-1-1 “if they’re disturbing the peace.” She recommended completing “trespass letters” to help law enforcement and having 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>), speak here. Officer Ware described the latest enforcement challenges, laws and opportunities. Captain Synthia Lee will attend the ANC July [19th] Board Meeting. There have been a lot of Grand Theft Autos, mainly Toyotas. She reminded to “Lock It, Hide It, Keep It.”

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

Luisa Garcia, of the Arleta Lookyloos, urged helping at this Saturday's cleanup. Edo Gabrielyan has been reporting graffiti and requesting needed City services. Kevin Suscavage, State Assembly Candidate, would work to "fix" Proposition 47 and opposes the High-Speed Rail Project and overdevelopment.

VI. Presentation – George Kopf – Clearesult/So Cal Gas Co Board Business:
Mr. Hernandez relayed that Mr. Kopf was unable to attend; this will be re-Agendized.

VII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of ANC Board Minutes

a. April 12, 2016

MOTION (by Ms. Magallanes, seconded by Ms. Lacson): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves the Notes of its April 12, 2016 General Board discussion at which Roll Call was taken.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Barron, Chavez, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Lacson, Magallanes, Ramirez and Shoemaker); zero opposed; zero abstained.

b. April 25, 2016

The following correction was made: page four, Item #XIV a. and e.: Henry Ng qualified for and was accepted onto the Board in a Homeowner Seat, not a Senior Seat.

MOTION (by Ms. Lacson, seconded by Mr. Ramirez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its April 25, 2016 General Board Meeting as corrected.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Barron, Chavez, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Lacson, Magallanes, Ramirez and Shoemaker); zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

a. April 2016

Outgoing Treasurer Ms. Magallanes reviewed expenditures; the balance was more than \$4,200.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Chavez, seconded by Mr. Barron): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves its April 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Barron, Chavez, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Lacson, Magallanes and Shoemaker); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Ramirez was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

IX. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to [see the below Motion]. Ms. Magallanes explained recommendations from the Budget Committee and will have more information at the June [21st Board] Meeting.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Chavez, seconded by Ms. Lacson): The Arleta Neighborhood Council will act on the recommendation from the ANC Budget Committee and amend the approved Arleta NC Budget for fiscal year 2015-2016.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Barron, Chavez, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Lacson, Magallanes and Shoemaker); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Ramirez was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

X. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action in regards to LAPD National Night Out
a. To [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Ramirez, seconded by Mr. Barron): The Arleta Neighborhood Council will participate in LAPD National Night Out to be held on 8/2/16 at Branford Park.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hernandez explained that this is the ANC’s biggest outreach event of the year. Ms. Magallanes explained the need for a funding Motion(s) to be on the June [21st Board Meeting] Agenda.

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

b. To collaborate with other organizations outside of Arleta (i.e. other NC’s, Neighborhood Watch).
Mr. Hernandez explained the opportunity and would like to involve the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council, which had not yet voted to collaborate. Ms. Shoemaker noted that the LAPD Mission Division suggested the Branford Park location. Mr. Hernandez said “there’s typically 350-500 people who attend this event.”

MOTION (by Mr. Duran, seconded by Mr. Barron): The Arleta Neighborhood Council will collaborate with other organizations outside of Arleta (i.e. other NC’s, Neighborhood Watch) in the LAPD National Night Out to be held on 8/2/16 at Branford Park.

AMENDED MOTION (by Mr. Duran, seconded by Mr. Barron): The Arleta Neighborhood Council will collaborate with other organizations outside of Arleta (i.e. other NC’s, Neighborhood Watch), with their acknowledgement in writing of their participation, including financial, in the LAPD National Night Out to be held on 8/2/16 at Branford Park.

DISCUSSION: Stakeholder Dianne Hand reminded that National Night Out is an LAPD event.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Barron, Chavez, Duran, Lacson, Magallanes and Ramirez); three opposed (Gallo, Hernandez and Shoemaker); zero abstained.

XI. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Shoemaker, seconded by Mr. Gallo): The Arleta Neighborhood Council will purchase personalized business cards for ANC Board Members not to exceed \$400.

DISCUSSION: It was agreed that the cards would have the Board Members’ ANC email address and, if wanted, their private phone number.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Barron, Chavez, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Lacson and Shoemaker); one opposed (Magallanes); zero abstained. Mr. Ramirez was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

XII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to fill vacancies on the Arleta NC.

a. Homeowner 2 Seat

There were no candidates at this time. Mr. Hernandez noted that only one Homeowner Board Seat was available.

b. Business Owner 1 Seat

There were no candidates at this time.

c. Youth 1 Seat

Mr. Ramirez, who was resigning from the Board, introduced Danna Gutierrez, who described her desire to serve.

MOTION (by Mr. Ramirez, seconded by Ms. Lacson): The Arleta Neighborhood Council appoints Danna Gutierrez to its Board Youth Seat.

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

New Board Member Danna Gutierrez was Seated with the Board at this time, making 10 Board Members present (the ANC quorum is nine).

d. Renters 2 Seat

There were no candidates at this time.

e. Seniors 1 Seats

There were no candidates at this time.

XIII. Committee Reports

a. Executive

Mr. Hernandez reported that the Executive Committee now meets on second Mondays at 7:00 p.m. here at the Kids Korner room.

b. Outreach

Ms. Chavez reported that there was no quorum last month. A Board Member is needed to replace Bryan Ramirez. Mr. Hernandez reminded that Committees “can have up to four Board Members.” The next Committee Meeting will be the first Monday [June 6th] at 6:30 p.m. at Kids Korner.

c. Community Improvement

Mr. Gallo reported that there will be CERT [Community Emergency Response Team; 818-756-9674; www.cert-la.com, lafdcert@LACity.org] training in September and October for seven weeks, probably on Mondays or Thursdays from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at a location to be determined.

d. Budget

Ms. Lacson reported that the Committee soon will meet about the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget.

XIV. Board Member Comments

Board Members thanked Bryan Ramirez for his service; he thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. Mr. Hernandez thanked the Board for their personal support.

XV. General Public Comments

There were no comments at this time.

XVI. Adjournment and Next Board Meeting June 21, 2016 First Assembly of God/Kids Korner.

Mr. Hernandez declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:20 p.m.

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