



Meeting Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING Tuesday, October 18, 2016
at Branford Park Child Care Center, 13310 Branford St., Arleta, CA 91331

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I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President John Hernandez called the Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Arleta High School Principal Casey Browne. Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Eight of the 11 Board Members were present at the Roll Call, which is not a quorum: Jesus Barron, Raymond Duran, Gary Gallon, John Hernandez (President), Loyce Lacson (Treasurer), Fernando Moreno, Ken Nguyen and Margaret Shoemaker (Secretary). Jaime Gallo arrived later. Daisy Chavez and Danna Gutierrez were 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 at this time the Board could only take public comments and could not have any official discussions, and could not make any Motions or take any votes. In keeping with the ANC Bylaws, the Chair does not vote unless it affects the outcome. Eleven of the 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Six Board Seats were vacant: At Large [Vanessa Lopez was appointed during below Item #X], Business, Renters (2), School, and Seniors; to apply, see www.ArletaNC.org. Also attended: 23 Stakeholders and Guests.

II. President’s Message - Commitments

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #IV. d.*] Mr. Hernandez encouraged volunteering for community cleanups and other projects.

III. Presentation - Captain Marino, LAPD Mission Division and Ayelet Feiman, LA Neighborhood City Prosecutor

IV. Comments/Announcements from Government Officials, including
a. Congressman Tony Cardenas

No representative was present and there was no report at this time.

b. State Senator Bob Hertzberg

18th District Senator Bob Hertzberg (818-901-5588; <http://sd18.senate.ca.gov/contact/email>; <http://senate.ca.gov/hertzberg>) explained government organization and funding and described legislation. He explained that a transportation system was funded to facilitate travel to and from CSUN and reduce traffic, and encouraged supporting Measure M.

c. Assemblywoman Patty Lopez

No representative was present and there was no report at this time.

d. Mayor Eric Garcetti

Brian Gavidia, Northeast Valley Representative for Mayor Eric Garcetti (213-713-0960; Brian.Gavidia@LACity.org; <http://LAMayor.org>), “can connect you with . . . City resources.” He noted the www.CleanStreetsLA.org and www.LAMayor.org websites and encouraged using the MyLA311 phone app to request services.

e. 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>), reported that Walgreen’s has free flu shots.

f. 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. Mr. Browne noted the High School had “last year a 95.2% graduation rate . . . the highest in the San Fernando Valley . . . our attendance rate is 97%.”

g. Monica Rodriguez Board of Public Works Commissioner

No representative was present and there was no report at this time.

h. Other Government Agencies

No representative was present and there was no report at this time.

V. 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 “a lot of burglaries,” especially knock-knocks; “they’re going around to the rear.” Arrests were made. She “really encourage[s] people to get cameras.”

Board Member Jaime Gallo arrived at this time (6:45), making an ANC quorum at this Meeting of nine Members present. Now the Board could take binding votes on Agendized Items.

Officer Ware reported that “we have a party car . . . [for] three more weeks.” Coffee with the Captain will be Tuesday, November 15th, 6-7:00 p.m. at Fiddler’s Restaurant, 12721 Glenoaks, Sylmar.

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

Florina Martinez encouraged voting for Imelda Padilla as LAUSD District Six Board Member (www.ImeldaForSchoolBoard.com). Andrea Leon-Grossmann of Food & Water Watch (323.843.8451; <http://www.FoodAndWaterWatch.org/state/california>) reported that the Gas Company wants to retrofit facilities to use more natural gas, using more fossil fuels and water. She encouraged contacting City Councilwoman Nury Martinez about it.

VII. Presentation – Alex Davis VICA – Measure M

Mr. Davis, of the Valley Industry & Commerce Association (Alex@vica.com; <http://www.vica.com>), distributed copies of Measure M information and encouraged supporting it. It would add a half-cent tax for maintaining existing systems and building future projects, some of which he listed.

Board Business:

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

a. September 19, 2016

The following corrections to the September 19, 2016 General Board Meeting Minutes were requested:

Page four, Item #IX: “**MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION** (by Mr. Hernandez); no objection” will be deleted.

Page five, Item #XIV. : “. . . appoints . . . [to] its ad hoc Bylaws Committee . . . and Stakeholder Thomas Lucero” should read “. . . appoints . . . [to] its ad hoc Bylaws Committee . . . and Stakeholders Dianne Hand and Thomas Lucero”.

MOTION (by Ms. Lacson, seconded by Mr. Duran): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its September 19, 2016 General Board Meeting as corrected.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote.

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

a. September 2016

Ms. Lacson distributed copies of and reviewed the ANC “September Monthly Expenditure Report” and monthly Union Bank statement.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Shoemaker, seconded by Mr. Gallo): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves its September 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report.

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

X. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible Board action to fill vacancies on the Arleta NC.

a. At Large Rep 1 Seat

Mr. Hernandez read aloud the qualifications needed. Stakeholder Vanessa Lopez described her background and desire to serve.

MOTION (by Mr. Duran, seconded by Mr. Gallo): The Arleta Neighborhood Council appoints Stakeholder Vanessa Lopez to one of its At Large Board Seats.

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

New Board Member Vanessa Lopez was Seated at this time, making 10 Board Members present (the ANC quorum at this Meeting was nine).

b. Business Owner 1 Seat

c. Renters 2 Seat

d. School Representative 1 Seat

e. Seniors 1 Seat

There were no candidates for the above Seats b.-e.; Mr. Hernandez encouraged applying.

Mr. Hernandez recused (self-declared as ineligible to vote on the following Motion due to a possible or known conflict of interest [he is on the Holiday Parade Planning Committee and is a Chamber of Commerce Executive Member]) and left the room at this time, making nine Board Members present (the ANC quorum is nine). Mr. Gallo presided.

XI. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible Board action to participate in The 49th Annual Pacoima Holiday Parade on 12/10/16 in the amount not to exceed \$1000 for the entry cost, rental of vehicle and other supplies required for ANC’s participation. Mr. Gallo explained event outreach. Board Members answered questions about procedures and funding.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Shoemaker, seconded by Mr. Duran): The Arleta Neighborhood Council will participate in The 49th Annual Pacoima Holiday Parade on 12/10/16 in the amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the entry cost, rental of vehicle

and other supplies required for ANC's participation.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of eight of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Barron, Duran, Gallon, Lacson, Lopez, Moreno, Nguyen and Shoemaker); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Hernandez returned to the room at this time, making ten Board Members present (the ANC quorum is nine).

XII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible Board action to approve payment for Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) for outreach and education events for NC's: Resource Board Planning Forum November 10, 2016 and VANC Mixer March 9, 2017 in the amount of \$500, check payable to JCS Catering Company.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Barron): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves payment for Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) for outreach and education events for NC's Resource Board Planning Forum November 10, 2016 and VANC Mixer March 9, 2017 in the amount of \$500, check payable to JCS Catering Company.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hernandez explained VANC, the Forum, the Mixer and their value.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of nine of the ten eligible voters present with all nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Barron, Duran, Gallo, Gallon, Lacson, Lopez, Moreno, Nguyen and Shoemaker); zero opposed; zero abstained.

XIII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible Board action to approve an increase of \$1.32 for a Minute taker. Current bill rate is \$23.10 and requesting new bill rate at \$24.42. This change will result in new compensation for Minute taker from \$17.50 to \$18.50.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Barron): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves an increase of \$1.32 for a Minute taker. Current bill rate is \$23.10 and requesting new bill rate at \$24.42. This change will result in new compensation for Minute taker from \$17.50 to \$18.50.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Lacson explained that the person writing the Minutes had mistakenly been paid as an administrative assistant.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of nine of the ten eligible voters present with all nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Barron, Duran, Gallo, Gallon, Lacson, Lopez, Moreno, Nguyen and Shoemaker); zero opposed; zero abstained.

XIV. Committee Reports

a. Executive - Required Training

Mr. Hernandez noted the need for Board Members to complete their training and reported that Jorge Quezada, Development Director, Northeast Graffiti Busters (818-767-7711; jqpoli@hotmail.com; www.NEGraffitiBusters.com), is getting final approval for the "Welcome to Arleta" sign.

b. Outreach

Mr. Barron indicated that there was no report at this time.

c. Community Improvement Committee

Mr. Gallo announced a CERT [Community Emergency Response Team; 818-756-9674; www.cert-la.com, lafdcert@LACity.org] class will be held Wednesday, January 4th at 6:30 p.m.; information will be sent.

d. Budget

Ms. Lacson reported that indicated that there was no report at this time.

XV. Board Member Comments

Mr. Duran thanked people for their recent cleanup help. Mr. Hernandez encouraged voting November 8th.

XVI. General Public Comments

Stakeholder Marisol Murillo indicated her desire to serve as a Board Member.

XVII. Adjournment and Next Board Meeting November 15, 2016 location TBD

Mr. Hernandez declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Minutes written by DL, possibly edited by ANC. *The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been directly copied from the Agenda.* The ANC Minutes page is <http://www.ArletaNC.org/board-minutes-and-agendas>.