



**ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the
Arleta Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2017**

Vice-president Jaime Gallo called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Jaime Gallo, Margaret Shoemaker, Loyce Lacson, Raymond Duran, Drew Fischer,
Fernando Moreno, Joshua Duran, Kenneth Nguyen, Raul Pineda, Eloiza Sanchez, Joy Bizar,
Guy Newell.

Board Members Absent Excused:

Gary Gallon, Max Foster, John Hernandez

Board Members Absent:

Vanessa Lopez

President's Message:

Vice-president, Jaime Gallo announced that President John Hernandez is absent. He thanked all board members and stakeholders for their attendance, participation, and patience.

Comments/Announcements from Government Officials:

Congressman Tony Cardenas – field deputy, Jackie Serrano advised all that the Congressman’s office is available for assistance with federal agencies. The congressman recently held a “Town Hall” meeting in Sylmar and plans to hold more throughout local communities. In addition, he will be hosting a “Telephone Town Hall” in the near future. The Congressional Art Contest – the works submitted will be on display in Washington D.C. Upcoming events include a Congressional App Challenge (open to all high school students). Plans are being made for a Job Fair and a Health Fair. Congressman Cardenas has a Congressional Newsletter on his website.

State Senator Bob Hertzberg – field deputy, Eveline Bravo-Ayala thanks the ANC for the invitation to the upcoming National Night Out event. State Budget – school funding has increased by \$11,000.00 per student, an increase from last year that showed an increase of \$9,000.00 per student. The budget includes funding of transit issues such as upgrades and repairs on the 118, 210, and Interstate 5 freeways. Some of the state bills submitted by Senator Hertzberg were explained including SB231 – Storm Water Capture Fund. It was asked why SB231 places the financial burden on homeowners through a property tax increase. It was explained that SB231 is only a “definition bill” and does not address where funding will come from.

Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra – field representative for Arleta, Franklin Ochoa spoke about AB332, a bill that amends current law to allow local governments to vacate a street or alley where persistent illegal dumping has been occurring. In addition, 250 “Caltrans No Trespassing” signs are being installed in Caltrans District 7. This will give the ability to clean up illegal encampments. There will be a “Summer Movie Nights” on Friday, June 30th at 6:30 p.m. at Pacoima City Hall 13520 Van Nuys Blvd. Pacoima, CA 91331. The event is sponsored by Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra, L.A.P.D. Foothill Division, and Pacoima Beautiful. Admission is free and open to the public. They will be showing the Disney film “Moana.” Mr. Ochoa made flyers available for Free Spay/Neuter services for the month of June.

Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer –Sgt. Arocho, L.A.P.D. introduced herself and PSR Kathy Hardy. Sgt. Arocho spoke about the progress being made by the Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) at a park in North Hills at the corner of Parthenia Street and Sepulveda Blvd. The CPAB Quality of Life committee has worked hard to improve the park and combat the effects of gangs in the area. A board member stated that drug dealings have been observed at Branford Park. Sgt. Arocho stated that she will take that information back to the station and to Senior Lead Officer, Tracy Ware. Sgt. Arocho announced that there will be maximum deployment on the Fourth of July. PSR Hardy spoke about calls received – many are to report illegal fireworks. It was stated that if large amounts of fireworks are observed to call 911 as this could be perceived as a terrorist threat. The problem of illegal fireworks was discussed. It was suggested that we approach elected officials to increase the possession or use of illegal fireworks to a felony, to make homeowners responsible (not just the individuals lighting the fireworks), increase the fine.

Board Business:

Approval of ANC Board Minutes for May 16, 2017:

There are no minutes available since copies were not able to be made. No funds are available for printing due to close of fiscal year. The approval of ANC Board Minutes for May 16, 2017 is tabled until next meeting.

Motion/Discussion/Vote on the Monthly Treasurer's Report, including the Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.):

Motion 1/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report, including the Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.) for May 2017. (Second by Ray Duran) Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 2/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – Move to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report, including the Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.) for June 2017. (Second by Fernando Moreno) Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 3/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – move to approve a letter of support from the Arleta Neighborhood Council to Council District 6 to honor Harry Williams with a sign to be posted at the northeast corner of Beachy Avenue and Terra Bella Street. The sign to be provided and installed by Council District 6. (Second by Loyce Lacson). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion 4/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – move to approve a letter from the Arleta Neighborhood Council to oppose a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption in conjunction with a proposed 2,120 square-foot convenience market. This Conditional Use Permit would also allow the convenience market to operate 24-hours daily, in lieu of the permitted 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Case No. ZA-2017-759-CUB) (Second by Margaret Shoemaker) The motion passed with 11 yes votes and 1 no vote, with Guy Newell casting the opposing vote.

Motion 5/Seconded/Carried – Raymond Duran – move to approve the expense of up to \$600.00 to purchase flyers and miscellaneous items for National Night Out. (Second by Margaret Shoemaker) The motion passed unanimously

Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible board action to fill vacancy on the Arleta Neighborhood Council Board:

School Representative (1 Seat)

There were no volunteers.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – nothing to report

Outreach Committee – Chair, Raymond Duran is waiting for confirmation from some of the elected officials that they will be attending the National Night Out event. Letters are going out to Target, Walmart, and Vallarta requesting co-sponsorships for National Night Out.

Community Improvement Committee – Chair, Jaime Gallo reported that the committee will be meeting in a couple of weeks.

Budget Committee – Treasurer, Loyce Lacson needs two budget amendments to be approved by the board because it needs to be submitted to D.O.N.E. Our D.O.N.E. representative, Vanessa Serrano advised that she will talk to the appropriate person at D.O.N.E to postpone the timeline requirement because the item cannot be addressed at this meeting since it is not on the agenda.

Board Member Comments:

Joy Bizar requested the ANC use microphones at meetings to ensure all can hear.

Board members thanked all for attending and participating in tonight's meeting.

Ray Duran requested that everyone put August 1st on their calendars to attend National Night Out event at Branford Park. He requested board members and anyone wishing to help with set-up be at Branford Park by 5:00 p.m. He added that many of the ANC banners have been installed. He asked for suggestions of where to add more. We are restricted to business areas. We are not allowed to install them in residential areas.

Drew Fischer thanked all for their participation and encouraged all to bring family, friends, and neighbors to ANC meetings and events. He stated that he has lived in Arleta all his life, he loves his community, and would like to see more participation.

Jaime Gallo closed with also thanking everyone for their attendance and participation and encouraged all to spread the word and attend National Night Out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.