



**ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Arleta Neighborhood Council  
General Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 19, 2021**

President Raymond Duran called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**I. Roll Call: Board Members Present:** Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Margaret Shoemaker, Loyce Lacson, Gary Gallon, Jesse Ramos, Burton Hunter, Joshua Duran, Jesse Torres, Mary Oberg, Jennifer Punay

**Board Members Absent:** Jose Pumay, Adrian Carrillo, Kenneth Nguyen

**Pledge of Allegiance** – led by Burt Hunter

**II. President's Report** – President Raymond Duran thanked State Assembly 39<sup>th</sup> District for their assistance with EDD for our stakeholders. President Duran announced that those considering running in the Arleta Neighborhood Council elections, the deadline for submitting applications for a seat on the board is February 2, 2021. He also stated that there has been a lot of crime in our neighborhoods – property crimes and break-ins.

**III. General Public Comment** – Caroline Menjivar spoke on behalf of the **mayor's office**. She gave an update on COVID-19 vaccines and stated that the best place to find accurate information is at [VaccinateLACounty.com](http://VaccinateLACounty.com). She announced that they will begin offering vaccines to those that are 65 and older. She also stated that a recent motion from the Los Angeles City Council allows city employees such as Park Rangers, Animal Services, LAPD, Building and Safety, and street services employees to cite those not wearing a mask with a fine of \$250.00 for the first offense.

Art Garcia from **State Assembly 39<sup>th</sup> District**, stated that homeless is a top issue. He spoke about AB71, the “Bring California Home Act.” Art emphasized that it does not take funding from the State.

Lorena Bernal, **Council District 6**, gave updates for our community. The Bureau of Street Services were able to repair streetlights. They are still working on a backlog. They are working to come up with a permanent solution to homelessness. The area at Reedley has improved. They

are working on the encampments at El Super at Van Nuys and Woodman. They are working to address all homeless encampments as best they can.

A stakeholder spoke about his dissatisfaction with our elected officials. He considers our mayor the “most ineffectual mayor in the history of L.A.” He announced that Alexandria Park in Council District 2 is being removed to construct a new homeless shelter. He warned that they will be coming for our parks in our communities as well. He stressed the need for parks in our communities. He complained about our State Assembly District because our freeways are blighted with trash and litter. He added that Nury Martinez voted to defund police which limits the police from addressing the homeless. He concluded that he appreciates the Arleta Neighborhood Council for the work they do. He has been on a neighborhood council before and knows that it takes a lot of work.

Another stakeholder commended the ANC Community Improvement/Land Use Committee for the work they do. She is glad to see that work on the Arleta Sign is moving forward. She thanked Lorena Bernal for her work with the homeless but she sees more and more tents going up.

#### **Board Business:**

**IV. Motion 1**/Seconded/Carried – Burt Hunter – Move to approve the ANC General Board Meeting Minutes dated December 15, 2020. (Second by Mary Oberg). The motion passed unanimously.

**V. Motion 2**/Seconded/Carried – Mary Oberg – Move to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.) for the month of December 2020. (Second by Margaret Shoemaker). The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Motion 4**/Seconded/Carried — Loyce Lacson – move to approve that the Arleta Neighborhood Council submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding Senate Bill 9 – Relative to *proposed* California Government Code § 65852.21 in matters of two residential units within a single-family home defined as ministerial developments and not subject to discretionary review by a local agency. (Second by Margaret Shoemaker). The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Motion 5**/Seconded/Carried – Burton Hunter – Move to approve that the Arleta Neighborhood Council submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding: Senate Bill 10 – Relative to *proposed* California Government Code § 65913.5 which allows a local government to pass an ordinance to zone a parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel and in transit rich areas. (Second by Jesse Ramos). The motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. Discussion that the ANC Board consider parking permit districts in Arleta** – Existing bus lines intersections and forthcoming Metro light-rail transit stations, both major transit stops, define a “transit-rich area” as **any parcel within a one-half mile of a major stop** as defined in California Public Resources Code § 21064.3. Proposed California state laws seek to override local control on parking: To obtain parking permits on your street, LADOT supplies a petition and you must get 6 blocks of signatures in favor of parking permits. The cost is \$34.00 a year

for 3 permits per household plus 2 visitor passes. A lengthy discussion ensued with most board members and stakeholders in favor. The Community Improvement/Land Use Committee will be investigating further.

**IX. Motion 5/Seconded/Carried** = Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$5,000.00 in support of the Center for Assault Treatment Services (C.A.T.S) for their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Victory for Victims Walk/Run. (Second by Jaime Gallo). The motion passed unanimously.

**X. Open Board Positions:** President Raymond Duran announced the open board positions and asked if anyone is interested in applying for any of the following seats:

1. At-Large (term ending in 2023)
2. At-Large (term ending in 2021)
3. Business Seat (term ending in 2023)

No-one applied.

**XI. Budget Representative Position:** President Raymond Duran asked if anyone is interested in filling the open budget representative position. No-one volunteered.

**XII. Report from Budget Advocate** – there was none.

**XIII. ANC Committee Reports:**

**Community Improvement/Land Use Committee** – Jesse Ramos reported that the committee will continue to explore parking permits.

**Outreach Committee** – Raymond Duran reported that, after the first batch of outreach material was mailed, the ANC Facebook page has added 40 followers. He will be sending another 1700 flyers out tomorrow.

**Arleta Sign** – Jaime Gallo reported that he received an e-mail from Jorge Quezada stating that he has received plans and has to update the maintenance agreement. He is waiting for an answer from Public Works to proceed.

President Raymond Duran closed the meeting by announcing that Council District 6 is holding a “Toiletry Drive” from January 4<sup>th</sup> to February 4. They are accepting donations of travel size toiletry items to help women survivors of human trafficking.

**XIV. Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.