



**ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Arleta Neighborhood Council  
General Board Meeting  
Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

**I. Call to Order:** President Raymond Duran called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

**Roll Call: Members Present:** Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo (arrived at 6:30 p.m.), Margaret Shoemaker, Loyce Lacson, Jose Pumay, Gary Gallon, Jesse Ramos, Burton Hunter, Joshua Duran, Jesus Torres (arrived at 6:42 p.m.), Mary Oberg, Adrian Carrillo (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)

**Board Members Absent Excused:** Jennifer Punay, Kenneth Nguyen

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

**II. President's Report** – President Raymond Duran announced upcoming neighborhood council training and workshops and encouraged board members to attend. He spoke about the HOPE Team and homeless issues, problems with drugs, urine, and crime in our community. He has been receiving a lot of e-mails regarding these problems.

**III. General Public Comment** – A stakeholder spoke about the need to improve drain systems in Arleta. Some areas cannot handle the rain resulting in flooded intersections. It is a safety hazard.

**Senior Lead Officer Tracy Ware** spoke about the HOPE Team. The HOPE Team is gone as of this week and will not be replaced. She spoke about some of the encampments in our area. She spoke about positive improvement with Caltrans. Senior Lead Officers are our direct contacts for homeless. She asked that we report encampments to LHASA and 311. In addition, Officer Ware spoke about the positive impact the L.A.P.D Bike Unit has been. She reported on our Crime Map – there have been 30 crimes in our area from January 17 to February 13 with most crimes occurring between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a.m., then from 12 noon until 6 p.m. She asked us to be vigilant in securing our vehicles and our property.

Lorena Bernal, **Council District 6**, stated that homelessness has gotten out of control. She spoke about encampments at Woodman and Van Nuys, Reedley and Allot, Woodman and Branford and the Wash. She said there are not enough beds available to place them. She cited the former Assisted Living Center at Woodman and Kagel as a possible location for Homeless Seniors. She stated that the HOPE Team has been disbanded and work is to fall on the Senior Lead Officers

and District Office Deputies. She spoke about several motions introduced at L.A. City Council by Council President Nury Martinez. She stated that her office is getting a lot of e-mails regarding homeless and the rise in crime.

Art Garcia from State Assembly 39<sup>th</sup> District spoke about the homeless encampments and Caltrans. They are still unable to move encampments due to an executive order. He stated that Assemblywoman Luz Rivas is now Chair of the Natural Resource Committee. He reminded us about their Virtual Office hours and that he is available to assist with constituent services such as EDD and DMV. He announced a workshop on March 5, 2021 - how to be appointed to a state position.

**Empower L.A.** representative, Jasmine Elbarbary spoke about neighborhood council elections. The City Clerk is asking for an appointee for Grievance Panelist. Ms. Elbarbary offered assistance to anyone needing help with resources.

### **Board Business:**

**IV. Motion 1**/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – Move to approve the ANC General Board Meeting Minutes dated January 19, 2021. (Second by Jaime Gallo). The motion passed with 10 yes, 1 abstain, 2 absent.

**V. Motion 2**/Seconded/Carried – Jaime Gallo – Move to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.) for the month of January 2021. (Second by Margaret Shoemaker). The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Motion 3**/Seconded/Carried — Margaret Shoemaker – move to approve that the Arleta Neighborhood approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for \$5,000.00 for L.A.P.D. Mission Division Cadet Program. (Second by Burt Hunter). The motion passed unanimously.

### **VII. At-Large Board position ending in 2023.**

**Motion 4**/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – move to approve Marco Valdez to the At-Large Board position term ending in 2023. (Second by Loyce Lacson). The motion passed with 10 yes, 1 no, and 2 absent.

**Motion 5**/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – move to approve Christianna Hartwell to the Business Seat term ending in 2023. (Second by Margaret Shoemaker). The motion passed unanimously.

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

**IX. Report from Budget Advocate** – Budget Advocate not present.

### **X. ANC Committee Reports:**

**Community Improvement/Land Use Committee** – Jesse Ramos reported that the committee is continuing to work on Senate bills.

**Arleta Sign** – Jaime Gallo reported that he is still waiting for plans to be approved.

**Outreach Committee** – President Raymond Duran reported that 1800 flyers went out to the north side of Arleta East of Woodman.

**XIV. Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.