



ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Attention: Arleta NC
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**Minutes of the Arleta Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting
August 24, 2021**

I. Call to Order: Vice-President Jaime Gallo called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Margaret Shoemaker, Loyce Lacson, Jose Pumay, Gary Gallon, Jesse Ramos, Burton Hunter (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Brian Patton, Mary Oberg, Christianna Hartwell.

Board Members Absent Excused: Marco Valdez, Jennifer Punay

Board Members Absent: Jesus Torres

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Jaime Gallo.

II. Vice-President President Jaime Gallo announced that, per President Raymond Duran’s request, he will be chairing tonight’s meeting.

III. General Public Comment: Jessica Orellano from the **County Supervisor** ‘s office spoke about a vaccine “pop-up” this Friday in Van Nuys at Church on the Way, a Tenant’s Rights Webinar on September 9th, and a Resource Fair on September 25th.

Lorena Bernal, **Council District 6**, gave an update for our community. She spoke about the new ordinance regarding the homeless – it will go into effect September 3rd. In addition, Lorena gave updates on the L.A.D.W.P project at Branford and Arleta. There is a new laundromat going in at 9024-9028 Woodman. She announced a Movie Night at Pink Motel in Sun Valley this Friday. Clean-Sweep is still operating in Council District 6 – they are in Arleta on Wednesdays.

A stakeholder spoke about the Gavin Newsom Recall and concerns about voter fraud. She believes that some Democrats are getting multiple ballots. She also spoke about the holes on the mail-in ballot envelope – It can be seen how you voted so she cautioned voters to fold the ballot so it does not show through the hole on the envelope.

Another stakeholder spoke about homeless encampments and the concern that it is only a citation if they do not follow the new ordinance. She encouraged out City and County to work together on mental health issues. There should be more to offer to homeless with mental health issues. However, they need to be held accountable.

A stakeholder stated that he has lived in Arleta since the 70s. He is blind and complained about shrubs sticking out, making it difficult to use the sidewalks. Lorena Bernal from CD6 reached out to him and will assist with the issue.

Burt Hunter from Osborne Neighborhood Church spoke about the L.A.D.W.P. project replacing trunk water lines down Arleta. He says the project will begin on September 18th or later.

Board Business:

IV. Motion 1/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – Move to approve the ANC General Board Meeting Minutes dated July 20, 2021. (Second by Mary Oberg). The motion passed with 9 yes, 1 abstention. There were 3 absent board members.

V. Motion 2/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.) for the month of July 2021. (Second by Mary Oberg). The motion passed with 9 yes, 1 abstention. There were 3 board members absent.

VI. Motion 3/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve the amended budget for fiscal year 2021–2022. (Second by Mary Oberg). The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Motion 4/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve a Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding property at 12906 Branford St. [ZA-2021-3139-CUB](#) – Relative to an application for a Conditional Use Permit for the sale and service of a full-line of alcohol for offsite consumption in conjunction with a mini market. (Second by Loyce Lacson). The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Motion 5/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – Move to approve a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on [Senate Bill 300](#) – Relative to repeal of California Penal Code 1385.1 that prohibits a judge from striking or dismissing any special circumstance which is admitted by plea or found true by or court as specified. (Second by Mary Oberg). The motion passed with 9 yes, 1 abstention. There were 3 board members absent.

VIII. Motion 6/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – move to **oppose the draft revision of the City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct Policy that was proposed on July 19, 2021 by Raquel Beltran, General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)**, for adoption by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC). In addition, this motion shall include a Community Impact Statement (CIS) adopting a resolution of a **vote of no confidence in Raquel Beltran, General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment**. (Second by Gary Gallon). The motion passed unanimously. A stakeholder thanked board members that worked on this motion for standing up for Freedom of Speech. Another stakeholder feels they are trying to crush our constitutional rights – Freedom of Speech.

IX. Motion 7/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson - Move to approve a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to oppose L.A. City Council File 21-0878-19/Vaccination Requirement/Eligible Individuals/Indoor Spaces/Vax Up L.A. (Second by Burt Hunter). The motion passed with 9 yes, 1 no. There were 3 absent board members.

X. Motion 8/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) submitted by L.A.P.D. Mission Community Police Council for \$5,000.00 to assist with the overall cost of the Mission Foot Pursuit 5K Run. Funds are used to help with the general costs of the cadet and Junior Cadet programs as well as any other youth programs. (Second by Loyce Lacson). The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve members to vacant committee seats:

Community Improvement Committee – 2 vacant board member seats.

Motion 9/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve Brian Patton and Jose Pumay as committee members on the Community Improvement Committee. (Second by Jesse Ramos). The motion passed unanimously.

Outreach Committee – 1 vacant board member seat.

Motion 10/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve Brian Patton as committee member on the Outreach Committee. (Second by Burt Hunter). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion 11/Seconded/Carried – Raymond Duran – move to approve stakeholder Geovanni Escobar as a committee member in the Outreach Committee. (Second by Jesse Ramos). The motion passed with 9 yes, 1 abstention. There were 3 board members absent.

Miguel Morales introduced himself as the new field representative for California State Assembly Office 39th District.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.