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**Minutes of the Arleta Neighborhood Council  
General Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 17, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order:** Vice-President Jaime Gallo called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**II. Roll Call:** Board Member present: Raymond Duran (arrived at 6:48 p.m.), Jaime Gallo, Margaret Shoemaker, Loyce Lacson, Jose Pumay (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Gary Gallon, Jesse Ramos, Burton Hunter, Jesus Torres (arrived at 6:49 p.m.), Brian Patton, Mary Oberg, Marco Valdez (arrived at 6:41 p.m., left at 8:52 p.m.), Christianna Hartwell.

**III. The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Burton Hunter.

**IV. President's Report** – no report

**V. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and Report from Government Officials: L.A. Council District 6** – Lorena Bernal gave updates on the homeless, vehicle dwellings, and Recreational Vehicle dwellings. She reported on street lighting, slurry projects, and food drives. She answered questions from board members and stakeholders. In addition, Lorena gave an update on the progress of the “Welcome to Arleta” sign project.

**California State Assembly Office District 39** – Jessica Guzman stated that they are actively helping constituents. Their office is now open for in-person meetings. She spoke about community volunteers and community clean-ups.

**29<sup>th</sup> Congressional Office** – Lilia Monterrosa reported on the dedication ceremony honoring Ritchie Valens. The Pacoima Post Office is being renamed for Ritchie Valens. She reported on passport information, bills passed by President Biden, certificates of appreciations for high school graduates, and assistance they offer with federal agencies. Ms. Monterrosa was asked about the Congressman's request that the Federal Aviation Administration place a 30 day shut-down of Whiteman Airport. The Arleta Neighborhood Council has sent a Community Impact Statement to L.A. City Council opposing the shut-down of Whiteman Airport. Ms. Monterrosa gave contact information for any questions or concerns regarding the issues of Whiteman Airport: [lilia.monterrosa@mail.house.gov](mailto:lilia.monterrosa@mail.house.gov) – 202-225-6131.

**Department of Neighborhood Empowerment** – Joel Gonzalez spoke about neighborhood council trainings and zoom applications and request forms.

**L.A. Metro** – Jesse Leon reported that later this summer a Community Leadership Council (CLC) will be formed to address issues with the Metro Light Rail project. He gave an update on the East San Fernando Valley (ESFV) Light Rail Project and answered questions. He left contact information for further inquiries – (818) 701-3844, [eastsfvtransit@metro.net](mailto:eastsfvtransit@metro.net).

**VI. General Public Comments** on Items Not Listed on Agenda – California State Law (the Brown Act) requires PUBLIC COMMENT to be a **NON-DISCUSSION PERIOD**. Two minutes per Speaker:

A stakeholder expressed concerns on the ESFV Light Rail Project. Another stakeholder reported an abandoned vehicle that needs removal. A stakeholder spoke about Paxton Park that went to Ritchie Valens; he requested the name go back to Paxton so we do not forget other historical names. (Paxton was the family name of Catherine Paxton Lloyd, the wife of Charles Maclay, California Senator and founder of the city of San Fernando). Samantha Verganza spoke about services offered through MEND and vaccines offered at MEND. Stephanie Clements announced she is running for Los Angeles City Controller ([clements4controller.com](http://clements4controller.com)). Bart Trevino from San Fernando Valley Partnership is seeking help/support from the Arleta Neighborhood Council. They work to prevent under-age drinking and drug use. Jaime Gallo spoke about Northridge Hospital's lack of concern and responsibility when he was injured at their C.A.T.S Walk/Run. A local guide dog user that walks along Woodman northeast of Nordhoff spoke about the unsafe conditions for pedestrians due to low branches and lack of tree maintenance.

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**Board Business:**

- I. Motion 1/Seconded/Carried** – Jaime Gallo – Move to approve the **ANC minutes** for the General Board Meeting Minutes dated **April 19, 2022**. Second by Christianna Hartwell. The motion passed with 9 yes, 2 abstentions, and 1 Ineligible.
- II. Motion 2/Seconded/Carried** – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve the **Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.S)** for the month of **March 2022**. Second by Jaime Gallo. The Motion passed with 11 yes, 1 ineligible. **Motion 3/Seconded/Carried** – Jesse Ramos – Move to approve the **Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.S.)** for the month of **April 2022**. Second by Jesse Torres. The motion passed with 11 yes, 1 ineligible.
- III. Motion 4/Seconded/Carried** – Mary Oberg – Move to approve a Community Impact Statement on **ACA-1** – Relative to amend the California Constitution to allow for local government to lower the voter approval threshold for tax increases from two-thirds to 55 per cent. Second by Jesse Torres. The motion passed as amended with 11 yes and 1 ineligible. **The ANC is against** this California Constitution Amendment. **Motion 5/Seconded/Carried** – Jesse Ramos – Move to approve an amendment to Motion 4 to include the communities of Panorama City and Sylmar. Second by Burton Hunter. The Motion passed with 11 yes and 1 ineligible.
- IV. Motion 6/Seconded/Carried** – Burton Hunter – Move to approve the Community Improvement/Land Use Committee’s recommendations regarding the Draft Code of Conduct for Neighborhood Councils **#2014-2(2): Neighborhood Council Committee Members Code of Conduct Policy – 10/04/16 – Red-lined Draft Code of Conduct**. Second by Gary Gallon. After a lengthy discussion, the motion passed with 11 yes and 1 ineligible. The ANC is strongly opposed to this Draft Code of Conduct Policy for Neighborhood Councils.
- V. Motion 7/Seconded/Carried** – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve an expense of up to \$200.00 to fund Business Watch meetings held by L.A.P.D. Mission Station within the boundaries of the Arleta Neighborhood Council for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Second by Jaime Gallo. The motion passed with 11 yes and 1 ineligible.
- VI. Motion 8/Seconded/Carried** – Burton Hunter – Move to approve up to \$5,000.00 for outreach mailers to residents within the Arleta Neighborhood Council boundaries. Second by Brian Patton. The motion passed with 11 yes and 1 ineligible.
- VII. Motion 9/Seconded/Carried** – Jaime Gallon – Move to approve sending a letter from the Arleta Neighborhood Council to L.A. City Council District 6 requesting a “Party Car” for L.A.P.D. Mission Station to help with noise complaints for the summer and early fall. The motion passed with 10 yes, 1 absent, and 1 ineligible.
- VIII. Report from Budget Advocate:** none present.

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- IX. ANC Committee Reports:** Community Improvement Committee Chair, Jesse Ramos, spoke about CF 22-0158 regarding homeless shelters becoming permanent and allowing them in commercial zones. The committee will be discussing this at their next committee meeting. Jaime Gallo and Lorena Bernal reported on the “Welcome to Arleta” sign with Treasurer, Loyce Lacson giving input regarding funds already spent on the project. Jaime Gallo reported that he contacted Whiteman Airport to invite them and offer them a booth at our National Night Out event. Lorena Bernal stated that L.A.P.D. Mission Station has requested a “Party Car” and the Council President has met with Chief Moore. There was a question regarding ANC replacement banners. Lorena Bernal announced that the L.A. City Council will be approving the budget for the next fiscal year. She will present a summary at our next meeting.
- X.** Adjournment at 9:08 p.m.