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ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Arleta Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting Tuesday, July 19, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order: President Raymond Duran called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Member present: Raymond Duran, Margaret Shoemaker, Loyce Lacson, Gary Gallon, Jesse Ramos, Burton Hunter, Brian Patton, Mary Oberg, Christianna Hartwell.

Board Members Absent-Excused: Jaime Gallo, Marco Valdez

Board Members Absent: Jesse Torres, Jose Pumay

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Loyce Lacson.

II. President's Report – no report

III. 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 removal of dead trees and tree trimming. She spoke about homeless encampments near schools and daycare centers as well as vehicle and RV dwellings. They are still working on street light repairs. The first “Summer Movie Night” this season will be held this Friday at Branford Park. Lorena answered questions from board members and stakeholders.

California State Assembly Office District 43 – Jessica Guzman stated that they are still actively assisting constituents. She gave legislative reports and informed us about a backpack give-away at Sierra Medical Center in Sun Valley.

Congress District 29 – Lilia Monterrosa gave legislative updates. Ms. Monterrosa spoke about a request for funds for nearly \$27 million for San Fernando Valley Community Projects, a Bill to require air conditioning in all United States Postal Service trucks, and the launch of 988 (calls for funding a Suicide & Crisis Lifeline).

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocate– Kevin Davis introduced himself and Cindy Cleghorn as Budget Advocates for the North East San Fernando Valley (Region 1). He reported on the Budget Advocates role – they meet with a variety of groups and make budget recommendations on the City's budget to the Mayor and City Council and to City Departments. Each neighborhood council has up to two budget representatives. He gave his contact information: e-mail - president@ftdnc.org, phone: 818-321-0526.

IV. Public Comment: A stakeholder asked Luz Rivas to please stop voting YES ON AB866 regarding vaccinations.

“Either abstain or vote no because it is my responsibility as a parent to make medical decisions for my children.” The same stakeholder thanked our congressman for contributions to our community, asked the Budget Advocate for advice on how to improve Arleta, and thanked the Arleta Neighborhood Council for participating with Council District 6 in “Movie Night.” Sheila Khuel was asked to please align with science and stop forcing masks on children especially those with medical exemptions. Budget Advocate, Cindy Cleghorn, stated that she wanted to stop by and let us know she is here and congratulated Arleta on a good job and good participation.

Board Business:

- V. Motion 1/Seconded/Carried – Mary Oberg – Move to approve the ANC minutes for the General Board Meeting Minutes dated **June 21, 2022**. (Second by Loyce Lacson). The motion passed unanimously. (8 yes, 4 absent, and 0 no)
- VI. **Motion 2/Seconded/Carried** – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve the **Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.S)** for the month of **May 2022**. (Second by Mary Oberg). The Motion passed unanimously. (8 yes, 4 absent, and 0 no).
- Motion 3/Seconded/Carried** – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve an amendment to the ANC Budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022. (Second by Jesse Ramos). The motion passed unanimously. (8 yes, 4 absent, and 0 no)
- VII. **Motion 4/Seconded/Carried** – Loyce Lacson – move to approve the ANC partner with the L.A. City Council District 6 on holding a “Movie Night” at Branford Park. Cost not to exceed \$500.00. (Second by Gary Gallon) The motion passed unanimously. (8 yes, 4 absent, and 0 no). “Movie Night” will be held this Friday, June 22nd at Branford Park. The movie (SING 2) will be showing at 8 p.m.
- VIII. **Motion 5/Seconded/Carried** – Loyce Lacson – Move to approve an ANC Retreat/20 Year Anniversary Celebration. Date and location to be determined. Cost not to exceed \$2,500.00. (Second by Margaret Shoemaker). The motion passed unanimously. (8 yes, 4 absent, 0 no)
- IX. **Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to elect an ANC President:** Board member Burton Hunter self-nominated then withdrew his nomination. Margaret Shoemaker nominated Raymond Duran and he accepted the nomination. **Motion 6/Seconded/Carried** – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve Raymond Duran as president of the Arleta Neighborhood Council. Second by Loyce Lacson. The motion passed unanimously with 8 yes, 4 absent, and 0 no.
- X. **Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to elect an ANC Vice-President:** Board member, Burton Hunter was nominated by Loyce Lacson. Burt accepted the nomination. Raymond Duran nominated Jaime Gallo. The board was asked to vote when called upon for the candidate of their choice. There were 5 votes in favor of Burton Hunter as Vice-President of the ANC and 1 vote for Jaime Gallo, with 2 abstentions. There were 4 board members absent. Burton Hunter was elected as the Vice-President of the ANC.
- XI. **Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to elect an ANC Secretary:** Raymond Duran nominated Margaret Shoemaker and she accepted the nomination. **Motion 7/Seconded/Carried** – Raymond Duran – Move to approve Margaret Shoemaker as secretary of the ANC. (Second by Jesse Ramos). The motion passed unanimously with 8 yes, 4 absent, and 0 no.
- XII. **Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to elect an ANC Treasurer:** Loyce Lacson was nominated by Margaret Shoemaker and she accepted the nomination. **Motion 8/Seconded/Carried** – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve Loyce Lacson as Treasurer of the ANC. (Second by Burton Hunter). The motion passed with 7 yes, 1 abstention, and 4 absent.
- XIII. **Committee Reports: Community Improvement/Land Use Committee** – no report; Jesse Ramos continues to do research into issues that may be of importance to the ANC.
Outreach Committee – no report.
Loyce Lacson reported that the City will continue to pay for ZOOM for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Margaret Shoemaker stated that she attended the Valley Vote meeting last night. The guest speakers were *ELECTION INTEGRITY PROJECT CALIFORNIA* and *NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES INITIATIVE*. Both gave very good presentations. In addition, Valley Vote Chairperson, Susan Shelly, went over ballot initiatives for the November 2022 ballot. Everyone is encouraged to attend Valley Vote meetings. They are back to in-person meetings. They meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at Galpin Ford. Their meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
- XIV. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.