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**Minutes of the Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)
General Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

- I. Call to Order:** President Raymond Duran called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.
Roll Call: Board Members present: Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Gary Gallon, Jesse Ramos, Jesse Torres, Brian Patton (left meeting at 7:10 pm and joined the audience),

Board Members Absent: Christianna Hartwell, Jose Pumay, Sandra Sanchez, Robert Yaffe

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

- II. President's Report** – We did not achieve Quorum attendance of Board members for this meeting, so we will not be conducting any Board business tonight. We will hear presentations from the Police & Fire officers and from governmental officials and their representatives in attendance + one community speaker.
- III. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and Report from Government Officials:**
Police Senior Lead Officer Tracy Ware gave us an area crime update. She told us of targeted theft crimes and offered recommendations for avoiding being the victim. She also recommended reporting thefts, so that any identified, recovered property can be returned to the rightful owners. She announced some fundraisers to support their Holiday Toy Drive. Sept 8, 9, & 10 will be a Carnival fund raiser in the Panorama City Montgomery Wards parking lot. A Car Show possibly in late November is in the planning. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be this coming Thursday, Aug. 17th, 6 pm at Branford Park Rec. Center.

L.A. Fire official, officer Wordin gave updates on fire preparedness. A 3,000 gallon tanker helicopter is here, now ready to respond. An L.A. County Chinook Helicopter is now assigned to the Valley. As of Sept. 1st, leased Super Scooper aircraft will be here to help respond to wildfires. La County resources were sent to help with the wildfire situation in Maui, Hawaii. Medical calls to schools are up due to drug use.

CD-6 **Lorena Bernal** (our former CD-6 area field representative) introduced our new **CD-6 City Council representative, Imelda Padilla**. She announced that Lorena has been promoted to a new role of Area Director. Marcella will be taking her place as the field representative specifically assigned to over-see the projects in Arleta. Marcella lives here in Arleta, so is well-suited, since she already has an interest in looking after our community. She also introduced some other members of her team. She has already created motions to City Council: one to bring some of the council meetings to Van Nuys. Her aim is to encourage residents to continue to stay engaged/involved. Council Member Padilla responded to questions and points made by the audience. Much discussion was spent on addressing issues with street vending becoming an out-of-control phenomenon and creating a blight in many areas. For any problem issues, she strongly recommended that we keep reporting problems that we see. Reported incidents seem to get priority attention at being addressed by City services.
- Imelda Padilla's email is councilmember.padilla@lacity.org

Jessica – representative from the office of **Assembly Member Luz Rivas** . Jessica reported many things, including that applications for internships are being accepted in Arleta. She responded to questions from the audience.

Lilia Monterrosa, Field Representative for the office of **Congressman Tony Cardenas** reported that they are accepting applications for intern students for the fall semester. The deadline for applications has been extended to August 30th. High school, college, or recently graduated students qualify to apply. She mention that the 988 Suicide Helpline system is being expanded and better staffed. Also 988 – can now be reached either by phone or by text.

Report from **Chad Monk**, Sr. VP of Programs and Public Policy for **National Health Foundation**, to provides an update on the **recuperative care facility** at 9120 Woodman Ave., Arleta. Reconstruction has been extensive, to bring the building up to code and be at a functioning level prior to opening. The contractors are very close to completing construction – hopefully by the end of September. “Permitting” for various functionalities that they hope to have at the facility will perhaps come in stages; so their goal is to be in there functioning by December. What services they eventually hope of offer at this site will come to fruition as they are able to obtain the required permit approvals. Chad announce an upcoming clean-up event in the vicinity. Also mentioned that they want to conduct 311 Walks with people, and training them how to use the 311 function to report problems as they see them when they are out and about in the community and around the city. A number of people in the audience voiced concerns about anticipated problems. Chad responded to them with the knowledge that he currently had at hand. He was asked to look into unanswered concerns and to please report back to us.

IV. General Public Comments: None

Board Business

There was no ANC Board Business discussed at this meeting due to lack of acquiring quorum.

Announcements – No announcements were made

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at **9:47 p.m.**