

Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC) General Board Meeting approved MINUTES

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Location of meeting: Osborne Neighborhood Church, 13501 Osborne St., Arleta, CA 91331

I. Call to Order, by Raymond Duran at 6:40 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Jesse Ramos, “Geo” Escobar, Gary Gallon, Christianna Hartwell, Dave Hunt, Jose Pumay, Robert Yaffe. (=10. We have quorum).

Absent: -none- (note: Jaime Gallo was out at 8:32 for a few minutes during reports from government representatives. Jesse Ramos left during board business at 8:45 pm, returned at 9:40 pm. Jose Pumay left the meeting at 9:28, just before Announcements at the end.)

Pledge of Allegiance led by Burton Hunter

II. President’s Report

Thanks to all for being here.

III. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and Representatives from other State, County or City Agencies.

No L.A.P.D. nor Fire Dept. present.

Marcela Quintanilla, Arleta Field Rep from CD-6, Imelda Padilla’s office.

There was a Pacoima Wash cleanup on May 10th. Thus we may have seen an increase of homeless people wandering around on the streets. They were able to get 13 of them to consent to receive housing. Tons of trash was cleaned out and hauled away. Increase in vehicle thefts in Arleta and Mission Hills – mostly from cars that were parked on the street. Highly suggested to try to park your cars in your driveway. Chevy, Toyota & KIA seem to be at highest risk. Noted that trash cans are being left out other than on trash pick-up day. A mailer warning is going to be sent out, stating the limited time that they can be out. If cited and continued violations occur, then the cans will be confiscated.

Q. – No arrests were made for stolen vehicles on that were mentioned. Please continue reporting any issues you see.

Q’s. from Robert Yaffe, Geo Escobar, Jose Pumay, Raymond Duran

Jessica Guzman – from the office of State Assembly Woman Luz Rivas

Fellowship Applications are being received. June 15th Luz Rivas is partnering with CA State Senator Caroline Menjivar and with Habitat for Humanity of L.A. for a free Homeownership Information Event. 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm at 1320 San Fernando Rd, in San Fernando.

A dog-chipping event is being held. If the dog is not currently licensed, then the non-profit group putting on the event will help to register the pet.

LAUSD Rep Anthony Garcia – Deputy Director for Kelly Gonez

Resolution was passed in support for maintaining a multi-lingual program. (International New-Comer Academy will provide specialized schooling for those here who speak other languages.)

Picnic in the Park (Richie Valens Park) Sat. May 25th

Q. Jesse Ramos – with violence on campus Kelly Gonez decreased funding for police presence in schools.

Q’s. Dave Hunt, Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, JoAnn Gallon, Jose Pumay, Gary Gallon.

Mario Hernandez – D.O.N.E. NEA

He has sent out ANC Announcements for May 2024 to all of the Board.

Any Board Member – if know of a conflict of interest should 1st consult with the City Attorney. If you have not 1st conferred with the City Attorney, then it is recommended that the Board **TABLE** the item, **OR** that member should recuse themselves from that portion of the meeting where that item is on the Agenda. See the emailed announcement that Mario sent for other announcement items.

IV. Report from Budget Advocates.

Lionel Mares. Expect to see a 22% increase in Sanitation costs. Budget Day is June 15th at Downtown L.A. City Hall. NC Board members are encouraged to register and attend. Also NC's are encouraged to donate funding toward this event.

V. Marilyn Attanasio, a Community Health Worker for **Healthy Connections**, a Community Public Health Team servicing the San Fernando, Pacoima, Arleta and Sylmar neighborhoods. She wants to discuss their program to the council. (5 minutes) (7:25 pm)

Leticia Valdivia & Giannina Cardenti were representatives present to tell us some things about their program. Marilyn Attanasio was unable to be with us tonight. The Goal of their organization is to connect with the community and get them connected with health services and with other services that they may need help acquiring. One of the items they inquire about is if there is mold in the house? See the QR code on the flier to set-up an appointment.

Q. Are there income qualifications for someone to get services? A. Contact to make an appointment and the intake representative will cover if they qualify or not under this program.

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)**.

Robert Gaitan – Safety issue for homeowners in Arleta. Coyotes have been regularly spotted in the neighborhood.

Maria Hernandez – (with coyotes) pets and children are not safe, even in fenced-in yard. We need a balance between a “live and let live” policy for these animals and the safety of our children and of the pets in our own yards.

Maria introduced **Jesus Morales**. He has lived here since 1994. He only speaks Spanish. Who will listen to and advocate for the needs that he sees? Trees that have been here since the early 1940's are now rotting. He has a concern that they may fall and injure someone or some of their neighborhood property. Sidewalks are being lifted up by the roots of these trees. Traversing them is treacherous and no one is doing anything about it. Some kind neighbors have had to take it into their own hands to tear-up and replace the sidewalks in the neighborhood.

Lionel Mares – speaking as an individual. Suggest contacting Vahid & Deputy Mayor on the subject of copper wire thefts in the Valley. Mayor Karen Bass is submitting a survey to Angelinos seeking our input on who should be appointed as the next Chief of Police.

D.O.N.E. has de-activated certain forwarding email capacities due to the high amount of attempted hacking and SPAM emails coming through. Because of this disabling, you may experience loss of certain important email communications if you are using email forwarding through your NC account. You will have to re-establish a new “forwarding” for your emails..

Board Business

- I. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the [ANC Minutes](#) for the prior **Special Board meeting** of A.) **April, 4, 2024** – B.) **Cancelled meeting of April 16, 2024**
- A.) **Special April 4th** -Motioned by – __Jesse Ramos__ 2nd by – __Christianna Hartwell__
Discussion: **-none-**
The Motion __**Passed**__ with _8_ yes, _0_ no, _0_ abstained, _0_ ineligible, _1 *_ absent .
- B.) **Cancelled April 16th** - Motioned by – __Dave Hunt__ 2nd by – __Robert Yaffe__
Discussion: **Q** by Robert Yaffe. **A.** DONE instructions: require that even a record of minutes for CANCELLED meetings is on file.
The Motion __**Passed**__ with _8_ yes, _0_ no, _0_ abstained, _0_ ineligible, _1 *_ absent .
(* Board Member Jaime Gallo was out of the room speaking with someone for a few minutes.)
- II. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of **monthly financial documents** prepared by the Treasurer which have not yet been approved.
- A.) **March 2024 ANC M.E.R.s** (monthly expenditure reports)
B) **April 2024 ANC M.E.R.s**
- A.) **March 2024 MERs** -Motioned by – __Jesse Ramos__ 2nd by – __Geo Escobar__
Discussion: -none-
The Motion __**Passed**__ with _8_ yes, _0_ no, _0_ abstained, _0_ ineligible, _1 *_ absent .
- B.) **April 2024 MERs**-Motioned by – __Jesse Ramos__ 2nd by – _Jose Pumay__
Discussion: Robert Yaffe asked about expenditure for “food” at park. Response was that we purchased candy and water to hand out at the event.
The Motion __**Passed**__ with _7_ yes, _0_ no, _1_ abstained, _0_ ineligible, _1 *_ absent .
- III. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve to **fill each of the following open ANC Board seats:**
-Motioned by – __Christianna Hartwell__ 2nd by – __Jesse Ramos__
- A.) **Renter Representative** (1) -none at first ** Subsequent to discussions Christianna Hartwell was elected to fill this Board Seat..
- B.) **Senior Representative** (1) - none-
- C.) **School Representative** (1) - none-
- D.) **Youth Representative** (1) - none-
- E.) **At Large Representative** (1)) 2 individuals were present, applying for this seat (at first**)
- Moises Bazan** – He has lived in the U.S. since age 10. He is proud of our country. He used to live in Arleta, but has moved his home to Winnetka. Has been established in Arleta for 18 years. He owns a used car lot on Woodman, south of Osborne (yellow fence).
- Jabbar Butar** also applied for the one At Large seat on ANC.
He has been an Arleta resident since 2019. Lives on Dorrington Place. He has participated with Arleta Neighborhood Watch. He wants to participate more in the betterment of Arleta. He works in the Tech. field and in Marketing. His employment is with Glendale Community College, doing digital stuff.

(continued: Applicants for At Large Seat)

** discussion (Upon figuring out a way for the 2 new, qualified stakeholders to join our board, each with qualifying seat positions, our currently-seated ANC Board Member, Christianna Hartwell suggested resigning from her seat as a Business Owner and then immediately re-apply for the open Renter position seat; thus allowing Moises Bazan to apply for the Business Owner seat, for which he would qualify. and Jabbar Butar to be the sole applicant for the At Large seat.)

Discussion ensued of what order things would happen to carry-out this appointment process.

Therefore, this following scenario went into motion:

- 1.) **Moises Bazan** withdrew his application to join ANC as an At Large representative.
- 2.) (voting record 3-E) **Jabbar Butar** was voted onto the ANC Board as a new **At Large** representative. The vote Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 1** abstained, 0 ineligible, 0 absent .
Jabbar Butar took a seat at the ANC Board table.
- 3.) **Christianna Hartwell** resigned from the Board, opening the Business Seat. (voting record 3-A) **Christianna Hartwell** applied to join ANC in the open **Renter's seat**. She has had previous experience as an Arleta stakeholder and on the ANC Board and she rents in Arleta. The vote Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, 1 ineligible, 0 absent .
Christianna Hartwell resumed a seat at the ANC Board table. She noted that with this change her Board seat position will have to be changed on the records.
- 4.) **Moises Bazan** applied to join ANC as a local Business Owner. The vote Passed with 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, 1 ineligible, 0 absent .
Moises Bazan took a seat at the ANC Board table.

F.) Community Based Organization Representative (CBO)(1)

Ronald Pacheco applied for a seat on ANC's Board as a member of a CBO – Arleta Neighborhood Watchdogs. He has lived in Arleta for 14 years, since 2010. Has participated in Neighborhood Watch. He wants his daughter to be able to grow up in Arleta in a safe and a good environment.

(voting record 3-CBO) vote Passed with 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, 2 ineligible, 0 absent .

Ronald Pacheco took a seat at the ANC Board table as a **CBO representative**.

IV. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to fill any available ANC Committee Seats:

A.) Outreach Committee - Members

Robert Yaffe is the Chair. **Ronald Pacheco** volunteered for this committee . Vote taken:

(voting record 4-A) The vote Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained, 3 ineligible, 0 absent .

B.) Community Improvement Committee - Members

Jesse Ramos is the Chair. **Jabbar Butar** volunteered to be on this committee. Vote taken:

(voting record 4-B) The vote Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained, 3 ineligible, 0 absent

C.) By Laws Committee - Members instructed to remove this- no open seats.

V. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to appoint a Homelessness Liaison Representative

As the City of Los Angeles works to address homelessness, Neighborhood Councils (NC's) are effective advocates and partners in this effort. NC's can utilize their power and join in efforts addressing homelessness through appointing a **Homelessness Liaison (HL)** for their NC. HL's will be vital in serving as community representatives to "move the needle" on homelessness efforts. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment supports HLs by fostering collaboration and information sharing among other City Departments, agencies and organizations engaged in enhancing government responsiveness to local outreach needs. To understand your role and commitment as a HL, please review the Department's updated [Role of the Neighborhood Council Homelessness Liaison](#).

Homelessness Liaison^h -Motioned by – Jesse Ramos 2nd by – Gary Gallon

Discussion: An appointment can be done at a later date. The Motion TABLED by the Chair_ .

VI. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to send an amount of **\$1,000.** for helping the planning committee cover the costs of putting on the **2024 Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods**, which will take place on **Saturday, September 28th** (returning the meeting to City Hall in downtown L.A. for the first time in 5 years.)

This year marks a special milestone as we return to City Hall for our 13th convening, coinciding with the 25th anniversary of the establishment of our Neighborhood Council system. We're happy to share that this year's Congress of Neighborhoods, "**Neighborhood Power, Citywide Impact: The Next 25 Years Start Now**" We look forward to having your neighborhood council join us as we celebrate this significant moment in our history.

By Neighborhood Councils, For Neighborhood Councils

\$1,000 to help support 2024 Congress of Neighborhoods event.

-Moted by – Jaime Gallo 2nd by – Burton Hunter

Discussion: Jesse Ramos, Loyce Lacson, Robert Yaffe, Burton Hunter – City not supporting financially. Without support, this event will not be able to happen. Dave Hunt – a good opportunity to show NC force, Lionel Mares.

The Motion Passed with 7 yes, 1 no, 1 abstained, 3 ineligible, 0 absent .

VII. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve spending fees out of our own budget to provide **“translation services”** **IF** a stakeholder requests such a service for any of our General Board Meetings. (During the remainder of this fiscal year the City Clerk’s office has exhausted the funds set aside for this purpose, so they are unable to reimburse NC’s for the expense for interpretation services until such a time as those funds are replenished in a new City Budget.)

Translation services -Moted by – Jaime Gallo 2nd by – Burton Hunter

Discussion: Christianna Hartwell, Jose Pumay, Mario Hernandez, Burton Hunter.

The Motion Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, 3 ineligible, 1 absent .

THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT – As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate based on disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting Raymond Duran, Board President at email rduran@arletanc.org

VIII. Discussion and possible recommendations to the ANC Board regarding a Community Impact Statement regarding: **ZA-2023-4977-CUB** - Relative to the City of Los Angeles allowing **alcoholic beverage vending machines at multi-family properties.** CIS read by Jaime Gallo (Jesse absent)

Alcohol Vending Machines-Moted by – Dave Hunt 2nd by – Gary Gallon

Discussion: CIS read by Jaime Gallo, Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Ronald Pacheco, Joann Gallon.

The Motion Passed with 7 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained, 3 ineligible, 1 absent .

IX. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to sending a letter, as composed or amended, to the City Council & to any City agency that requires it, a **statement that ANC wants to be able to meet virtually** (as in via ZOOM) **at any time, if we choose to do so**, as stated in the provisions of the CA State Senate Bill 411 that recently passed in Sacramento. (We must have a 2/3 majority vote for this motion to pass.)

(At our Board meeting, a DRAFT copy of this letter is available to view on the check-in table.)

Letter to Meet Virtually-Moted by – Christianna Hartwell 2nd by – Gary Gallon

Discussion: to Table. 2/3 majority of all board seats must Vote “Yes”. (We need 11 “yes” votes) The new Board members are not yet eligible to vote, so can’t yet get 11 votes. Recommendation to, yet again, TABLE this.

The Motion was TABLED with 8 yes votes to Table, 0 no, 0 abstained, 3 ineligible, 1 absent .

X. Committee Reports

Robert Yaffee thanked that a new member has joined the Outreach Committee. A meeting of this committee needs to be scheduled.

XI. Announcements:

- Regarding the monies that were donated by individuals for Margaret Shoemaker: the balance of what monies were donated for flowers for her was given directly to her at her son's interment service; enclosed in a card "from all of her friends at Arleta Neighborhood Council".
- There is going to be a **Job Fair** held by the National Health Foundation **this coming Friday, May 24th 11am to 5 pm**, in the courtyard of Osborne Neighborhood Church. The purpose is to interview and hire staff positions for the facility that is soon to open on Woodman Avenue & Nordhoff, here in Arleta.
- B.O.N.C. (the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) has recently updated the **NC Code of Conduct**. ALL current and new NC Board Members have received or will receive an email from Empower LA. **Each ANC Board member should sign in to their Cornerstone account** and take this training and acknowledge it (then download and **print the certificate of completion, make a copy and give it to our ANC Board President**). **Stakeholder committee member** must download, read the document and, by signing & dating it, acknowledge that, as an NC Board or Committee Member, you will adhere to the newly revised Code of Conduct. Each individual N.C. is to retain this document in their official files.

The D.O.N.E. **training module for gender equity and gender expression** is also a new training that must be taken on the Cornerstone training platform by each NC Board member. **Any board member who has not completed these trainings by June 3rd can sit on the board for discussion, but will not be eligible to vote on any item of NC business until these trainings have been completed.**

- A question was posed by Lionel Mares

XII. Adjournment at 9:37 p.m.