

**Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)**  
**- General Board Meeting Minutes– Approved**  
**Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

**I. Meeting was called to Order by Raymond Duran at 6:35 p.m.**

**Roll Call, Present:** Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Jesse Ramos, Moises B. Bazan (*Moises had to leave after Outreach Animal Welfare vote*), Gary Gallon, Christianna Hartwell (*arrived at 7:40 p.m.*), Dave Hunt, Stelian Martinez, Jose Pumay, Robert Yaffe.

**Absent:** Javad Butah, “Geo” Escobar, Ronald Pacheco

**Pledge of Allegiance led by Burton Hunter**

**II. President’s Report:** Thanks for those here. (*stated as personal opinion*): Subject has been brought to attention, that the Mayor’s Office and other officials and sources may be pushing for a United Nations (UN)-mandated “Day of Languages”. The thought is that we should not be introducing any programs that give the United Nations the opportunity to “mandate” issues to the United States (impeding on our sovereignty as an independent nation. *There is a certain danger in letting the UN gain any foot-hold to have say-so in our sovereign affairs.*)

A big “Thank You” to Jaime Gallo (*current ANC Vice President*) as he has served 9-10 years on this Board; +plus an additional “Thank You” to many others who have served a long road of helping this community.

Discussion is on-going with LAPD about loud parties and other disruptive people in our community. The police serve, and we, the ANC Board represent about 36,000 people in Arleta.

ANC Board elections are coming up. ANC has a split election cycle, so half of the current seats will be up for election in the 2025 NC election .

A memorial acknowledgement of Robert Rouge, who recently passed away. He was a long-time community advocate. He contributed a lot to this community.

Loyce Lacson mentioned that Robert Rouge was active in a lot of community things. He served on the ANC Board several times.

**III. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and Fire Dept.**

- none here in attendance-

**IV. 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).****

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● **Jonathan Sanchez** – most-recent Director at Branford Park Recreation Center. They were able to finally get rid of a particularly aggressive food vendor coming onto the property, who had thought that they had “taken ownership” of that space in the park. There is still an issue with the gamblers on the property. Unpleasant incidents have happened between these 2 groups of people, targeting the park staff and other people working at or using the park. They will keep us *in the loop* for any further developments. They really appreciate ANC’s participation with them as they (we) reach-out to serve our community. He is inviting, and is hoping to see us “tabling” at their Winter event on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

● **Chad Monk** – from the National Health Foundation facility on Woodman, near Nordhoff. Permitting has now been cleared. They are official opening to receive residents starting tomorrow (Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.) or possibly next week, depending on when LASHA begins sending resident referrals to them. They hope to be having a community food-give-away event at their facility and invite Arleta stakeholders to come help with the distribution – and let others know to come get some food.

● **Loyce Lacson** – She attended an event to welcome the new Chief of Police, McDonnell to the Mission Division. Also, the new Captain for Mission Division was introduced at that event. Loyce also encouraged all to attend the Car Show / Toy Drive this coming Saturday. It is a fun event for families to attend, plus they are receiving toy donations for the Miracle In Mission toy give-away event Fri. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Board Business**

- I.** Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the [ANC Minutes](#) for the prior **General Board meeting of October 15, 2024** –General Board Meeting  
(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)  
**To Approve Minutes** -Motioned by – \_\_Gary Gallon\_\_ , 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_Jaime Gallo\_\_  
Discussion: - none -  
The Motion \_\_**Passed**\_\_ with \_\_8\_\_ yes, \_\_0\_\_ no, \_\_1\_\_ abstained, \_\_0\_\_ ineligible, \_\_4\_\_ absent .
- II.** Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of monthly financial documents prepared by the Treasurer which have not yet been approved. **October 2024 ANC M.E.R.s** (monthly expenditure reports)  
(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)  
**To Approve MERs** -Motioned by – \_\_Jesse Ramos\_\_, 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_Jaime Gallo\_\_  
Discussion: Jesse R. explained the account balance  
The Motion \_\_**Passed**\_\_ with \_\_9\_\_ yes, \_\_0\_\_ no, \_\_0\_\_ abstained, \_\_0\_\_ ineligible, \_\_4\_\_ absent .
- III.** Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve an Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) of **\$3,000.--** for the annual **L.A.P.D./ CD-6 Miracle in Mission Toy give-away event** to be held on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 4 pm – 9 pm at Sepulveda Recreation Center in Panorama City.  
**Miracle In Mission donation** -Motioned by – \_\_Burton Hunter\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_Robert Yaffe\_\_  
Discussion: **Loyce** – Parking at the Sepulveda Recreation Center is a problem issue. Why at night, at 4 pm - ? It's dark and not safe to walk such a distance in the dark between parked car and the Rec. Center. It is within an area heavily populated with apartments, so it is often hard to find any parking.  
**Marcela** – They wanted to change it up a bit this year, to show-off night-time Christmas lights. LAPD will have a big presence there, both to participate and for security.  
Comments from Joann Gallon, Ray Duran, Jesse Ramos – suggested change location next time for better parking to other public, rather than just to that neighborhood's population..  
Stelian Martinez, Ray Duran – It's for a good cause. Robert Yaffee – he will be “Santa-ing” at this year's event.  
The Motion \_\_**Passed**\_\_ with \_\_8\_\_ yes, \_\_0\_\_ no, \_\_1\_\_ abstained, \_\_0\_\_ ineligible, \_\_4\_\_ absent .
- IV.** Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve an NPG of **\$2,500.--** to the local **SOW Collective** (Shift Our Ways, Backyard Farming and Sharing Collective).  
**Approve NPG to SOW Collective** -Motioned by – \_\_Jesse Ramos\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_Burton Hunter\_\_  
Discussion: Presentation by SOW Collective staff. 2021-2022 was their first launch into this program right here in Arleta. All-Volunteer operated. (Some paid interns.) Currently 8 youth from Arleta; more youth from around the Valley. They present “hands-on-learning” - some geared especially for kids.  
Composting, donated plants are either planted in the “farm” or given away for people to grow in their yards. They give away produce grown at the “farm”; Encouraging backyard gardeners to share with their neighbors. Appealing for funding to help with: They are currently leasing this property for \$750. / per month. They buy supplies to help maintain the “farm”, they are hoping to get a solar generator installed, and to have a community refrigerator/freezer. The Sprouts store and Patagonia have helped them with donations. They partner with other organizations who donate to them for use of the space to present programs. Suggestion: Community members could rent the space for holding their own event.  
Comments – Q.) Where is this farm located? A.) Right around the corner. Robert Yaffe suggested contacting the 4 Square Club at Polytechnic school. Moises Bazan asked for advice about plants. Dave Hunt suggested, if they want to expand, the DWP leases-out space under the high power lines. Inquire with them about possible land use.  
The Motion \_\_**Passed**\_\_ with \_\_9\_\_ yes, \_\_0\_\_ no, \_\_0\_\_ abstained, \_\_0\_\_ ineligible, \_\_4\_\_ absent .

- V. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve employ use of the City-approved **Mail-In ballot process for our 2025 election cycle of ANC Board positions**. The Office of the City Clerk is only facilitating a “Vote-By-Mail” option for NC (Neighborhood Council) elections.
- To Approve ANC Mail-In Election model-** Motioned by –   Jesse Ramos   2<sup>nd</sup> by –   Robert Yaffe    
Discussion: Our ANC NEA, Mario explained that the City Clerk is offering to do their part only for those NC’s who opt for the Mail-In ballot election option. For NC’s that choose the “Selection” process, all aspects of the election will rest solely as the responsibility of the individual NCs. Under the Mail-in model, the individual NC is responsible for all Outreach to stakeholders pertinent to this local NC election.  
We are each encouraged to sign-up for participating the Election Workshop, to be held in December.  
If there is no opposing candidate running for any particular Board seat, then there will be no election. However, current ANC Board members who are up for election and wanting to stay on the board will have to register as a candidate. Our ANC Bylaws split half of the ANC Board Seats to be re-elected each election cycle (every 2 years). Also, our ANC Bylaws require identification to establish stakeholder-ship for voting in NC elections, which City Clerk will verify when the stakeholder applies to receive a ballot in the mail.
- To select the Mail-In option for Arleta NC’s 2025 election,** (Jose Pumay out of room during this vote)  
The Motion   Passed   with   8   yes,   0   no,   0   abstained,   0   ineligible,   5   absent .  
- - *Christianna Hartwell arrived and took her board seat at 7:40 p.m.* - -
- VI. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote for ANC to approve spending up to \$900.—for ANC uniform jackets.
- To Approve ANC uniform jackets** -Motioned by –   Jaime Gallo   2<sup>nd</sup> by –   Gary Gallon    
Discussion: Jacket is black, soft-shelled, with white ANC logo embroidery. Ray sent text picture to Board.  
The Motion   Passed   with   10   yes,   0   no,   0   abstained,   0   ineligible,   3   absent .
- VII. \*Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve funding of up to \$1,000.-- for **outreach materials to promote the new Animal Welfare Committee and ANC** and to provide an additional valuable resource to stakeholders with pets.
- To Approve spending for outreach materials, including Animal Welfare Committee**  
Motioned by –   Christianna Hartwell   2<sup>nd</sup> by –   Jaime Gallo    
Discussion: Possible ideas for ANC printed outreach items.  
The Motion   Passed   with   10   yes,   0   no,   0   abstained,   0   ineligible,   3   absent .  
- - *Moises Bazan had to leave the meeting for the night.* - -
- VIII. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve element(s) of the **Arleta Sign** design.
- Arleta Sign**-Motioned by –   Robert Yaffe   2<sup>nd</sup> by –   Christianna Hartwell    
Discussion: Christianna Hartwell – Regarding color: she does NOT like the Blue option. Just noting that many really nice signs have metallic highlights.  
Marcela noted that it is advisable to use a standard color; in the event that the sign gets vandalized or otherwise damaged, its coloring can then be easily matched for touch-up. The stand-out lettering will be in white.  
Comments from Jaime Gallo, Ray Duran and others.  
The consensus was to go for the Dark Green, so we took a vote on that.  
Voting for the prominent painted background color to be the **Dark Green** -  
The Motion   Passed   with   7   yes,   0   no,   2   abstained,   0   ineligible,   4   absent.  
No further vote was required.
- IX. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to have an outreach table in the gymnasium at the **Branford Park Recreation Center’ Christmas event**, “Waiting Up For Santa”, to be held on December 20, 2024 at 5 p.m. Also voting to spend up to \$200.—for snacks that we give out
- X. **Approve Branford Christmas program** -Motioned by –   Robert Yaffe   2<sup>nd</sup> by –   Jaime Gallo    
Discussion: Loyce suggested something like Cheez-Its or something a little healthier than just candy. Plus the adults like it.  
Burt suggested that at Halloween both kids and adults were thrilled to get the Welches Fruit gummies.  
The Motion   Passed   with   9   yes,   0   no,   0   abstained,   0   ineligible,   4   absent .

- XI. ● Reports from Representatives from other State, County or City Agencies.**  
**Marcela Quintanilla – CD-6 representative for Arleta** in our City Council member, Imelda Padilla’s office. Marcela indicated that “the witch’s hat” area between Panorama City & Arleta (bounded by Woodman/Roscoe/Tujunga Canyon,) now additionally falls under her responsibility. Osborne St at I-5 South freeway – the homeless encampment build-up there is tentatively scheduled to be visited and addressed in December. (As Always, offering housing and services options for the homeless there.)  
 + Next to DMV. + Osborne & Woodman and in front of dental clinic will be addressed.  
 + Roscoe & Ventura Canyon., next to Legion Hall.  
 + Woodman & Devonshire (in early Dec. )  
 They will continue to offer housing and services – though most of the people have refused help.  
**Loyce** – City & Non-Profits should stop giving them new tents; then, perhaps they will accept the better alternative of inside-housing being offered?  
**Marcela** – Right now, IF the homeless ask them for a tent, the City department is required to give them a tent for free. *(lots of shrugs and frustrated looks going around after hearing that.)*  
**Ray Duran** – re: Street Vending - - the longer this is allowed, the more it is incentivizing businesses to operate without licenses and without paying taxes.

- Report from **Budget Advocates.** – none present -

- XII.** Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve to **fill the following open ANC Board positions:**  
 A.) **Renter Representative** (1)  
 B.) **Alternate Representatives** - 1 - At Large Rep. (for a total of 3) ALT-3 of 3  
*- none offered to fill the positions -*  
 -Moted by – \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_\_\_  
 Discussion: - none -  
 The Motion \_\_\_\_ - none - \_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_ yes, \_\_\_\_ no, \_\_\_\_ abstained, \_\_\_\_ineligible, \_\_\_\_ absent .

- XIII.** Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to fill any available **ANC Committee Seats** (Stakeholder committee participants ONLY. Each committee is at maximum for ANC Board members):  
 A.) **Outreach Committee** - Members  
 B.) **Community Improvement Committee** - Members  
 C.) **Animal Welfare Committee** - Members  
*- none offered to fill the positions -*  
 -Moted by – \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_\_\_  
 Discussion: - none -  
 The Motion \_\_\_\_ - none - \_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_ yes, \_\_\_\_ no, \_\_\_\_ abstained, \_\_\_\_ineligible, \_\_\_\_ absent .

- XIV. Committee Reports**  
 Christianna H. & Jesse R. – no reports –  
 Robert Yaffe briefly commented about pursuing some considerations.

- XV. Announcements:**  
 ● Consider attending with ANC and helping to man the **table at the L.A.P.D. Toy Drive Car & Bike Show on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 10am –3pm. Location:, 13325 Roscoe Blvd., Sun Valley, North-side parking lot. There is NO cost for us to table at this event. ANC set-up at 8:00 am. At this event you’ll have a really good time looking at many very interesting vehicles ! Great for all the family.  
 ● **No ANC General Board Meeting** scheduled to take place **in December**. If any situations come up which require us to take a vote, then a Special Board Meeting will have to be called.  
 Happy Thanksgiving !

- XVI. Adjournment at 8:35 p.m.**

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