

**Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)**  
**- General Board Meeting note-taking MINUTES - approved**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

**I. Call to Order at \_\_6:32 p.m.\_\_ by \_\_ANC Board President Raymond Duran\_\_,**

**Roll Call, (Quorum by 6:42 pm)**

**Present:** Raymond Duran, Burton Hunter, Jesse Ramos, Geo Escobar, Dave Hunt Robert Yaffe  
(Jaime Gallo arrived at 6:40, Moises B. Bazan arrived 6:42, Christianna Hartwell arrived 6:52)

**Absent:** Javad Butah, Gary Gallon, Stelian Martinez, Ronald Pacheco, Jose Pumay

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by \_\_Burton Hunter\_\_

**II. President's Report:** Elections coming up. Register to run for a Board Seat. Registrations due by March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and Fire Dept.** – *none present* -

**III. 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)**.

Please fill out a Speaker Card and submit it to the Chair of the meeting. You will be called in order.

(The “non-discussion” element of this portion of the meeting was waived this one time, since the stakeholders had questions to ask of the board and of representatives from government departments, **and** since **only one** government agency was present to be a representative at the meeting [METRO], **and** since the board was waiting for more ANC Board members to arrive before we could proceed with conducting Agenda Board business. – We were waiting anyway, so might as well give the stakeholders some information regarding the items they were here bringing up.)

**Jesus Gonzalez** – Terra Bella St. in Arleta. Victim of crime a few years ago. Is there an opportunity for residents to participate in “crime prevention” in or around our community? Where live? near Arleta & Terra Bella. **Suggestions:** Connect with Neighbors in Action, Arleta Neighborhood Watchdogs, Lookie-Loos (meet at Branford Park with Senior Lead Officers leading a Neighborhood Watch Group.).

**Jaime Gallo** He met with Senior Lead officer – **If we see a crime** having happened, **Please DO report it.** If it isn't reported, then the crime doesn't show up on the record as ever having occurred. More police attention and resources will get targeted to types of crimes and to areas that are reporting more crime.

**Loyce Lacson** – Community Police Based meeting Wed. Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon meeting for neighbors to come together and to report directly to officers about the concerns for crime in their area. (next will be April 6:30 p.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month at the Mission Division Station.)

**Stephanie Galindo** Near Canterbury and Gruen– Public transit and parking issues (deferred her question until METRO Representative is up to share.)

**Mark McDonald** Sunburst St. near Osborne & I-5 freeway– Long-term vehicle parking issues on his street by people who don't even live in the neighborhood. Reported a few times, but parking enforcement only marks tires but rarely takes further action. Street sweeping in not regular at all. Contact CD-6.

**Reba Hill** – lives on the cusp of Arleta & Panorama City (near American Legion hall). 20-year resident. The homeless are relentless in her neighborhood. They trash the area. A clean-up happens, but they are back after the clean-up within 2-3 hours. She has had to go out on her own to clean up the area enough just to invite company over to her home. Her area **always** looks trashy. An the homeless point fingers at her, as they know that she is one who reports them and sparks homeless cleanups. She is feeling endangered by their accusing comments and finger-pointing.

(This done out of Agenda Order since issues have already been raised during General Public Comment—and the only Representative from an agency,

**Raymond Acevedo from METRO** Quarterly community meetings being held.

Next, Thurs Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, a Virtual Meeting with Q & A.

Then on March 6<sup>th</sup> – In-person meeting at Arleta (Pacoima?) 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly

Raymond gave his presentation, then

**Stephanie Galindo** posed her METRO -centered questions regarding increased traffic and parking for riders.

**Raymond Acevedo** spoke regarding Traffic flow studies and how plans will change in different areas. Regard parking: No parking structures are in the plans. A previous study showed that there is enough off-street parking to accommodate riders who will use the light rail line. Trying to maintain 2 lanes of traffic flow. Likely that will require no on-street parking on some parts of Van Nuys Blvd.

**Q. Stakeholder** posed question about reason for demolition of building(s) N.W. corner at Van Nuys Blvd and San Fernando Rd. Something for the METRO plans?

**A.** Did not know the specific reason. Suggested that the stakeholder contact the Community Council Representative (possibly Jesse Malone?) Community council members serve a 2-year term with the responsibility to advocate community concerns. It was suggested to go to the in-person community meetings and talk with various representatives or Community Council members in person (before and after the meetings). Coordination with other projects which are being planned does happen.

**Q. Jesse Ramos** –Has the Fire Department been active to sign-off on all of these plans – regarding their need for emergency access?

**A.** The fire department has been in during the “due process” phase of planning.

**Q. Jaime Gallo** – A few years ago, from Day 1 of these plans for the rail line, our personal and our Board comments have been about parking issues. Metro riders parking in adjacent to the rail line stops; many of these neighborhoods are already congested with parking. Especially around apartment complexes. In business areas, small parking lots at “mom & pop” shops will be taken by METRO riders, who will likely be leaving their cars parked there for 8 – 10 hours while they are away at work. (This will negatively effect the business’s customer base.). You say another study is going to be done regarding traffic flow and parking. An additional study is a waste of tax-payers money.

Raymond Acevedo was thanked for coming here to update us:

We will now move on to:

## **Board Business**

- I.** Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the [ANC Minutes](#) for the prior **General Board meeting of January 21, 2025** –General Board Meeting

(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)

**Approve Minutes** -Motioned by – \_\_Jaime Gallo\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_Jesse Ramos\_\_

Discussion: - none -

The Motion \_\_**Passed**\_\_ with \_8\_ yes, \_0\_ no, \_0\_ abstained, \_0\_ ineligible, \_5\_ absent .

- II.** Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of monthly financial documents prepared by the Treasurer which have not yet been approved.

**January 2025 ANC M.E.R.s** , (monthly expenditure reports)

(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)

**Approve January MERs** -Motioned by – \_\_Burton Hunter\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_Robert Yaffe\_\_

Discussion: -none-

The Motion \_\_**Passed**\_\_ with \_8\_ yes, \_0\_ no, \_0\_ abstained, \_0\_ ineligible, \_5\_ absent .

III. Possible Motion/ recommendations to the ANC Board, Discussion and vote regarding a Community Impact Statement: **Council File 13-1493-S17 - Relative to street vending in the City of Los Angeles.**

(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)

**Approve CIS** -Motioned by – \_\_Robert Yaffe\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_Christianna Hartwell\_\_

Discussion:

**Jesse Ramos** – An enforceable ordinance has not been in place in City of LA over last 6 years. We have always had unpermitted sidewalk vendors in LA City over that time; however, surrounding municipalities have actively enforced such ordinances. Even on streets immediately adjacent to these municipality-enforced zones we have see the City of L.A. fail to enact enforcement. Sidewalk vendors and their “care-less” customers are trashing our neighborhoods. Vendors are not paying taxes to the City, nor to the state, and quite probably not paying for employee taxes nor medical coverage. Brick & mortar restaurants are going out of business due to the fact that they still have to pay their overhead and taxes, while the street vendor outside steals their business customers.

**Jaime Gallo** – We hear the statement “The times are tough” as an excuse to not enforce street vending ordinances. At our previous meeting Imelda Padilla (our City Council member) said that they (vendors) are protected by the State of California. Which laws are local officials choosing to enforce and which are they not enforcing? We need to get more pro-active (as a block of people) in order to actually be heard (paid attention to). Get neighbors involved.

**Q. Stakeholder** – Does the ANC Council have the ability to fund a program effort to address these issues?.

Jesse Ramos – It is the LA City Council and the Mayor’s responsibility to establish these ordinances and to enforce them.

**Stakeholder** – We cannot solve everything; (our efforts would be spread too thin to make a significant enough of an impact.) Let’s try to take-on solving one issue at a time, as we pursue it as a cohesive unit.

**Christianna Hartwell** – Conversations that are talked about a lot “float to the top of the stack” of things that get will looked at.

Burt – At our previous meeting the City Council member’s offices said that who it would be best for us as individuals to contact would be our State Assembly and State Senator, as well as the County Board of Supervisors.

Stakeholder – A response to Burt’s comment is that each government department just “passes the buck” around to another agency and NONE seem to take on the responsibility to do anything about the issue; they all just point at each other.

Stakeholder – What might work best is to “Bug” the City Council’s office. Keep poking the issue at them. Best to go to City Council meetings, and in your 2-3 minutes to talk, to firmly continue to tell them about that issue.

The Motion \_\_**Passed**\_\_ with \_\_8\_\_ yes, \_\_0\_\_ no, \_\_0\_\_ abstained, \_\_0\_\_ ineligible, \_\_5\_\_ absent .

IV. ● Reports from **Representatives :from State, County or City Agencies.**

(see the METRO report given earlier this meeting at 7:00 p.m., right after General Public Comment)

**Mario Hernandez (NEA)** – Our ZOOM license is coming up for renewal on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each license costs the NC \$200. We would have to vote again in order to incur this renewal expense.

Suggest using the CANVA program for making up fliers for election advertising

V. ● Report from **Budget Advocates.** – none -

VI. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve to **fill the following open ANC Board positions:**

A.) **Renter Representative** (1) (this seat will be up for election in 2027.)

B.) **Alternate Representatives** - 1 - At Large Rep. (for a total of 3) ALT-3 of 3

VII. A.) **Approve Renter** -Motioned by – \_\_ – none -\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion: – none applied for any position-

**VIII.** 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

**Approve Committee members** -Motioned by – \_\_– *none* -\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion: – *none* –

**IX. Committee Reports**

**Jesse Ramos – Community Improvement** – Still no feedback heard on community beautification project. No State bills currently aware of which need to be addressed. No update on our “Welcome to Arleta Sign”. **Loyce** contacted Marcela. **Ray** commented.

**Jaime Gallo** contacted Lorena Bernal

**Jesse Ramos** – At the Devonshire / Arleta pocket park, some of the graffiti was very shoddily removed.

**Christianna Hartwell – Animal Welfare Committee** will meet next Monday night.

**X. Announcements:**

- ANC Board Election timeline:
- Register **NOW** to run for election or re-election for a seat on this board. Deadline to registered to run is **less than 2 weeks away**. *Deadline to register is Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.*
- ALSO, **Register** as a stakeholder in order to receive a **mail-in ballot for voting** in the Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC) election. You may only vote once for each seat running in Arleta NC’s election. However, if you also meet the criteria as a stakeholder in another NC’s district election, you may also register and vote in that NC’s election process.

**Application** date for a **Vote By Mail Ballot** for voting in our ANC election **begins** on **March 14<sup>th</sup>** and **ends** on **May 5<sup>th</sup>**. **Election Day** will be **Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** (ballot must be postmarked by that date).

- Other announcements – – *none* -

**XI. Adjournment** at \_\_8:26 pm\_\_

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate & may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the Chairperson.