

Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)
- General Board Meeting MINUTES DRAFT
Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

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

- I. Call to Order,** Quorum was not achieved at the very beginning of the gathering at 6:37 pm; therefore the business portion of the meeting was not called to order by Board Vice President, Jaime Gallo and Roll Call not taken until 7:03 p.m. (Pledge of Allegiance opened and the LAPD & LAFD shared prior to the meeting being called to order.)

Roll Call,

Present: Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Jesse Ramos, “Jeo” Escobar, Gary Gallon, Christianna Hartwell, Ronald Pacheco, Jose Pumay.

Absent: Raymond Duran, Moises Bazan, Dave Hunt, Stelian Martinez, Robert Yaffe.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Burton Hunter

- II. President’s Report** -none -

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

Senior Lead Officer **Tracy Ware** gave an update regarding homeless at Woodman & Osborne: This is private property, so it has to be handled differently than encampments on City property. (but it IS being dealt with.) These people are not accepting housing (as is the case with many people in encampments). A shooting incident occurred near Branford Park. No one was hit. Vehicles: Some reported stolen cars were recovered; Some not stolen from this area. Stolen cars are apparently being “dumped” in our area. Chevy trucks and Toyotas are still #1 targets for theft. These are mostly occurring during the 12 pm – 11:59 pm watch hours.

A meeting on Saturday, June 14th, at the Jewish Temple on Roscoe. A swath of home break-ins have occurred in that vicinity, so neighbors what to know how best to handle the situations when they arise and what precautions to take.

Scott Hilton – from nearby Fire station. Annual Brush enforcement teams are going out and advising properties about clearance requirements for better fire control.

Fire Dept. is switching to an automated vehicle location system to answer emergency calls (using the nearest available trucks, not just the ones in the assigned district.)

Q. Loyce Lacson – Is Fire Dept using drones. A. Some, but limited battery life generally keeps them on the ground until some kind of incident is reported.

Q.. Jaime Gallo, Christianna Hartwell – Strategies, **Jose Pumay** – Roofs on many houses are vulnerable. **Jesse Ramos, Christianna, Loyce**- Could we ask that High Schools be refused permits for fireworks at graduation ceremonies? (graduation comes at a vulnerable fire-season time of the year.). Call 911 for reporting back yard fires / trash burning. **“Geo”**- suggest occasional firehouse open-house. **Burt** – What’s the possibility of 3-point-of reference camera systems be installed to spot fires and illegal fireworks?

- 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)**.

Raymond Acvedo – **representative from LA Metro.** Community meetings in June:

- Tues June 17, 6:00-7:30 ZOOM (ZOOM link will be on their website).
- June 26th in-person at Mid Valley YMCA in Van Nuys. Open House held prior to the meeting.

Board Business

- I. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the [ANC Minutes](#) for the prior **Special Board meeting of April 22, 2025** –Special Board Meeting
(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)
Motioned by – Christianna Hartwell 2nd by – Gary Gallon
The Motion Passed with 6 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 5 absent, 2 abstained.
- no discussion -
- II. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of monthly financial documents prepared by the Treasurer which have not yet been approved.
A.) **April 2025 ANC M.E.R.s** , (monthly expenditure reports)
(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)
Motioned by – Jesse Ramos 2nd by – Christianna Hartwell
The Motion Passed with 6 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 5 absent, 2 abstained.
Jesse Ramos – approximately \$9,603.51 remaining in ANC Budget. The 2 pending check pay-outs on this report have now been paid.
- III. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on recommendation to the ANC Board regarding sending a **Community Impact Statement (CIS)** on the proposed **L.A. City Annual Budget** -Relative to the impact on City employees and City services.
Also a recommendation for stakeholders to send in their own letters to the City Council regarding their views of these cut-backs and the cut-back in funding to NC's in this 2025-2026 Annual Budget
Motioned by – Burton Hunter 2nd by – "Jeo" Escobar
The Motion Passed with 6 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 5 absent, 2 abstained.
Jesse Ramos – Council File 26-0600 Proposed lay-offs will impact all services. i.e.: Reduction of Parking Enforcement, sidewalk repair, sanitation services, etc.
Loyce L. Jaime G. Will City Council members take a pay cut? They recently, preemptively voted themselves a pay raise. Rising DWP rates are likely going to help cover budget deficit.
Jaime Gallo – With World Cup & Olympics coming up, how can we make this work with cut-back in services? **Joanne Gallon, Christianna Hartwell** – Animal services cuts: terrible budget management
Burton Hunter – Budget Advocates submitted very practical budget solutions prior to this budget being settled on. Were they paid heed to??
Jose Pumay – The City has been mis-managing City funds for services for years. This City is not doing anything.
- IV. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on recommendations to the ANC Board regarding ANC's position on how you want **our Representative at these meetings, Burton Hunter**, to vote at both the **LANCC** meetings (**Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition** – representing all 99 Neighborhood Councils) and at the **VANC** meetings (**Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils** – representing the San Fernando Valley NC's).
Motioned by – Jesse Ramos 2nd by – Ronald Pacheco
The Motion Passed (to have the representative cast a vote at the meeting based on their judgement of how this NC would have them to vote)
with 7 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 5 absent, 1 abstained.
Burton Hunter – Other NC board members and stakeholders may attend the meeting, but only the one authorized representative votes at these meetings. .Described why this is being asked to be brought up and voted on, since this question came up at the LANCC meeting; and so it was asked to consider it at each NC Board meeting to clarify how the NC wants the representative at these meetings to vote.
Christianna H. Q. What does this wording mean? **Jaime G & Loyce L.** comments.

- V. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to the approve our Arleta Neighborhood Council to have **an outreach table** at the **Pet Resource Fair** on **Saturday May 24th** at Woodley Park, Section 2
And also to spend up to \$500 for this event.

Motioned by – Christianna Hartwell 2nd by – Burton Hunter

The Motion Passed with 7 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 5 absent, 1 abstained.

Christianna – By attending this, we can get ideas for our own pet fair.

Ronald Pacheco, No fee being charged us to table at this event. 9:00-12noon, Set-up at 8:00 am.

- VI. • Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to the approve spending **up to \$300.** for **two (2) new, updated Banners** for outreach & at things like community beautification events.

Motioned by – Gary Gallon 2nd by – Christianna Hartwell

The Motion Passed with 7 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 5 absent, 1 abstained.

Color? Red with White lettering.

Size of banners? One 10 ft long, the other 6 ft long. 3-4 ft high.

Discussed where used and dilapidated condition of current banners. Mounting capability? fixtures?

- VII. Reports from **Representatives : CD-6 City Councilmember, Imelda Padilla's office.**
from other City, County or State Agencies. • Report from **Budget Advocates.**
Our NEA, Mario Hernandez Reminded us of the last dates for financial matters as the end of our fiscal year approaches.
- none other -

- VIII. 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
-none-

- IX. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to fill any available **ANC Committee Seats (Stakeholder committee participants ONLY.** Each committee is currently at maximum for ANC Board members):
A.) **Outreach Committee** - Members
B.) **Community Improvement Committee** - Members
C.) **Animal Welfare Committee** - Members (Animal Welfare is now full)
-none-

- X. **Committee Reports** Jesse Ramos, Christianna Hartwell

- XI. **Announcements:**

• Voting for ANC Board Elections – has now closed. Preliminary results will be posted sometime tonight; but final results will not be posted until May 28th. :

“Budget Day” at downtown City Hall – Registration for this event begins tomorrow (May 21st).

“Congress of Neighborhoods” is a separate event held at City Hall. This is now only in the planning stages.

• Other announcements –

Loyce L – At LAPD Golf Tournament – Arleta was thanked for our continued support for functions that the City budget does NOT cover. **Loyce & Joann G** – \$300 fine for driving in bus lanes (cameras catch you and photo accompanies the citation that is mailed to you.) and now Speed traffic cameras. **Burton H**- comments regarding new Daylight Parking Laws (*flier on table*). Plus other comments brought up at LANCC & VANC meetings:

• Glenn Bailey was at the NC Homelessness Liaison meeting. Very few NC's had representatives listed. Each NC is allowed up to 4 liaisons to this group. Each NC should have representatives “listed” in that group (at the very least); even if they don't attend meetings. Those representatives can then have information and updates sent to them (to stay up-to-date on where things are with the City). These reps. can then also submit recommendations to that group on behalf of our Board.

- Regarding **AB 411** updates (pertinent to holding **NC's meeting Virtually**)

AB 467 AB 2449 Problems with the wordings in those bills is that they still subject NC's to restrictions. Members must be located within the City Limits of LA at the time of the meeting in order to qualify to participate virtually. (If they are outside., then they have to comply with AB 2449).

Also, according to **AB 2449** an individual Board member can only participate virtually 2 times /per year. That bill also limits the reasons for not attending the meeting in person.

(Commissioner Len Schaffer commented that what he thinks might be the worst part of this bill is that it puts NC's in that category of government so that we must conform to section 54953 of the Government Code (This is what will kill us.)

- IF we are considering opting-in to ask the City for a **ZOOM License** through them (\$200 /per year) plan ahead and opt into it _ (at the beginning of the NC Budget cycle).

This ZOOM license comes with recordings retained for as long as you hold onto the license.

(Each committee that might meet virtually would need a separate ZOOM license).

A Free ZOOM account is only good for holding a 40 minute meeting.

A paid Individual ZOOM account only gets 1 hour of cloud storage..

XII. Adjournment at 7:56 p.m.

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