



**ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE*
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

August 26, 2013, 6:30 PM

Branford Child Care Center, 13306 Branford Street, Arleta, CA 91331

*The purpose of this meeting is to allow Board Members to participate in the Community Improvement Committee meeting. This meeting is noticed out of an abundance of a caution with the Brown Act and is intended as a Community Improvement Committee meeting. All recommendations and actions from this meeting will be forwarded to the full board for the Arleta Neighborhood Council and publicly noticed at a future date and time.

Quorum is two committee members. Members of the Public are requested to complete a **Speaker Card** to address the Board on any item of the agenda, when the item is considered, prior to Board action on the item. Public comments on other matters within the Committee's jurisdiction may be made during the Public Comment period. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker. Action may be taken on any agenda item except Public Comment, announcements and reports. As provided in Arleta Neighborhood Council bylaws, actions may be reconsidered only if a motion for reconsideration is adopted immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting.

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6:30 1. Call to Order and opening remarks by **Chair Jack Lindblad**. [2m]

6:32 2. Self-Introductions of participants and guests (**Please complete the sign-in sheet!**) [2m]

6:34 3. Roll Call of Committee members. [1m]

6:35 4. Public Comment and announcements (**Please limit to 2 minutes per speaker.**) Public comment on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is considered. [5m]

6:40 5. Continuing status update, discussion, possible committee action, including recommendation by vote, referring to the Arleta Neighborhood Council Board for further action on the "Arleta Gateway" project designed by Segura and Associates) landscape construction contract particulars (scope, means, methods, materials, specifications, timetable, permit costs, overall costs, construction

documentation, project quality, solicitation of bidders, selection of a successful bidder, contract administration) - as directed by ANC board action of April 22, 2013 item 10b. [5m]

6:45 6. Continuing status update, discussion, possible committee action, including recommendation by vote, referring to the Arleta Neighborhood Council Board for further action on locating a neighborhood council business office for Arleta with provisioning for a desk, file cabinet, fax/copier/printer, desktop computer with internet access and inventory within the confines of current ANC boundaries. [5m]

6:50 7. Discussion, possible committee action, including recommendation by vote, referring to the Arleta Neighborhood Council Board for further action, supporting revitalization and rewilding of our legacy: the Tujunga-Pacoima Watershed - residing in the East San Fernando Valley, to redirect detrimental and fatal carcinogenic health effects affecting the entire East San Fernando Valley from so-called "sediment management" of 7.6 cubic million yards transported from Pacoima Reservoir and 7.2 MCY from Big Tujunga Reservoir making 1,825,000 MCY single load haul truck trips each with a 8 cubic yard capacity, within a 20 year period proposed by DPW toward designing with nature such as creating a new reservoir(s), rather than failed 'business as usual' approaches - and to stop strip mining such as Sakaida has in "mine(d)" for Sylmar. Wind-throw studies of the sediment dust particulates need determination that factor in Santa Ana wind gusts for the entire San Fernando Valley, especially for origination points at Big Tujunga and Pacoima Reservoirs and Sun Valley destination. [5m]

References: <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/lacfd/sediment/dcon/420.pdf>

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7:00 8. Discussion, possible committee action, including recommendation by vote, referring to the Arleta Neighborhood Council Board for further action on developing a Streetscape project to provide pedestrian and bicycle amenities such as tree-lined pathways and business facade improvements along both sides of (Woodman Avenue) Arleta's "Main Street" from Arleta's south portal (The Gateway at Ventura Canyon Ave) to the north portal at Van Nuys Boulevard. [7m]

7:07 9. Continuing discussion, possible committee action, including recommendation by vote, referring to the Arleta Neighborhood Council Board for further action on participating, tracking the City of Los Angeles Planning Department 're:code LA' five-year project/process to revamp the Zoning Code: [5m]

'To create livable communities, encourage sustainable development, and foster economic vitality, we need a modern and user-friendly Code—we need to re:code LA.'

Reference: recode.la/#participate

7:12 10. Discussion, possible committee action, including recommendation by vote, referring to the Arleta Neighborhood Council Board for further action on 2012-13 ANC CIC-fueled Accomplishments of Benefits to the Community: [5m]

1. Arleta's public health and safety and traffic mitigation was significantly advanced from DWP's response/action to ANC Community Improvement Committee's Board approved written comments on the DWP Tujunga Spreading Grounds Water Reclamation Draft E.I.R. Specifically, LADWP's concurred with the CIC stated preference of mechanical conveyance of the dredge material as opposed to 172,000 truck haul trips over a 2.6 year period.

[Public Comments on the DWP Tujunga Spreading Grounds Water Reclamation Draft E.I.R. - Author: Jack Lindblad](#)

2. Advancing resilient and sustainable community with jobs and quality of life, ongoing efforts by ANC Community Improvement Committee joined with the wider region's organized support of Metro's East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Study to "evaluate ways to improve north-south transit opportunities in the east San Fernando Valley that offer connections to the regional transportation network" to select Light Rail along Van Nuys Boulevard (Alternative LRT) from Sepulveda Boulevard to Metro's Orange Line on Oxnard Street to Sylmar/San Fernando Metrolink/Amtrak. Public Comment ending on October 16, 2012 favored and

was rewarded with Metro's selection of the Van Nuys Boulevard route to advance to the next phase of environmental review, the Draft EIS/EIR. (<http://www.metro.net/projects/east-sfv/>)

'After significant analysis and community input during 2011 and 2012, an Alternatives Analysis (AA) Report recommended that four alternatives be further studied through the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR). These include two required alternatives – No Build and Transportation System Management (TSM) – and two build alternatives – [along Van Nuys Boulevard] Light Rail Transit (LRT) and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

EIS/EIR Scoping – March 1-May 6, 2013:

Environmental review begins with a "scoping period" to allow for input on the issues that should be addressed in the EIS/EIR.

Scoping Report – Summer 2013 (est.):

At the conclusion of the scoping period, Metro prepares a Scoping Report summarizing the input received and identifying any changes that result to the scope of the Draft EIS/EIR.'

References: http://www.metro.net/projects_studies/east_sfv/images/esfv_fs_scoping_fact_sheet.pdf
[Formal Scoping Public Comments For Light Rail on Van Nuys Boulevard - Author: Jack Lindblad](#)
[Public Comments supporting Metro's East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Study Alternative LR-2, the direct route alignment along Van Nuys Boulevard - Author: Jack Lindblad](#)

3. Advancing resilient and sustainable community with affordable housing adjacent to living wage jobs and quality of life, ANC Community Improvement Committee added Public Comment to the 2013-2021 update to the City's Housing Element, a State-required part of the City's General Plan, which must be completed on a 8-year schedule. Last day for public comments was August 8, 2013. A Housing Element is a comprehensive statement of City needs, constraints and strategies to provide housing opportunities to existing and future residents, providing policy guidance for local decision making regarding housing programs. The plan draft and background information is found under "What's New" at <http://cityplanning.lacity.org/> Also, the page can be accessed at the Planning Department's <https://sites.google.com/site/lahousingelement/> The public attended the Open House/Public Hearing scheduled on July 27, 2012 at the Deaton Auditorium of the LAPD headquarters downtown.

[Public Comment: 2013 Los Angeles Housing element - SB 375 and AB 32 compliance - Author: Jack Lindblad](#)

7:17 11. Public Comment and Announcements. (Please limit to 2 minutes per speaker.) [3m]

7:20 12. Adjournment

Council Process: The Council gained its official city role upon certification by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners on October 22, 2002. Everyone who lives, works or owns property within the boundaries of the Arleta Neighborhood Council, or who declares an interest in the area and the factual basis for it, is a **stakeholder**. All stakeholders are members of the Council. Stakeholders are represented by Board of Directors, elected by stakeholders. This Board is recognized as the decision-making entity by the City of Los Angeles. The current Board was elected on August 4, 2012. While the Board is the official decision-making entity of Arleta Neighborhood Council, meetings are conducted in a town hall spirit. Committees are open to anyone with an interest in Arleta. Relying on public participation, Arleta Neighborhood Council's **success** reaches far beyond the Board.

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