

Minutes of the  
**ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)**  
Special Joint Meeting of the Board and  
Elections Adhoc Committee  
Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
at Arleta First Assembly of God 9757 Arleta Ave, Arleta, CA

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.**

Acting President Sergio Ibarra called the Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergio Ibarra.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Veronica DeLara.

**Board Members Present:**

Sergio Ibarra	John Hernandez	Max Foster	Cyndee Riding
Veronica DeLara	Raymond Duran	Sammy Vazquez	Julian Ramirez
Kelly Magallanes			

**Board Members Absent:**

James Kallas Daniel Orozco Jaime Gallo Luis Sencion Maria Mejia

9 Board Members were present. A quorum is nine, so the Board could make Motions and take votes.

*at 6:40 Jaime Gallo and Maria Mejia enter the meeting. 11 members present*

**2. President's Message** - Acting President Sergio Ibarra announced the resignation of President Maria Diaz-Tran from the board.

**3. Character Counts Program** - Sammy Vazquez thanked the board for voting to move forward with the presentations. A different outreach committee member will present at each meeting.

*at 6:45 Luis Sencion and Maria Mejia enter the meeting. 13 members present.*

**4. General Public Comment on Items not listed on today's Agenda.**

**Guy Newell** - He is a member of the San Fernando Valley Art Council. The ANC should partner up with them to keep the arts alive in the Valley.

**Israel Guerrero** - Introduced the Take A Book, Leave A Book library on 13326 Wingo St. It's currently a small selection of children's books and a few adult books. Community members are welcome to come and borrow a book to read. People are encouraged to donate any extra or unwanted books.

**Margaret Shoemaker** - The banner advertising ANC meetings needs to be taken down because it is being vandalized with graffiti.

**Dianne Hand** - Thanked Veronica DeLara for her efforts in getting the approved minutes.

**Terry Hendricks** - He wants the ANC to give signs with the ANC information to neighborhood watch groups.

**5. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer Lee Perry and other Government Officials.**

**Lydia Grant**, Neighborhood Commissioner North Valley Region- Community impact statements are changing. They are a powerful tool for stakeholders to get their voice to City Hall.

The form will now have 6 options instead of just “for it” or “against it.” Posting requirements have changed from 5 locations to one 24 hour physical location in addition to posting on the website. Everything sent out to members will need to be sent out to those on the e-mail list at the same time. The way board members are trained will change. Visit empowerla.org to find a town hall discussion near you to voice your suggestions on how trainings should be handled. She is putting together a meet and greet on July 28 so board members from all neighborhood councils in the north valley region can meet each other. Location is yet to be determined.

**Officer Lee Perry**, LAPD Mission Division Senior Lead Officer announced an increase in burglaries. Most can be prevented by closing/locking doors and windows. Robberies are increasing in surrounding communities. Young kids are being targeted for their iphones and skateboards. Opportunists are stealing items from cars with open windows. The department is using bait cars to lure thieves. As far as quality of life goes homelessness is increasing in the San Fernando Valley. Fireworks is beginning to become a problem. Enforcement against the possession of illegal fireworks has begun. You can call or e-mail Officer Perry to notify him of areas setting of fireworks. As always you can remain anonymous unless a crime is in progress.

**Lorena Bernal**, Council member Nury Martinez, The pipe replacement work on Woodman and Pierce has been delayed because the contractor is missing information. Regarding the vehicles for sale on residential streets the council woman is working on introducing an ordinance that prohibits car sales on city streets. There is a homeless encampment in an alley on Wingo. The sanitation department is back in the area. The homeless are taking items from donation bins and having yard sales.

## **6. Discussion and possible board action on the selection of ANC Board officers for**

### **President,**

### **Treasurer, and any other position that might be vacant on the Executive committee**

#### **Treasurer**

John Hernandez nominates Kelly Magallanes as treasurer. Seconded by Sergio Ibarra.

*With no objections, the motion passes and Kelly Magallanes becomes treasurer.*

#### **President**

Loyce Lacson is in favor of Sergio Ibarra remaining as acting president so the board can get a feel for their positions.

Julian Ramirez nominated Raymond Duran for president. Seconded by Max Foster

Luis Sencion nominates Sergio Ibarra for president. Seconded by Sergio Ibarra

Stakeholders Margaret Shoemaker, Terry Hendricks, Joy Bizar, and Dianne Hand voiced their support for Raymond Duran.

#### **Votes**

**Raymond Duran (3)** - Julian Ramirez, Raymond Duran. Max Foster

**Sergio Ibarra (10)** - Sergio Ibarra, Veronica DeLara, Kelly Magallanes, Jaime Gallo, Luis Sencion,

Cyndee Riding, Maria Mejia, Daniel Orozco, John Hernandez, Sammy Vazquez.

*Sergio Ibarra is the new ANC president*

### **Vice President**

Luis Sencion nominates himself as vice president, Seconded by Sergio Ibarra.  
Yes - Sergio Ibarra, Veronica DeLara, Kelly Magallanes. Cyndee Riding. John Hernandez  
Maria Mejia, Daniel Orozco, Jaime Gallo, Julian Ramirez, Sammy Vasquez, Luis Sencion.  
No - Raymond Duran  
Abstain - Max Foster  
Luis Sencion is the new ANC vice president.

#### **6b, Board Designation of Purchase Card Holder and Second Signatory**

**MOTION** (by Sergio Ibarra, second by Cyndee Riding) to designate Kelly Magallanes as purchase card holder and assign Sergio Ibarra as second signatory.

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Cyndee Riding, Luis Sencion  
Raymond Duran. Julian Ramirez, John Hernandez, Sammy Vasquez, Jaime Gallo,

No (none)

Abstain Max Foster

Ineligible Maria Mejia, Daniel Orozco

**MOTION PASSED** 10 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstain, 2 ineligible

#### **7. Board comments on items not on today's agenda**

**Julian Ramirez** - He has been discouraged with the ANC. Members need to put their ego's aside. The board is here to do something for the community and they are not doing it.

**Raymond Duran** - The board makes it seem like there is not much interest in Arleta and it's discouraging which makes him angry.

**John Hernandez** - The board should take the opportunity to have a potluck in July so the board can get to know each other.

**Cyndee Riding** - She thinks the board should get together and work on team building to get to know each other and build some trust.

**Veronica DeLara** - She is new to the ANC board and does not know how it works. She is open to feedback and suggestions that could help her improve as secretary.

**Sergio Ibarra** - Praised Veronica for her work as secretary. Learned a lot from being vice president. Thanked Maria for the contributions she made in her 8 months as board member.

**Luis Sencion** - He thanked the board for election him vice president. The board should move on and try to resolve the issues.

**Jaime Gallo** - Disappointed that the board is divided. The board is working against each other. It should be a fresh start with the new board and it should work together.

**Daniel Orozco** - The board should look in the mirror. Under the breath comments don't help.

**Maria Mejia** - The work should work as a team and should work and do what they were elected to do. The board does not work for themselves, it works for the community.

**Max Foster** - He is ashamed of the board's actions. The board contradicted what the stakeholders wanted. Thinks he could've helped Raymond Duran become a leader from the vice president's position. He can no longer chair the ad-hoc safety committee.

**Sammy Vasquez** - He has served on many board's before and noted it's not a bad thing to disagree. It's a bad thing when a vote is taken and the board members carry on with the attitude. The board needs to mature and move forward. Members need to be supportive of each other.

#### **8. Committee reports from Outreach, Improvement, and Budget, and Adhoc Public Safety Committee, Adhoc Bylaws Committee**

**Outreach report from Sammy Vasquez** - National Night Out will be held on August 5, 2014 at

Branford Park from 5:30-7:30pm. The committee is coming up with activities to have for the event.

An In-N-Out truck will be present to serve burgers.

**Community Improvement report from Julian Ramirez** - No meeting was held last month. He is hoping to hold a meeting this month.

**Ad-Hoc Public Safety Committee report from Max Foster** - No meeting has been held. The letter sent to Firefighter Jensen is pending. He will help whoever steps up to become the new chair.

**By-Laws Ad-Hoc Committee from John Hernandez** - The committee is working to clean up the

by-laws so everyone can be on the same page. He noted that the president does have the ability to

add members to Ad-Hoc Committees and would like Margaret Shoemaker and Dianne Hand added to the committee. Their addition would need to be agendized in the next board meeting.

**9. Motion/Discussion/Vote on clarifying the board motion allocating \$9.356 for Northeast Graffiti Busters for the construction of the concrete construction of the Arleta Gateway Project from FY 2013-2014 funds.**

The city has asked to submit engineering plans. They will go in for a second review.

The Department of Transportation and Engineering will stamp. Then a groundbreaking will be held. This will fund the concrete and wheelchair ramp

**MOTION**

Yes - Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Cyndee Riding, Max Foster, Luis Sencion

Raymond Duran. Julian Ramirez, John Hernandez, Sammy Vazquez, Jaime Gallo.

No - (none)

Ineligible - Maria Mejia, Daniel Orozco

**MOTION PASSED** 11 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain, 2 ineligible

**10. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to approve the Arleta NC budget and strategic Plan and Goals for FY 2014-2015**

**MOTION** (by Cyndee Riding, Second by Max Foster) to approve the goals and strategic planning

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Cyndee Riding, Max Foster, Luis Sencion

Raymond Duran. Julian Ramirez, John Hernandez, Sammy Vazquez, Jaime Gallo.

No (none)

Ineligible - Maria Mejia, Daniel Orozco

**MOTION PASSED** 11 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain, 2 ineligible

**MOTION** (by Kelly Magallanes. Second by Max Foster) to approve the draft budget as presented

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Cyndee Riding, Max Foster, Luis Sencion

Raymond Duran. Julian Ramirez, John Hernandez, Sammy Vazquez, Jaime Gallo.

No (none)

Ineligible Maria Mejia, Daniel Orozco

**MOTION PASSED** 11 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain, 2 ineligible

**11. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of May 20, 2014**

**MOTION** (by Kelly Magallanes, second by Luis Sencion ) to approve May 20 minutes as corrected

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Cyndee Riding, Max Foster, Luis Sencion

Raymond Duran. Julian Ramirez, John Hernandez, Sammy Vazquez, Jaime Gallo, Maria Mejia

No (none)

Abstain Daniel Orozco

**MOTION PASSED** 12 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstaining

**12. Discussion and possible board action on the treasurer's report 12b. Monthly reconciliation for the month of May 2014**

After Kelly Magallanes resigned he position she helped Sergio put together the report to submit on time. Purchases that are pending may or may not go through since they were made near the deadline.

**MOTION** (by Max Foster, Second by Luis Sencion) to approve the treasurer's report.

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Cyndee Riding, Max Foster, Luis Sencion

Raymond Duran. Julian Ramirez, John Hernandez, Sammy Vazquez, Jaime Gallo.

No (none)

Ineligible Daniel Orozco, Maria Mejia

**MOTION PASSED** 11 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain, 2 ineligible

**13. Next meeting of the board will be on July 15th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Arleta Assembly of God 9757 Arleta Ave Arleta, CA 91331**

**14. Adjournment**

**MOTION** (by Kelly Magallanes, second by Max Foster) to Adjourn the Meeting

**MOTION PASSED** with all 13 Board Members in favor.

Sergio Ibarra **Adjourned** the Meeting at 9:22 p.m.