

Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
General Meeting of the Board
Tuesday, November 18th, 2014
at Beachy Ave. Elementary School, 9757 Arleta Ave., Arleta

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

Vice President Luis Sencion called the Meeting to order at 6:36pm.
The pledge of Allegiance was lead by Luis Sencion.
Roll call was taken by minute taker Irving Sandoval.

Board Members Present

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| Luis Sencion | John Hernandez | Maria Mejia | Mark Ruelas |
| Kelly Magallanes | James Kallas | Raymond Duran | Jaime Gallo |
| Saul Perez | Julian Ramirez | | |

Board Members Absent

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| Sergio Ibarra | Veronica DeLara | Mark lopez | Fabiola Saucedo | Max Foster |
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10 Board Members were present. A quorum is nine, so the Board could make Motions and take votes. Also attending 30 guests stakeholders and guests.

2. President's Message.

President Sergio Ibarra could not attend the meeting due to a work assignment.

3a. Discussion on the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners "Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy" 3b. ANC Board members signing of the document

Each board member must sign the document by January 1st or they won't be able to serve on the board. Stakeholder Robert Rouge said the board will have to sign the document anyway because D.O.N.E will enforce it. Julian Ramirez expressed concern about how the document does not protect board members. James Kallas suggests board members sign the document and hold off on sending it until D.O.N.E wants them sent.

MOTION (John Hernandez, second by Kelly Magallanes) to adopt the code of conduct policy.

Yes Kelly Magallanes, Luis Sencion, John Hernandez, Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Saul Perez
James Kallas, Maria Mejia,

No Julian Ramirez

Abstain Mark Ruelas

MOTION PASSED 8 in favor, 1 non - favor, 1 abstain

4. General Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda

Al Piantanida - On Veterans Day congressman Tony Cardenas hosted an event to honor veterans. James Kallas and Raymond Duran are veterans and couldn't attend the event. Mr Piantanida presented them with badges recognizing them for their service.

5. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of October 21, 2014.

MOTION (by Kelly Magallanes, second by Maria Mejia) to accept the minutes for October 21

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Yes Kelly Magallanes, John Hernandez, Luis Sencion, Julian Ramirez, Jaime Gallo, Saul Perez
Raymond Duran, James Kallas, Maria Mejia

No none

Abstain Mark Ruelas

MOTION PASSED 9 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstain

5b Discussion and board action on the correction of the minutes for August 19, 2014

As stakeholder Loyce Lacson pointed out the vote count under homeowner representative needs to be reflected.

MOTION (by John Hernandez, second by Kelly Magallanes) to accept the minutes for August 19 with corrections

Yes Kelly Magallanes, James Kallas, John Hernandez, Jaime Gallo, Julian Ramirez, Maria Mejia
Raymond Duran, Luis Sencion

No none

Abstain Mark Ruelas, Saul Perez

MOTION PASSED 8 in favor, 0 non - favor, 2 abstain

6a. Discussion and possible board action on the treasurer's report.

The In-N-Out bill from National Night Out has been paid by D.O.N.E

MOTION (by Raymond Duran, second by Maria Mejia) to approve treasurer's report

Yes Kelly Magallanes, John Hernandez, Julian Ramirez, Saul Perez, James Kallas, Luis Sencion
Jaime Gallo, Raymond Duran, Maria Mejia

No none

Abstain Mark Ruelas

MOTION PASSED 8 in favor, 0 non - favor, 2 abstain

6b. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure (M.E.R) for October 2014 6c.

Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to set a budget for the purchasing of refreshments of an amount not to exceed \$120 for ANC meetings.

Kelly Magallanes pointed out there are a few stakeholders who don't like the amount of money spent on food for meetings. She used to get Little Caesar's but they're against Gays and Lesbians.

Stakeholder Tom Lucero mentioned he doesn't come to the meetings to be fed.

MOTION (John Hernandez, second by Saul Perez) to approve the M.E.R.

Yes Kelly Magallanes, John Hernandez, Luis Sencion, James Kallas, Saul Perez, Jaime Gallo
Raymond Duran, Julian Ramirez

No none

Abstain Mark Ruelas, Maria Mejia

MOTION PASSED 8 in favor, 0 non - favor, 2 abstain

Mark Lopez enters the meeting at 7:05pm. 11 members present.

7. Committee reports from Outreach, Improvement and Budget, and Adhoc Public Safety Committee, Adhoc Bylaws Committee

Community Improvement report from Julian Ramirez, He is proud to say that more new people

attend his meetings. He printed out 50 flyers for the online survey for stakeholders to take. The sidewalks have been neglected for years. It's important stakeholders work together to make change happen.

Community Outreach report from Saul Perez, He is not aware of any projects that outreach had planned. It's too late for the committee to accept recommendations for Christmas. He can begin to take recommendations for early 2015. He has yet to establish a meeting location.

Adhoc Bylaws Committee update from John Hernandez, He is still working on getting a location for the bylaws study session.

Budget Committee report from Kelly Magallanes, The committee will meet and readjust the budget set aside for Halloween Harvest and Veteran's Breakfast since they didn't take place. She noted that committee meetings can't be held on Wednesdays or Weekends.

Fabiola Saucedo enters the meeting at 7:08pm. 12 members present.

8. Report from Public Safety Departments from L.A.P.D Senior Lead Officer Lee Perry or any LAFD representatives. Updates from any other government officials (Congressman Cardenas' Office, State Senator Alex Padilla's Office, Assemblyman Bocanegra's Office, Lorena Bernal, Councilmember Nury Martinez' Office, Representative from Monica Ratliff's Office, Or any other City Departments.

Officer Lee Perry, Crime is down 9% from last year. There have been two shootings, one is gang related. The victims are not cooperating. There is an increase in homelessness but they are waiting for the Armory to open. There is an increase in gang graffiti. Some gangs are cleaning up their own graffiti because they don't want pressure from LAPD. Now that prop 47 passed all misdemeanor criminals will be released on January 1st and it will be a situation. Misdemeanor criminals will not be on parole. With Christmas coming soon beware of people stealing packages from front yards. If you are expecting a package have a neighbor receive it for you or request that the delivery person require a signature to receive the package.

Jenny Rayas, Congressman Tony Cardenas, She mentioned the Veterans Day parade was a success, The affordable care act sign-up period has begun. The congressman will be hosting an Affordable Care Act Workshop on Saturday, November 29 at Lake View Terrace Branch Library 12002 Osborne St, Sylmar, CA 91342 from 10am-2pm. Lastly she announced the office is moving to a new location. 8134 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 206 Panorama City, CA 91402

Lorena Bernal, Councilwoman Nury Martinez, She announced a Covered California Workshop will take place Saturday, November 22 at Branford Park from 10am-2pm. The Healthcare department will be at the event and there will be entertainment for the kids. Walgreens will be giving free flu shots. The council woman is hosting her first Love of Reading Book Drive. Drop off new or gently used books in bins located in her Sun Valley and Van Nuys offices. The books will then be given to the LAPD to help build their LAPD Little Free Libraries.

Lydia Grant, City Commissioner North Valley, There is a proposal to create a grievance panel to handle grievances. The neighborhood council can follow what is in the bylaws until the grievance panel is set up. The code of conduct being pushed by the department essentially means don't discriminate and treat others the way you want to be treated. This helps protect the public and give respect to board members. The department wants an online system to keep track of all the documents submitted by the neighborhood councils. She pointed out that each agenda include the 1 posting location where agendas will be posted 24 hours before the meetings. She also mentioned a policy coming soon that will detail what needs to go on a neighborhood councils

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website. Lastly she spoke on how commissioners hope to help make outreach easier by creating a template for outreach that will give them ideas on things they can do. If you have any questions feel free to email her at LydiaJeanGrant@gmail.com

At 7:22pm Veronica DeLara enters the meeting. 13 members present.

9. Board comments on items not on today's agenda

John Hernandez - He suggests the board look at each members attendance and hold those individuals accountable for not being present.

Jaime Gallo - He thanked and congratulated Julian Ramirez for the work he has done in the community. He noted how Julian is always ready to help.

Raymond Duran - He thanked Julian Ramirez, James Kallas, John Hernandez, Jaime Gallo, Robert Rouge and all those who participated in Arleta High School's Homecoming.

James Kallas - He recognized the two individuals who joined the council in the parade. He said Arleta's principal liked how the truck was decorated. He would like to see someone designated to monitor the Jeopardy program and see if they have purchased what they told the council they would purchase with the money granted to them. Lastly he would like to see item 15 moved up to item 10 so the board can address the complaints.

Julian Ramirez - He thanked Robert Rouge, James Kallas, Jaime Gallo, and Raymond Duran for supporting him as Community Outreach Committee chairman. Without their support he wouldn't be doing the work he is doing.

Kelly Magallanes - She addressed James Kallas' comment by saying the status of the Jeopardy NPG was reflected on last months M.E.R report under NPG and it was reset to zero for the month of November. She will follow up with Jeopardy and check on the status of their project.

10. Discussion and possible board action to create a Grievance Committee

MOTION (by James Kallas, second by Veronica DeLara) to move up Item 15

There are no objections to the motion.

The board asked if any members of the public would volunteer to be in a grievance committee. Stakeholder Tom Lucero was the only volunteer. He previously served in grievance committee and talked about how the committee never met. He is volunteering to help the board move on. Robert Rouge suggested the board send a letter out to those who have filed the grievances and have them, in writing, state whether or not they would like to continue or withdraw their grievance. The item will be agendized again for the December board meeting to find more volunteers.

MOTION (by Kelly Magallanes, second by Maria Mejia) to table the item.

Yes Kelly Magallanes, Luis Sencion, John Hernandez, Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Maria Mejia

Mark Lopez, James Kallas, Julian Ramirez, Veronica DeLara, Fabiola Saucedo

No none

Abstain Mark Ruelas, Saul Perez

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

11. Discussion and possible board action on a recommendation from the Community Improvement Committee's sidewalk survey

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Julian Ramirez mentioned how the sidewalk on his street is fine, but as an elected official he represents everyone in Arleta. He feels the board hasn't done much and suggests the board write a letter and sign it as a board and send it to city council. He would like the stakeholders to visit surveymonkey.com/s/xcpfvzt and take the sidewalk survey. Robert Rouge recommends the board write a letter and suggest the city use existing funding to help repair the sidewalks. The Community Improvement Committee can draft this letter and bring it before the executive committee to be put on the December board meeting agenda.

12. Update on the ANC's participation in the Branford Park Community Health Fair to be held on Saturday, November 22, 2014. Board members are requested to provide their availability to work a shift

All board members elected to participate in the health fair, but only a few will be able to attend. Dianne Hand suggested Veronica DeLara contact Lorena Bernal before people commit to participate because there are already enough participants.

13. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to participate in the Pacoima Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 6, 2014. The cost to participate in the parade is an amount not to exceed \$100.00, the funds will be allocated from Fund 200-10.

At 8:21pm John Hernandez recuses himself

Kelly Magallanes thinks it's important the board participate. James Kallas will volunteer his truck again this year. The parade begins at 9am. The executive committee will create an itinerary.

MOTION (by Jaime Gallo, second by Raymond Duran) to pay \$100 participation fee.

Yes Kelly Magallanes, John Hernandez, Veronica DeLara, Saul Perez, Julian Ramirez

Jaime Gallo, Raymond Duran, Mark Lopez, James Kallas,

No none

Ineligible Mark Ruelas, Maria Mejia, Fabiola Saucedo

MOTION PASSED 9 in favor, 0 non - favor, 3 ineligible

At 8:26 John Hernandez re-enters the meeting.

14. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to purchase ANC board members polo shirts not to exceed \$450.00 The shirts will be used as an outreach tool for events and city meetings.

Raymond Duran noted the uniform will be perfect to wear during events to show unity. The polo shirts will be red. He got a quote and it was reduced because the ANC has used the vendor before.

MOTION (by Kelly Magallanes, second by James Kallas) to purchase shirts not to exceed \$400

Yes Kelly Magallanes, John Hernandez, Luis Sencion, Mark Lopez, Julian Ramirez, Saul Perez

James Kallas, Jaime Gallo, Veronica DeLara, Raymond Duran

No none

Ineligible Maria Mejia, Fabiola Saucedo, Mark Ruelas

MOTION PASSED 10 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain 3 ineligible

15. Motion / Discussion / Vote on a possible board action to support the letter issued by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners regarding City Council File #14-0600-S142 to support the hiring of six staff to assist the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

which will provide support assistance to the City's Neighborhood Councils.

Glen Bailey is a neighborhood council budget advocate and they had their last budget advocate meeting on Saturday. All budget advocates recommend that all neighborhood pass a motion of support.

MOTION (by John Hernandez, second by James Kallas) for the executive committee to write a letter supporting the hiring of six staff to assist D.O.N.E.

Yes Kelly Magallanes, John Hernandez, Luis Sencion, Veronica DeLara, Maria Mejia, Saul Perez

Raymond Duran, Julian Ramirez, Jaime Gallo, Fabiola Saucedo, Mark Lopez, James Kallas
No none

Abstain Mark Ruelas

MOTION PASSED 12 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstain

16. Next meeting of the board will be on December 18th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Beachy Ave. Elementary School.

17. Adjournment

MOTION (by Kelly Magallanes, second by Maria Mejia) to Adjourn the Meeting
MOTION PASSED with all 10 Board Members in favor.

Luis Sencion **Adjourned** the Meeting at 8:43 p.m.