

Minutes of the  
**ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)**  
General Meeting of the Board  
Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
at Beachy Ave. Elementary School, 9757 Arleta Ave., Arleta

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

President Sergio Ibarra called the Meeting to order at 6:48  
Roll call was taken by Minute Taker Irving Sandoval  
The pledge of allegiance was led by Sergio Ibarra

Board members present

Sergio Ibarra	James Kallas	Julian Ramirez	Maria Mejia
Luis Sencion	John Hernandez	Raymond Duran	Marc Ruelas
Kelly Magallanes	Jaime Gallo	Faviola Saucedo	Saul Perez

Board Members Absent

Veronica DeLara	Mark Lopez	Max Foster
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12 board members were present. A quorum is nine, so the board could make motions and take votes. Also attending 25 stakeholders and guests.

**2. Report from L.A.P.D Senior Lead Officer Lee Perry**

*John Hernandez made a motion to up item 4. No Objections.*

Captain Kenabe, Fire Station 7 - With the start of the rain season sandbags are available at local fire stations, but not all stations will have sand. Sand is available at fire stations 24 and 88. He urged the community to stay away from the wash channel. It might not look like there's a lot of water in the wash, but every once in a while a person needs to be rescued. Be cautious with Christmas decorations because they can start fires. The station is still giving away smoke detectors as part of its smoke detector program. The Spark of Love Toy Drive is holding its annual toy drive. Drop off a new and unwrapped toy at any fire station.

Bob Hertzberg, State Senator, 18th District - The newly appointed senator won big in Arleta and he thanked everyone for their support. He was sworn in on December 1st. His office is located at 62150 Van Nuys Blvd 4th floor. He also introduced a few of his staff. There are will be intern opportunities in Sacramento for anyone who is interested.

Julio Anleu, Monica Ratliff's Office - The school board member is working on having a DACA 100 task force event at Arleta High School. On Saturday February 7th the board member will host a volunteer workshop for community members who want to participate in school volunteer services. This runs from 9am-12:30pm at Byrd Middle school. Julio Anleu took some suggestions on workshops the board member can put together. Suggestions included a common core workshop, special education workshop, and technology workshop.

**3. Presentation from Honorable Nury Martinez, City Council Member, District 6**

*Kelly Magallanes made a motion to move up item 9. No Objections*

The councilwoman has now been in office for 16 months. She does not like marijuana dispensaries. The department of finance business has issued Business Tax Registration Certificates to dispensaries that aren't necessarily in compliance with Prop D. A lot of

dispensaries were grandfathered in with the passing of Prop D. A motion had to be made to stop the Department of Finance from issuing the certificates to businesses that aren't Prop D compliant. She introduced a motion to allocate money from within the district and fix the Top 10 most worst sidewalks to be repaired as soon as February. She also allocated money for a traffic signal for Canterbury and Van Nuys Blvd. The street has been the scene of 3 deaths in 3 years. The traffic signal should be installed by early April. Nury Martinez is also making an effort to stop human trafficking. Girls as young as 13 are being forced into prostitution. Most of the girls aren't local. They are brought from the midwestern U.S. We need to go after and arrest the men who solicit them. Sergio Ibarra asked what can be done to partner with her office and bring businesses into Arleta. Nury said she would like to bring back the Arleta Chamber of Commerce. She says investors and developers want to see potential and change the way people perceive the neighborhoods. James Kallas wants street sweeping services to go through Arleta. Nury said Arleta would need to have a business improvement district to add miles to street sweeping services. James Kallas also submitted a request to have red curbs painted. The department of Transportation does not agree with the submitted requests, but Nury is working with them to get this taken care of. Jaime Gallo asked about the removal of overgrown trees that have uprooted the sidewalks. Nury said most of those trees don't fit the climate and shouldn't have been planted to begin with. Saul Perez asked if she would help him and the Outreach committee put together a movie night for the community in April or May. Nury said she would sponsor him and provide the hot dogs, popcorn, chairs, stage and the movie. Julian Ramirez says he doesn't see progress in Arleta so it's important the community and elected officials come together to make change happen. Nury Martinez acknowledges that the ANC and the Arleta Looky Loos brought to their attention the issues of car vendors on the streets of Woodman, Nordhoff, Van Nuys, and Osborne

#### **4. President's Message**

He thanked and board members and all committee chairs for all the hard work they have done. 2015 will be a great year for the council. Outreach is planning a number of projects. The community improvement committee will take the lead on a few projects to be done before the end of the budget year.

#### **5. Member code of conduct**

All board members must sign the code of conduct and submit it online.

#### **6. General Public Comments on Items Not Listed on Today's Agenda**

Dianne Hand- On September 16 a motion was passed submitting a letter to the Los Angeles City attorney's office asking them to investigate allegations made against the ANC. In accordance with the freedom of information act she requests to see a copy of the email to the address shown on the letter.

Loyce Lacson - She asks that anyone who sees an illegally posted sign to take that sign down. She took down 20 signs in a matter of minutes. People that support illegal vendors keep businesses away. If someone gets sick then the city will have to pay because the laws aren't enforced She has a petition to help Panorama City get a crosswalk at Parthenia and Willis.

Lorena Bernal said the best way to remove signs is to submit it to the city using the 311 app.

Glenn Bailey - He is running for a seat on LACCD board of trustees. He was student body president at Pierce college. He is running an active campaign. He thanked those who participated in his petition for nomination. He is asking for your vote on March 3. The city is looking for poll

workers.

### **7. Approval of the minutes for the Meeting of November 18, 2014**

Corrections: Page 4. item 9. Under Julian Ramirez comment. change Outreach to improvement. Page 4. Item 10. He previously served in THE grievance committee. Page 5. Item 13. change December 6 to December 13. Page 6. item 15. All budget advocates recommend that all neighborhood COUNCILS pass a motion of support. Page 6. Item 16. Change December 18 to December 16. Marc Ruelas and Faviola Saucedo's name need to be corrected. Loyce Lacson said the August 19 minutes are posted on the website but haven't been corrected. The corrections should be noted on the minutes so the public knows what corrections need to be made.

**MOTION** (by Luis Sencion, second by Kelly Magallanes) to accept the minutes with Jim Kallas' changes.

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Luis Sencion, John Hernandez, Jaime Gallo, Saul Perez, James Kallas, Raymond Duran, Julian Ramirez, Marc Ruelas, Maria Mejia, Faviola Saucedo

No none

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

### **8. a Discussion and possible board action on the treasurers report. 8b Approval of the monthly expenditure report for November 2014**

Expenses for the month of November include the \$75.00 for the parade and the \$450.00 for the ANC polo shirts.

**MOTION** (Luis Sencion, second by Saul Perez) to accept the treasurers report

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

No none

Ineligible Faviola Saucedo, Maria Mejia, Marc Ruelas

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

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

Community Outreach report from Saul Perez - On December 4 he held his first committee meeting as chairman. They had a presentation from a LAUSD police officer who also requested funds for uniforms for his Crossroad Youth Services program but he could not provide enough information at the time. He has received suggestions for Outreach activities. They include, Movie at the park, an easter event, a job fair, and a 5k Run.

Community Improvement Report from Julian Ramirez - On the status of the Neighborhood Watch Signs he is waiting on the community relations office of the LAPD Mission Division to sign documents. His neighborhood watch group Neighbors In Action are planning to clean the alley on Dorrington on December 27. He doesn't live near the area but he hopes the neighbors can help get involved in cleaning their neighborhood.

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

Marc Ruelas - He was assigned a neighborhood budget representative, but he won't be able to make some of the meetings. He hopes if anyone else can be appointed a representative.

Minutes written by Arleta Neighborhood Council Minute Taker Irving Sandoval, December 2014

Arleta High School Seniors and Juniors can benefit from donations from the ANC.

Sergio Ibarra - He thanked all the board members for the hard work they put in this year. He thanked Raymond Duran for getting the shirts done. He thanked James Kallas for the work he put in on the truck the board used in the holiday parade. He asks that board members update their contact information.

Kelly Magallanes - Captain Kenabe would like to have a meet and greet with board members and their families on January 10 at 9:00am.

Saul Perez - Max Foster has missed a few meetings and he has never met him. He asks that the board take action in the next meeting based on the ANC bylaws

Jaime Gallo - He thanked all the board members. It was uplifting to see the community do a wonderful thing. Had a great time at the Pacoima holiday parade.

John Hernandez - He thanked the board for participating in the parade. He praised James Kallas for his will decorated truck. He has asked the board to agendize the adhoc bylaws committee recommendations. He hopes the item appears on the next board meeting agenda.

Julian Ramirez - He appreciated all those board members who came out to participate in the parade. He saw it as an opportunity for the board to bond. He was glad to see the youth participating in the community. He thanked James Kallas, Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, and Robert Rouge for their support of the community improvement committee.

**11a. Discussion and possible board action on the recommendation to accept the Community Improvement Committee's consensus and recommendations regarding L.A. City Council's future decision on how public sidewalks are to be funded.**

The community improvement committee has discussed how they would like to see the sidewalks fixed and came to the conclusion that they would like to see them fixed using existing city funds. The committee will need to prepare a Community Impact Statement to submit to the L.A. City Council and the Public Safety Committee.

**MOTION** (by Julian Ramirez, Second by Jaime Gallo) The Arleta Neighborhood Council requests that the city of Los Angeles should find a way to repair the public sidewalks with existing revenue, thereby, in a manner not to obligate the residents with additional incurrence of debt.

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Luis Sencion, John Hernandez, Jaime Gallo, Saul Perez, James Kallas, Raymond Duran, Julian Ramirez, Marc Ruelas, Faviola Saucedo, Maria Mejia

No none

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

**11b. Discussion and possible board action to compose and submit a "Board Resolution/Community Impact Statement" to the Public Safety Committee and the L.A. City Council, via the City of L.A. "Counsel File System": containing the Arleta Neighborhood Council's board decisions and recommendations regarding public sidewalk funding.**

**MOTION** (by Sergio Ibarra, second by Kelly Magallanes) to submit the recommendation from the neighborhood council to the Council File System

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Luis Sencion, John Hernandez, Jaime Gallo, Saul Perez, James Kallas, Raymond Duran, Julian Ramirez, Marc Ruelas, Maria Mejia, Faviola Saucedo

No none

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

**12. MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE on a possible board action to select posting locations for Arleta NC meeting agendas per the new Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Posting requirements.**

The executive committee has recommended the agendas be posted at one physical location, the Beachy Elementary auditorium door facing Beachy Avenue. The board would post the agendas on the ANC website, on its facebook page, and the City of LA early notification system. Saul Perez would like to see the bylaws committee address their findings. Sergio Ibarra pointed out that this is only a recommendation. James Kallas introduced a substitute motion to table the item until the bylaws committee can make a presentation and the board continue posting at the 5 physical locations for the benefit of the community. There was no second to the motion. Julian Ramirez said the physical locations keeps people coming to the meetings. Lydia Grant suggests it would make more sense to keep the one posting location in the bylaws. The posting location needs to be 24 hour accessible. Committees can still keep posting at the 5 physical locations. **MOTION** (by Luis Sencion, second by Kelly Magallanes) to accept the the recommendation from the executive committee

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Luis Sencion, Julian Ramirez, Jaime Gallo,

No Raymond Duran, Saul Perez, James Kallas, John Hernandez

**MOTION PASSED** 8 in favor, 4 non - favor, 0 abstain

**13. Discussion and possible action to create a Grievance Committee.**

There were no stakeholders available to submit names. This item is continued.

**14. Next meeting of the ANC board will be January 20, 2015 at 6:30PM at location TBA**

**15. Adjournment**

**MOTION** (by Kelly Magallanes, second by Julian Ramirez) to adjourn the meeting

**MOTION PASSED** with all 12 board members in favor.

Sergio Ibarra Adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm.