

Minutes of the  
**ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)**  
General Meeting of the Board  
Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Beachy Elementary School 9757 Beachy Ave., Arleta

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

President Sergio Ibarra called the Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

The pledge of Allegiance was lead by Officer Lee Perry

Roll call was taken by secretary Veronica DeLara

**Board Members Present:**

Sergio Ibarra	Veronica DeLara	Raymond Duran	Max Foster
Luis Sencion	James Kallas	John Hernandez	Faviola Saucedo
Kelly Magallanes	Julian Ramirez		

**Board Members Absent:**

Maria Mejia   Mark Lopez   Marc Ruelas   Jaime Gallo   Saul Perez

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

*At 6:41 Saul Perez enters the meeting. 11 board members present.*

**2. Presidents Message**

2015 will be a great year for the board. The committees are working on projects and April is the deadline to submit projects. Thanked the secretary for putting together the attendance report. Apologized to Max Foster for not informing him of the number of meetings he missed. A board member that misses 4 board meetings is subject to removal from the board. He went over e-mail etiquette and discussed best workplace practices among board members.

*At 6:43 Maria Mejia enters the meeting. 12 board members present.*

**3. Review of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners “Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy”**

All board members have signed the code of conduct policy.

**4. 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, Assemblyman Bocanegra’s Office, Lorena Bernal, Councilmember Nury Martinez’ Office, Representative’s from Monica Radcliff’s Office, or any other City Departments**

Officer Lee Perry - He has been promoted to sergeant and as of Sunday morning he will be part of the Van Nuys division. Officer Kevin Cortez will replace him. There is a lot of crime in the area around Beachy Elementary. Home burglaries are the most common crime. Last Thursday a police officer was hit by a car so a lot more officers were deployed to devonshire division. Arleta was impacted by a lack of police presence. There were 4 crimes that day in Arleta. People are still going door to door soliciting at night time claiming to be part of a school fundraiser. In quality of life there is an increase of transients in Mission Division. Resources are sent to them,

but are usually denied by transients. Sergio Ibarra asked how the ANC can partner with CPAB members or neighborhood watch to stop illegal vendors. Officer Perry said vendors are advised of the rules and give one warning. A person is allowed to have 5 yard sales a year.

Lorena Bernal - Councilwoman Nury Martinez, In the last meeting Nury Martinez talked about the 30 marijuana dispensaries in Arleta. Lorena corrected that number up and said there were actually 5 dispensaries and two with cases pending against them. The Bureau of Sanitation environmental division reached out to the councilwoman about a tree planting project. The tree they will be planting is the ornamental pear tree. The Northeast Graffiti Busters will be in charge of watering the trees. \$12,000 will be paid over the next 44 weeks after the trees are planted. Lorena also spoke on the increase in homelessness. The encampment on Osborne and Wingo has been cleaned and a camera has been installed on a light pole to monitor the area. There are plans to beautify that area. Over the weekend someone had dumped a lot of oil. In regards to the cars for sale ordinance the law will be enforced once the Department of Transportation puts the signs are put up. Violators will have the vehicle towed without warning. James Kallas asked Lorena if the councilwoman has talked to the bureau of street services about putting a street sweeper on the Arleta business district. Lorena said Nury did talk with the bureau and is determining how much funding will be needed. James Kallas said the city should never again attempt to plant deciduous trees in the business district because they drop a bunch of leaves. Part of the problem is that storm drains get clogged and they end up on the river. There is already a lot of money being spent on river restoration.

Melvin Cañas - D.O.N.E Board and committee agendas should have the exact same legal disclaimer and posting information. Regarding the executive committee agendas they must be labeled as joint meetings of the ANC board. The deadline to submit the code of conduct has been extended to April 3.

Amanda Mejia - Mayor Garcetti's office, The mayor is launching a youth council at the end of February beginning of March. She is reaching out to high schools and nonprofits to get youths into the council. If you have any questions e-mail her at amanda.mejia@lacity.org

Bill Ulmer - field deputy Assemblywoman Patty Lopez, The local office is located at 9300 Laurel Canyon Blvd. John Hernandez asked what the assembly woman's position was on high speed rail. Bill said assemblywoman has not determined her position on high speed rail. Sergio Ibarra said he would like to see the office look into a solution to keep on and off ramps permanently clean.

*At 7:04 Mark Lopez enters the meeting. 13 board members present.*

#### **5. General public comments on items not listed on today's agenda.**

Guy Newell - There is an opportunity for a new project for the arts in Woodland Hills. Macy's is leaving Woodland Hills leaving a big vacant building. The San Fernando Valley Art Council needs support from the ANC and all other neighborhood councils. The building could be used for an art museum because the valley needs a museum.

Cindy Montañez - She is running for LA City council against Nury Martinez. She invited everyone to her meeting at the corner of Rangoon and Canterbury and address what needs to be done to improve the community. A debate between the two candidates will be held on February

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at Van Nuys City Hall.

#### **6. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of December 16, 2014**

Minutes written by Arleta Neighborhood Council Minute Taker Irving Sandoval, January 2015.

Loyce Lacson - Only correction was the address of Bob Hertzberg's office reflected on the minutes. It should be changed from 62150 Van Nuys Blvd to 6150 Van Nuys Blvd  
**MOTION** (by Luis Sencion, second by Veronica DeLara) to accept minutes with corrections  
Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Luis Sencion, Raymond Duran, Max Foster, John Hernandez, Mark Lopez, Saul Perez, Maria Mejia, Faviola Saucedo.  
Julian Ramirez

No none

Abstain James Kallas

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

### **7. Discussion and possible board action on treasurer's report. 7b. Monthly expenditure report for december 2014**

The neighborhood councils current available balance is \$25,041.89. There are outstanding invoices from the minute taker dating back to May 2014 fiscal year resulting in an issue with billing. It has affected this fiscal year and the projects the board is putting together. The outstanding amount is near \$1,000. She thinks it's unacceptable that the board is receiving late bills. She asks that the minute taker e-mail her the time sheets.

**MOTION** (by Saul Perez, second by James Kallas) to accept the monthly expenditure report for December 2014

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Luis Sencion, Raymond Duran, Max Foster, James Kallas, John Hernandez, Mark Lopez, Saul Perez, Julian Ramirez

No none

Ineligible Maria Mejia, Faviola Saucedo

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

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

Community Outreach report from Saul Perez - Paige Barnes at Branford park is on board with movie at the park. Paige proposed a tentative date for May 22. He has also talked to Paige about an easter event to take place on April 4 or 5. The next committee meeting will be next week with a location to be determined.

Community Improvement report from Julian Ramirez - The application for neighborhood watch signs has been approved by the LAPD and is being reviewed by the street lighting bureau. After they approve it will be sent to the Department of Transportation for final review. He spent 3 days going around Arleta taking pictures of the worst sidewalks in Arleta and found 20 of them. He provided a folder of the pictures to Nury Martinez and she informed him that only 5 to 7 sidewalks will be fixed this year. He hopes the community can make a push to help make Arleta safe.

Budget report from Kelly Magallanes - She met with Jeff Brill at the ANC storage location which will also be the meeting site for the committees. No meeting of the budget committee date yet, but one will be held soon. The Arleta Gateway Project sign has been paid in full. Tajo landscape is in charge of groundbreaking. The project was supposed to have been completed this past December and it hasn't even started. The contract will need to be amended. Tajo is in charge of everything. The department of neighborhood empowerment has no responsibility. The ANC needs to follow up with Tajo and decide if it wants to continue with them or release them.

Adhoc bylaws report from John Hernandez - He has asked the board five times to agendize the study session. Sergio Ibarra said he has contacted Pastor Bardo and has agreed on a tentative

meeting date of February 7 or February 14. A notice will be sent out to board members. The item wasn't agendaized because the board had already approved to have a meeting.

**9. Presentation from the Valley Industry & Commerce Association (V.I.C.A) on the East San Fernando Valley Light Rail project - Doug C. Arseneault**

*This item was continued.*

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

James Kallas - If the president has had the tajo contract since september why hasn't he brought it to the board so they could know what's in the contract. The board needs to know what's in the contract and be provided with more information.

Luis Sencion - He is a part of an organization called College Summit that encourages young people to attend college. They will be holding a fundraiser on February 7 from 9am to 1pm at 13431 Branford Street from 9am to 1pm. They will sell baked goods and sodas.

Saul Perez - If the rules are enforced for one they need to be enforced for all. When one does not follow then all should not follow. The president should know the rules and sets the bar.

John Hernandez - In regards to the Jeopardy program, Fernando Avila was not able to attend the meeting to talk to the board but will come for next month's meeting. If the minute taker can't submit the time cards in a timely manner then it's time to look for another minute taker. He hopes the public attends the high speed rail meetings to voice their concerns. The city of Pacoima is working on developing a CERT program and Arleta should partner with them. Lastly, he thinks that a committee should be created to monitor the construction of the Arleta Gateway sign.

Max Foster - He agrees with the idea to create a committee to oversee the development of the Arleta Gateway sign. He agreed with Saul Perez's comments about the president needing to follow the rules and parliamentary procedure.

Julian Ramirez - If the board loses its spirit of unity then it won't be able to accomplish anything. It seems as if members only attend to fight each other. He reminded all that they are not perfect like the politicians who get paid to represent the community.

**11a. Discussion and possible board action on the creation of a planning Adhoc committee for the project known as the "Pacoima Spreading Grounds Improvement Project. 11b. Discussion and possible board action to appoint a chair for the Planning Adhoc Committee and its members**

Mark Lopez proposed to collaborate with Mission Hills neighborhood council and have a unified approach. Kelly Magallanes and Max Foster agree with the idea to collaborate. Mark Lopez will attend the Mission Hills adhoc committee meeting on February 10 regarding their position on the Pacoima spreading grounds project. Luis Sencion made an initial motion to table items 11a and 11b. It was seconded by James Kallas. Max Foster introduced an amendment to have Mark Lopez report back to the board in February. Luis Sencion accepted the amended motion.

**MOTION** (by Luis Sencion, second by Kelly Magallanes) to table items 11a and 11b and to have Mark Lopez report back to the board in February

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Luis Sencion, Raymond Duran, Max Foster, James Kallas, John Hernandez, Mark Lopez, Saul Perez, Maria Mejia, Faviola Saucedo. Julian Ramirez

No none

**MOTION PASSED** 13 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

**12. Discussion and possible board action to designate Board Executive Officers/Board Members and authorize them to sign and post Community Impact Statements on behalf of the Arleta Neighborhood Council.**

Kelly Magallanes had become official board poster for the ANC. Max Foster nominated Veronica DeLara but she declined. John Hernandez nominated Julian Ramirez. Luis Sencion nominated himself.

**MOTION** (by Max Foster, second by Saul Perez) to authorize Julian Ramirez, Kelly Magallanes, and Luis Sencion to post community impact statements with board approval  
Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Luis Sencion, Raymond Duran, Max Foster, James Kallas, John Hernandez, Mark Lopez, Saul Perez, Maria Mejia, Faviola Saucedo. Julian Ramirez

**MOTION PASSED** 13 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

**13a. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to create and Office Space Adhoc Committee to research and report back the ANC on possible office space. 13b. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to appoint a chair for the Office Space Adhoc Committee and its members.**

D.O.N.E has approved the councils current storage unit for use as a meeting location. Julian proposed the board look into an office space. He would be embarrassed asking stakeholders to meet at a storage space. John Hernandez went into detail about how he and James Kallas looked for the best option for the board. The board has all the office essentials at a third of the cost. Kelly Magallanes noted that it was important to keep the budget in mind and should spend money on the community and not 50% of it on rent. Saul Perez thinks the storage space is a good backup because it has 24 hour access. He hopes the committees can still meet at Kids Corner. Max Foster said if the board finds something more suitable for their needs then they can look into it. James Kallas said the board had looked for a meeting space but most were out of the boards budget. The storage locker is big enough to hold 22 people. Stakeholder Guy Newell said the board could use the soon to be vacant fire station 7, but the city is already planning to use the building to hold CERT classes. Ultimately the board decided to send item 13a and 13b back to community improvement committee

**14. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to purchase an informational bulletin board for Arleta NC notices to be installed at Beachy Elementary School in an amount not to exceed \$900.00 The outside bulletin board will be used to announce Arleta NC meetings, and events**

The bulletin board would be ANC property. The bulletin board was agendized and approved by the board, but D.O.N.E didn't like that the board would be shared with Beachy elementary. The bulletin board is for the sole use of the council unless beachy has outreach materials. If the bulletin board is damaged or vandalized it would be the responsibility of the board to fix.

**MOTION** (by Max Foster, second by Veronica DeLara) to table the item until the board receives a more current estimate

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Luis Sencion, Raymond Duran, Max Foster, James Kallas, John Hernandez, Mark Lopez, Saul Perez, Maria Mejia, Faviola Saucedo. Julian Ramirez

**MOTION PASSED** 13 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

**15. Discussion and possible action to create a grievance committee**

No stakeholders volunteered to submit names. item is continued.

**16. Next meeting of the ANC board will be on February 17, 2015, at location TBA**

**17. Adjournment**

**MOTION** (by Maria Mejia, second by Max Foster) to adjourn the meeting

**MOTION PASSED** with all 13 board members in favor.

Sergio Ibarra **adjourned** the meeting at 9:01pm

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