



Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 28, 2015
at 9757 Arleta Avenue Arleta, CA 91331

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I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order at 6:35pm by Hernandez.

Roll Call was taken by Mr. Lopez. Nine board members present, John Hernandez, Mark Lopez, Kelly Magallanes, Sergio Ibarra, Julian Ramirez, Veronica De Lara, Jaime Gallo, Raymond Duran and Guy Newell. One board member absent, Saul Perez. The ANC has a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Officer Mc Donald.

II. President's Message

Nice to see other members for other neighborhood councils at our meeting. Hernandez thanked Vanessa the President and Juan treasurer of Pacoima Neighborhood Council for being here. He wants to start seeing neighborhood councils to start working closely. He participated with Jim Kallas this week at the Panorama City Neighborhood and talked about finding ways to work together. His legacy as a president to being working closely with other NC. The Welcome to Arleta. Gateway sign is moving forward and is currently under the fourth revision along segura associates. There are open seats on the ANC board and he hopes to fill in those seats. We have a couple applicants tonight for the Neighborhood Council. We have National Night Out on August 4, his expectations that everyone attends and he hopes that stakeholders participate as well. Hernandez Welcome everyone this evening.

III. Comments/ Announcements from Government Officials

a. Congressman Tony Cardenas- Jenny from Cardenas's office updates, Domestic Violence event to help learn about Federal resources on August 13 from 6p-

8:30p at Sepulveda United Methodist Church 15435 Rayen st, North Hills. Government Day at Panorama Mall on August 15, 2015 from 10-2pm with Nazarian and Cardenas. Job fair Pacoima Charter School, 11016 Norris Ave, Pacoima on September 26 from 9am-1pm.

b. Councilmember Nury Martinez- Elizabeth Jimenez from Martinez's office updates, the traffic signal on Van Nuys and canterburry is now running, the funding for the party car has gone through and it has been active as of July 4th weekend. Movie events in CD 6, lake balboa, van nuys, sun valley. It is a free event and they give out popcorn and hot dogs. If Arleta is interested in another movie night to let CD6 office know. Jim asked when they are going to active the sign light on montague and woodman ave? Elizabeth will follow up and report back. Guy, on the weekend they are selling car on Beachy and Van Nuys.

c. Assembly woman Patty Lopez- Bill from Lopez's office updates, the office has been very busy. The office has a lot of volunteer and interns and added new people. They are having a series of 4 forums, next forum is in September. Started a weekly forums/ task forces regarding labor union, immigration, high speed rail, mobile homes, seniors, health, education, government agencies and legislative forum. They had a couple legislative forums and how the process works. They had a good turnout. They are having Senior scams event September 23 the location hasn't been determine, probably in north Hollywood. The assembly members are in break right now and assemblywoman is trying to visit as many places as possible until she has to go back to sacramento. Assemblywoman has 12 bills and 6 have been moved to the senate and 2 is really close to passing and will be reintroduce again and 1 bill died.

IV. Report from LAPD Senior Lead Officer and/ or L.A.F.D Representatives

Officer James Mc Donald- I feel like I am home every time I come to Arleta. The crime in Arleta has improved and we are down in violent crime by over 27% and overall in part I crime violent/ property crime 28% over last year and to today's date. He thanked the Arleta Neighborhood Council and Neighborhood Watch groups for doing a good job. Mc Donald stated that the work of LAPD cannot be done without the feedback from the community. Last week crime increased a bit, but we are working hard to address it. There's more information in the back for everyone. Raymond- Fireworks, they are still going on? Officer, they try to respond as fasted they can. On July 4th every officer is working/ on duty unless they were sick. In addition, it is really hard to prove who is lighting up the fireworks because most of the time they light them on the streets and run. Fireworks are still being light up even after July 4th. Guy, Fireworks start from Arleta High school and keeps going like a circle. Guy, how about putting cameras in the streets. Gallo, welcome officer it is not only about the fireworks, but also the stress that you get thinking that your house will light up on fire and the concern of the animals. A second dog that has disappeared. Officer, yes I agree and I am also concern about the water drought and things lighting up on fire as well.

Vanessa President Pacoima Neighborhood Council- Thank you for having me here and I am happy to start working together, so we can be unified. We plan to work on neighborhood watch groups to strengthen those relationships.

Saul perez arrive 6:49pm

V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Juan salas- Community organizer for the Los angeles neighborhood land trust is a nonprofit organization that focuses on creating green and recreational spaces in under severed areas. They get the community involve and get their input before creating/ designing a park. They have monthly meeting where also work on campaigns and recently they have identified a location on van nuys blvd by Arleta High and conducted a survey and 75 % said yes to have a park on that empty lot. He will be attending the community improvement committee.

John Hernandez- State farm agent is having a Blood drive with the support of elected officials at Pacoima City Hall on August 9 from 9-3pm. All blood will go to Children's Hospital Los angeles and for every pint of blood can help 5 children. I have a coordinator Robert Camacho that can provide information and placement. Our goal is to collect 100 and last year it was 75.

Board Business

VI. Motion/ Discussion/ Vote on ANC Minutes

a. June 16, 2015- motion mark/ second motion Kelly to accept the board minutes. Discussion on the motion. Vote: 10 yes- all present board members. 0 No's, 0 abstentions.

b. June 25, 2015-motion mark/ second motion john to accept the minutes. Discussion on the motion- Sergio under board members present. Never mind, I got it. John – guy's name is spelled incorrect (gut) and a correction that Guy Newell is submitting his letter of resignation on the next schedule board meeting. Guy: he will turn in his letter of resignation after the board meeting. Vote: 10 yes- all present board members 0 no's and 0 abstentions.

VII. Motion/ Discussion/Vote on the Monthly Treasurers Report, including the Monthly expenditure Report (M.E.R)

Treasure, Kelly Magallanes- We had a lot of expenditures this month- we had 2 pages of expenditures. The ended the balance in June 2015 at \$ 82.82. As long as the checks were cut before then they will go through depending when the vendor cashes it. In addition, it took about three weeks for them to issue this year's money, so we had a lot of late bills. National night out, storage and bills have been paid for. We received the 37,000 dollars on July 20th. John: When the city of los angeles come back in session, they will discuss how we can use the extra \$5000

and if there's and restrictions or what will happen to the rollover if any. Kelly: they are going to close the Arleta account and re-open a different account. Raymond: If we can purchase the drill bits since they were approved, maybe you were missing the drill bits page. Kelly: since our account was refurbished, but yes we will. Everything was paid for and the Board did a great job in turning everything in, thank you. Hopefully this year we can spread the expenses out a little more. Jim Kallas: on page 1 for an amount of \$1600 item #7, what was the spending made for ?.

Kelly: the tools for the clean-up event. The purchase was decline, so John Hernandez paid out of pocket. They gave me a code, but the city card was decline. They city would reimburse the person who purchase the items. Jim: Is the city now reimbursing people, is that allowed? Kelly: if we get a clearance for the city and they give you a code/ approval then yes.

Motion John, second motion Mark to accept the monthly expenditure report (M.E.R). Vote: 10 yes- all present board members, 0 no's, 0 abstentions

VII. Committee Reports

a. Executive committee: John is working with other board members on the Arleta gateway sign. I wanted the ground breaking by the end of July, but it is my goal to have a ground breaking at the end of August. I hope all board members are represent with their red shirts next week at National Night out event. I want to thank the outreach committee that has done a great job in preparing. We have a lot of good give aways for August 4.

b. Outreach Committee: Mark Lopez yesterday we had our last outreach planning meeting. I want to thank Dianne, Loyce, Elizabeth (CD 6) for being at our meeting and helping us out with National Night Out on August 4 at 5pm at Branford Park. Please invited your neighbors, friends and family. It is important event because it focuses in public safety and we are going to have our Council woman, Nury Martinez (CD 6), LaUSD board member Monica Ratliff speak. Asking the board to help with set-up time. Please be there at 2pm at Brandford park. We are looking for stakeholders and volunteering to help out with the booths. Like john mention please wear your red shirts and be there. We are going to have raspados, tacos, magician, watermelon eating contest, give aways and music. We are expecting about 500 people it should be a fun event. Veronica: we are also looking for volunteers/ stakeholders, so if you want to help, please let just know. Mark: there are flyers in the back, so you can share. John: please give family and friends flyers as well. John: Dianne has been coordinated with LAPD, L.A.F.D and was able to get us two Walmart gift cards for \$50. In addition, we will be having other gift cards from mikey's café, raspados, state farm, starbucks and more. Stake holder: How do you plan to outreach for this event? Mark: we also had help from CD6 to help us in printing 500 flyers and help us pass them out. Also provided neighborhood watch groups with flyers. Veronica: Martinez office (CD6) has a database that they use to inform people about upcoming events. There are flyers in the back and they were e-mailed. Mark and John: there's a banner that has been put up as well.

Sergio: are going to spend the \$5000 that we allocated for the project? John: last time I checked we had spent about \$4300/ \$4400 and we plan to purchase name badges for all the neighborhood watch groups and us. In addition, we just purchase Lysol wet sheets for the children to clean themselves after the watermelon eating contest. Sergio: are we going to have info cards for outreach purposes? John: yes we are using the same template as last year FY13-14/ sign in sheets.

c. Community Improvement Committee: Julian Ramirez- After 7 months we have the approval of the department of transportation and signed paperwork. There will be 22 replace signs and 8 replace new poles and all. Some of them might not be able to put up because they are on wood poles and they can't do that. John: Mark and I found 30 signs in the storage. Maybe we can use them. Julian: they wanted a18x24 size and I am not sure that those 30 signs are that size, they look smaller. Last year, Beautiful streets services sent a form to fix pot holes/ sidewalks. I sent them 15 places to fix, but I am not sure if they have fixed them. They have patch pot holes/ sidewalks, but what we really need is to take the tree out and fix the side walk the right way. I am not going spend my energy on this, but if you guys have any places then please let me know so I can let them know. John: received an e-mail regarding the 15 places for nominations for bad sidewalks for asphalt and they are looking for our nominations by August 8. Guy: what about Wooddale st.? Julian: I went there and I didn't see anything and remember I gave Martinez pictures of 20 worst sidewalks. Guy: you didn't see anything, kids are always passing through there. Julian: It is in that picture packet already, Trust me I spent 3 days, 3 mornings, 3 hours a day going out and taking pictures of the worst sidewalks and Martinez has the packet.

d. Budget Committee: Kelly Magallanes-We are still looking at \$37000 until we hear about the other \$5000. We are going to be told how to use the additional money. When that happens we will have another meeting and a new budget. They are approved the \$5000, but there will be restrictions. I will have budget meeting when that happens.

IX. Motion/Discussion/Vote

- a. Budget-1 board member and/or up 2 stakeholder (5members total)
John: Is anyone interested in the audience? See none.

- b. Outreach= 1 board members and/ or up to 3 stakeholder (5members)
John: Is anyone interested in the audience? See none.

X. Motion/ Discussion/Vote on possible board action to fill vacancies on the Arleta NC.

- a. Homeowner 1 seat
John: Is anyone interested in the audience? See none.
- b. Business owner 1 seat

John: Is anyone interested in the audience? See none.

c. At Large 2 seats

John: Is anyone interested in the audience? See none.

d. Senior 2 seats

Marsha and James tosterin that would like to join. John, we only have one seat available due to miscommunication. We plan to have the other position available next meeting.

Marsha tosterin will run for the position. I am retired and has available time. I was born and raised in Arleta. She has attended valley junior and polly high school. She was living in florida for 2 years raising a grandson. We just moved back. I have a son that is visiting for the summer.

Motion John and second motion Kelly to have Marsha fill in the position for senior. 10 yes 0 No's 0 abstentions.

Welcome aboard Marsha Tosterin

XI. Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible board action to approve additional fees not to exceed \$1700 for plan revisions & site alternations per public works. Per Stephen Box @ Empower LA funds are not to be delivered until approved by empower la and anc.

John because of the revision of the Arleta sign, I have been asked to have another revision. I was asked to agenized this item. I received a e-mail stating why the sign needs another revision on an amount of \$1700. Mr. Box's goal that Arleta NC does not spend additional money. Mr. Box wants us to have plan B by agenized the item today. Sergio stated that they can present that on the next meeting.

Kelly: The Arleta NC has spent about close to 20,000 on the sign. Tony Cardenas paid \$7000. Segura associates sent it to Jorge and it has been sent back and forth. Now that theirs pressure coming from Mr. Box and Grace and our President it looks like now it might get done. In addition, now with the water drought it is making it harder with what type of plants/flowers can be placed. Kelly: DONE has not drawn the new contract. JIM: we are asking the board to vote on something that has not yet been amended. John: the goal is to not give any more money to them. It is hard with construction because things always come up. I don't know what's under the soil, like gas pipes. I want to make sure that we finish this project.

Motion Mark and Second Motion Kelly to approve the additional fees not to exceed 1700 to serve as contingency pending the rejection of segura associates and northeast graffiti busters for plan revisions and site alterations for public corps.

Vote: 9 yes, 0 no's and 1abstention (Saul Perez)

XII. Motion/ Discussion/Vote on possible board action to collaborate with LAPD Mission Division Community Police Council on their 11th annual officer appreciation day held at Mission division on October 14, 2015 in the amount not

to exceed \$500 to purchase refreshments.

Motion Kelly and second motion Guy to collaborate with officer appreciation day not to exceed 500 for purchase refreshments on October 12, 2015.

Kelly this is co-sponsor event with LAPD for not perishable items. Kelly has received all the documents needed for this request.

Diane: they have and can have cadets help us in future ANC events.

Joyce: since we haven't been good in the past, it would be good if we go head and move with this item forward.

Vote: 9 yes 1 No's Sergio Ibarra

XIII. Motion/ Discussion/Vote on possible board action to rescind a board action from July 20, 2010 to adopt an orphan area adjacent to Arleta, as follows: East of Laurel canyon blvd up to Rincon street and south of branford street up to the Tujunga.

Motion john and second Julian.

Discussion

John: I had an opportunity to receive an e-mail in regards to this Orphan area. Back in 2010 this council was approach along with the Pacoima Neighborhood Council. The president at the time was Jim kallas along with Saul perez. They both accepted the responsibility to survey this area and ask residents what city they felt they belong to. Individuals stated that they felt that they belong to Arleta. Then after ANC agenized this item and the board went ahead and accepted this orphan area. Let's fast forward 5 years now and we accepted to adopt this orphan area because Empower LA dropped the ball and it was placed on our bylaws. The Empower LA is trying to figure out who this area belongs to. They had a meeting recently and they tabled this item. They are trying to decide who this area really belongs to.

Jim: We never attempted to adopt the area. We were only willing to take the area if Pacoima or Sun valley decline to take the area. We were only trying to cooperate with the commission who sent us and the two other councils a letter. We confirm with Pacoima and Sun valley and they refuse to attend a meeting that was schedule with Emelia Herrera in 2010. We put this item in front of the board and we only took the action that we thought we could take. We examine the idea and decide if we can take the idea, but it was not our attempt to take it. We were not ask to examine other areas beside this orphan. Arleta NC was the only council to respond to the commission at the time.

Saul: back in 2010, it was never the board's wish to adopt that area, it was the directed by commission to do it. We believed that they were out of our boundaries and still is. We went ahead and survey the residents from that area and the majority response was Arleta. About 95 percent of the people said Arleta. We never wanted that area to begin with.

John: My goal is to give this area back to the department and let them figure it out. It was understanding that they gave all three councils the opportunity to take this area

and this was the only council to respond.

Robert: it was not the president or the board's fault, but the department's.

Jim: The board has the opportunity to resend.

XIV. Motion/Discussion/ Vote on possible board action to rescind a board action from April 21, 2015 to change our East boundaries in our bylaws: Interstate 5 to Branford st; Northeast on Branford st to the boundary line between tract 61191-C ad tract 43440-C; Southeast on tract boundary line to the Branford street Channel; south to the Branford street channel to laurel canyon blvd; then southeast on laurel canyon bvd to the Tujunga wash.

Motion John and second motion Saul Perez.

Discussion

John: To resent the board action in 2015 to the department. If the board decides to keep the Orphan area then the board would be required to resurvey the area again/ repeat the process. These new tract numbers have been provided to me by Melvin from Empowerment LA.

Jim: the bylaws should say that they effective immediate on 18 of May and not processed date. Veronica will check in will Melvin regarding the date on the bylaws.

Vote: Yes 11 (all present board members)

XV. Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible board resolution stating that the Arleta Neighborhood Council is no longer interested in the Orphan Area as there is concern that the area is a part of the Sun Valley NC. The ANC accepted the area in JUL 2010 and the BONC as well as Empower LA never acted on our request.

Motion John and second by Saul Perez.

Discussion

Saul: We will not accept any Orphan areas in the future and waste another 5 years.

Mark: We should leave it to board of D.O.N.E and not have the Neighborhood Councils to decide. If it belongs to Sun valley the it belongs to them.

Board members have suggested not to consider to accept any Orphan areas in the future.

Robert: 128 home areas survey and those numbers are pretty accurate.

Vote: Yes 11 (all board members present)

XVI. Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible board action a request a join meeting with the Panorama City Neighborhood Council to have a great working relationships as well as partnership.

Motion John and second motion Veronica.

Discussion

John: Let's not limit ourselves to only a few neighborhood councils, but more. We need to work together and not draw lines. When Jim Kallas was President, there were Clean Ups in both slides of woodman. It is important not to divide ourselves.

Saul: It would have been nice if instead of the harsh e-mails that they would have done a phone call. It was just a misunderstanding to begin with.

John: I thank the board for not engaging in those emails. Thank you.

Sergio: It's about close relationships and going to each others events. Having joint events with other NC's would be nice.

Robert: It is important that no other councils does not try to be so defensive ad work together instead.

XVII. Motion/Discussion/Vote o appointment for city of LA Budget Representative for 2015-2016 (Board member or stakeholder).

No motion. John it would be a great opportunity to get involve.

XVII. Board members comments

Mark: Please show up for National Night Out August 4, 2015.

Veronica: the same as Mark's comment. Guy: I wont be there because I do not eat meat.

Raymond: I have a question regarding the State farm logo on the National Night Out.

John: I am have been a sponsor/ donate items and have done in the past. I have also run through the city attorneys.

Raymond: I have also see advertise state farm on FB.

John: It was probably a mistake because I have an intern working for me, but I will make sure it is taken off and no longer on there.

Jaime: I also said a posting of State Farm on my FB, but I do not see it anymore.

Saul: John are you going to be a sponsor to the event?

John: Yes I am donating a gift basket.

Saul: I have been on the board since 2010 and John has always been a sponsor to events. The work that John does is greatly appreciate it, Thank you.

Kelly is going on vacation, so please make sure all questions and items are turn in before.

XIX. Adjournment and next meeting

9:45pm at Beachy Elementary school on August 17, 2015.

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