



Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 23, 2015

at First Assembly of God Church, 9757 Arleta Ave., Arleta, CA 91331

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

President John Hernandez introduced himself and called the Meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Lopez. Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Nine of the 10 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Veronica DeLara, Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, John Hernandez, Sergio Ibarra, Mark Lopez, Kelly Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez. One Board Member was absent: Gissell Cordero. Mr. Hernandez later announced that Saul Perez resigned. The ANC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is nine (see <http://www.ArletaNC.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/ANC-Bylaws-Amendments-012614SD.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. Ten of the 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Seven Board Seats (At Large (2), Business, Faith-Based Organizations, Home/Condo Owner, Seniors and Youth) were vacant. [In below Item #11. C. two new At Large Board Members were appointed.] [To apply, see www.ArletaNC.org.] Also attending: seven Stakeholders and Guests.

II. President's Message

Mr. Hernandez reminded to “be professional and be polite . . . and be respectful to one another.”

III. Comments/Announcements from Government Officials, including

a. Congressman Tony Cardenas

No representative was present and there was no report at this time.

- b. State Senator Bob Hertzberg
No representative was present and there was no report at this time.
- c. Assemblywoman Patty Lopez
No representative was present and there was no report at this time.
- d. Councilmember Nury Martinez
No representative was present and there was no report at this time.
- e. L.A.U.S.D. Board Member Monica Ratliff
No representative was present and there was no report at this time.
- f. Other Government Agencies
No representative was present and there was no report at this time.

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

An Officer was present and available to answer questions.

V. General Public Comments on Items Not Listed on Agenda.

Stakeholder Loyce Lacson commented about a DWP wage freeze. Stakeholder Olivia Chavez commented about speeding on Parthenia Ave. from 6:30-7:45 a.m. Stakeholder Robert Rouge commented about graffiti at Osborne and Canterbury.

VI. Presentation – None

Board Business:

VII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on ANC Board Minutes

- a. September 15, 2015

MOTION (by Ms. Magallanes, seconded by Mr. Duran): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its September 15, 2015 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- b. October 20, 2015

MOTION (by Bryan Ramirez, seconded by Ms. Magallanes): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its October 20, 2015 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

Ms. Magallanes reviewed recent expenditures.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. DeLara, seconded by Mr. Duran): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves its October 2015 Monthly Expenditure Report.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained. Bryan Ramirez was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

Ms. Magallanes reported that the \$5,000 in additional funds promised to the ANC “has not come in yet.”

IX. Committee Reports

a. Executive

Mr. Hernandez reported that he “continues to meet” with Jorge Pesado of Graffiti Busters about the gateway sign; the Revocable Permit “looks like we’ll get it any day now . . . Jorge is ready to break ground.”

b. Outreach

Mr. Lopez reported that “the Halloween event was a great success . . . we had over 300 . . . people. It was great working with Branford Park.” He reminded about the Pacoima Holiday Parade December 12th at 9:00 a.m.

c. Community Improvement Committee

Julian Ramirez reported that he communicated with Armand Martirosa about projects.

d. Budget

See above Item #VIII.

X. Motion/Discussion/Vote on appointments to the following Committees

a. Budget- 0 Board Member and/or up to 1 Stakeholder (5 Members total)

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #XVII.]

Board Members Sergio Ibarra and Julian Ramirez returned to the room and Jaime Gallo left the room around this time, making ten Board Members present (the ANC quorum is nine).

Ms. Lacson volunteered to be a Budget Committee Member. Mr. Hernandez reminded that Ms. Lacson “was the Treasurer for many years.”

MOTION (by Ms. Magallanes, seconded by Mr. Barron): The Arleta Neighborhood Council appoints Stakeholder Loyce Lacson as an ANC Budget Committee Member.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no opposition.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Barron, Chavez, DeLara, Duran, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

b. Outreach- 2 Board Members and/or up to 3 Stakeholders (5 Members total)

Mr. Lopez explained the Committee’s purpose. The current Committee Members are Mr. Rouge, Ms. DeLara, Mr. Lopez, Bryan Ramirez.

Board Member Jaime Gallo returned to the room around this time, making eleven Board Members present (the ANC quorum is nine).

MOTION (by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Ms. DeLara): The Arleta Neighborhood Council appoints Board Member Olivia Chavez as an Outreach Committee Member.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no opposition.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eleven eligible voters present with all eleven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Barron, Chavez, DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

XI. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible Board action to fill vacancies on the Arleta NC.

a. Homeowner 2 Seats

Mr. Lopez read aloud the qualifications. There were no candidates.

b. Business Owner 1 Seat

Mr. Lopez read aloud the qualifications. There were no candidates.

c. At Large 2 Seats

Mr. Hernandez noted that applications were received from Stakeholders Jesus Barron and Olivia Chavez. Mr. Lopez read aloud the qualifications. Mr. Barron explained why he wanted to be a Board Member. Ms. Chavez described her background and community interests. Both indicated their awareness of necessary Board Member commitments. Mr. Lopez indicated that Mr. Barron's application is "good to go."

MOTION (by Mr. Ibarra, seconded by Julian Ramirez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council appoints Stakeholder Jesus Barron to an At Large Board Seat.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Barron was Seated with the Board at this time, making ten Board Members present (the ANC quorum is nine).

MOTION (by Ms. Magallanes, seconded by Bryan Ramirez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council appoints Stakeholder Olivia Chavez to an At Large Board Seat.

DISCUSSION: Stakeholder Dianne Hand spoke in favor of Ms. Chavez.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine of the ten eligible voters present with all nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Ms. Chavez was Seated with the Board at this time, making eleven Board Members present (the ANC quorum is nine).

d. Seniors 2 Seats

There were no candidates.

XII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on The ANC 2016 Election Stipulation Worksheet (Veronica DeLara)

Ms. DeLara reported that the ANC Election will be Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Location preferences are 1) Branford Park and 2) Arleta First Assembly of God Church. Mr. Hernandez requested a volunteer to Chair the Election Committee.

MOTION (by Mr. Ibarra, seconded by Ms. Chavez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council accepts its 2016 Election Stipulation Worksheet.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hernandez confirmed that Election materials will be in English and Spanish.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no opposition.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Barron, DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

XIII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on implementing a 30 minute rule for all ANC meetings whereas if a Board Member is 30 minutes or more late to a Board and/or Committee meeting they will be considered absent. Additionally, this will be added to the ANC Standing Rules

Mr. Hernandez explained the Item. Mr. Ibarra believed this “adds another barrier” for Board Members. Ms. Magallanes believes “it’s respectful to your audience . . . to start at a certain time . . . the Stakeholders . . . are asking us to be on time.” Mr. Gallo believed “the rule is fair.” Mr. Rouge suggested noting the number of absences. Stakeholder Margaret Shoemaker believed “it isn’t right” to be very late yet counted as attending.

MOTION (by Ms. Magallanes, seconded by Mr. Gallo): The Arleta Neighborhood Council will implement a 30-minute rule for all ANC meetings whereas if a Board Member is 30 minutes or more late to a Board and/or Committee meeting they will be considered absent. Additionally, this will be added to the ANC Standing Rules.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no opposition.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of 10 of the 11 eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Barron, DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Lopez, Magallanes and Bryan Ramirez); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Ibarra and Julian Ramirez); zero abstained. Ms. Chavez was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

XIV. Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible Board action to appoint a Public Works Liaison
Stakeholder Thomas will consider this.

Mr. Hernandez recused (self-declared as ineligible to vote on the following Motion due to a possible or known conflict of interest [he is on the Holiday Parade Planning Committee and is a Chamber of Commerce Executive Member]), and left the room at this time, making ten Board Members present (the ANC quorum is nine).

XV. Motion/Discussion/Vote on The ANC's Participation in the 48th Annual Pacoima Holiday Parade on December 12, 2015. Registration costs not to exceed \$100

Ms. Magallanes explained that "we normally participate every year."

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Duran): The Arleta Neighborhood Council will allocate funding not to exceed \$100 to participate in the 48th Annual Pacoima Holiday Parade on December 12, 2015.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no opposition.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Barron, DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes and Julian Ramirez); zero opposed; zero abstained. One recused (Hernandez). (Recusing is different from abstaining, which is declining to vote "yes" or "no.") Ms. Chavez was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training. Bryan Ramirez was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

Mr. Hernandez returned to the room at this time, making eleven Board Members present (the ANC quorum is nine).

XVI. Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible Board action to remove Julian Ramirez as The Community Improvement Chairperson

Mr. Hernandez explained that Stakeholders and Community Improvement Committee (CIC) Members requested Agendizing this because, as Mr. Hernandez relayed, they believed that "items that were placed on [a CIC] Agenda were kind of misleading and not really unbiased."

MOTION (by Mr. Duran, seconded by Mr. Gallo): The Arleta Neighborhood Council will remove Julian Ramirez as its Community Improvement Committee Chairperson.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hernandez clarified that complaints made were not "hearsay." Mr. Duran noted that "Julian offers a lot to the Committee" but was said to have "never responded" to some emails sent to him regarding illegal vendors, which was supposed to be Agendized for a CIC Meeting but "was never put on there," as well as an Item about "loud parties." Also, it was said that actions that should have been credited to the CIC were instead credited to "Neighbors in Action." Mr. Gallo said "it's always a pleasure working with" Julian Ramirez, however, Mr. Gallo said that Julian Ramirez "did whatever was possible not to" Agendize an Item for the CIC or request that it be Agendized for the Board. Ms. Magallanes said Julian Ramirez "does work hard"; she cautioned about opposing others for a reason other than that they "want something different." Mr. Ibarra believed that the issues

“should be addressed directly at the Committee Meeting” and the issues do not “rise to the level that [Julian Ramirez] is not doing his job.” Mr. Duran noted “it’s on the Minutes what he was supposed to put on the Agenda” and at the September Board Meeting “he said he had nothing to report; actually, we did a letter that day.” Mr. Duran said Julian Ramirez “refused to pass out the documentation, the letter, to his neighbors” about a community cleanup. Ms. Chavez believed that having Committees sign in writing what their recommendations are and submitting that to the Board would avoid such issues. Mr. Duran indicated that “the only issues we have is when” there is a difference of opinion between Julian Ramirez and other Committee Members; “any other thing, everything runs smooth . . . that’s the only time we have a problem.” Mr. Gallo stated that “nobody has worked . . . as hard as Julian,” however, “we’ve taken way too long . . . [to address] this issue.” Mr. Lopez said “race and immigration . . . it’s nothing about that.” Mr. Ibarra recommended that all Committees vote on what to Agendize. Ms. Magallanes reminded that “the Board asked that it be put on” the CIC Agenda “and then they were ignored.” Julian Ramirez stated that “I am the founder and the President of” Neighbors in Action.” He believed that the CIC Agenda did include the Board’s requested Item. Mr. Rouge believed that Julian Ramirez’ actions “could jeopardize” the ANC, though he does “appreciate everything that you have done, especially the Neighborhood Watch signs.” Ms. Shoemaker said “the Board specifically directed the Committee Chair to take the issue of illegal vending back to the Committee; he did not.” She reminded that the Board and Committees must follow the State Brown Act; she and another Stakeholder indicated that Julian Ramirez, as the CIC Chair, had not always done that.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no opposition.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the eleven eligible voters present with six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Lopez and Magallanes); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Ibarra and Julian Ramirez); three abstained (Barron, Chavez and Bryan Ramirez).

XVII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible Board action to appoint a Community Improvement Chairperson

Mr. Duran and Ms. Magallanes nominated Jaime Gallo to be appointed as the ANC Community Improvement Committee Chairperson. Mr. Ibarra and Julian Ramirez nominated Julian Ramirez to be appointed as the ANC Community Improvement Chairperson. Mr. Hernandez ruled that Julian Ramirez was “ineligible” to be considered for the appointment because he had just been removed.

MOTION (by Mr. Duran, seconded by Ms. Magallanes): The Arleta Neighborhood Council appoints Board Member Jaime Gallo as its Community Improvement Committee Chairperson.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hernandez ruled that Mr. Ibarra could not recuse from voting because “it’s too late; you’ve already been a part of the conversation . . . that’s not . . . a viable option . . . you cannot recuse; you’ve already been a part of the discussion, Sergio.”

Board Member Sergio Ibarra said he was recusing from voting and left the room at this time of 8:10, making ten Board Members present (the ANC quorum is nine).

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no opposition.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Barron, Chavez, DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Lopez and Magallanes); zero opposed; two abstained (Bryan Ramirez and Julian Ramirez); one recused (Ibarra).

Board Member Julian Ramirez left the room at this time of 8:11, making nine Board Members present; the ANC quorum of nine).

[Above Item #10 was addressed at this time.]

XVIII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible Board action to submit the Community Impact Statement recommended By the Executive Board regarding Los Angeles City Council File #13-1493

Mr. Hernandez noted that the City Council may vote on this by December 31st and that the Executive Board “heard both sides.” Ms. Magallanes reminded that she, Julian Ramirez and one other Board Member had been appointed to draft Community Impact Statements (CISs). Mr. Hernandez read aloud the draft CIS which was addressed to L.A. City District Six Councilmember Nury Martinez (<http://CD6.LACity.org>).

MOTION (by Mr. Duran, seconded by Mr. Gallo): The Arleta Neighborhood Council will submit the Community Impact Statement recommended by its Executive Board regarding Los Angeles City Council File #13-1493.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Duran said that, in support of the CIS, “there is a total of 228 signatures, so we didn’t feel there was a need to have a town hall meeting. There was 191 residents, 27 DMV [employees] and 10 . . . restaurants that signed the petition.” There was extensive discussion of pros and cons of the street vending issue; most people spoke against legalizing street vending, for health, safety and financial reasons. Mr. Rouge indicated that the CIS is an attempt to “meet” street vendors “half way . . . it’s conditional.”

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no opposition.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the eleven eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Chavez, DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Lopez, Magallanes and Bryan Ramirez); three opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Barron, Ibarra and Julian Ramirez); zero abstained.

XIX. Motion/Discussion/Vote on participation in San Fernando Valley Health Fair sponsored by Congressman Tony Cardenas on Saturday November 21, 2015 at Branford Park

Mr. Hernandez noted that the event already happened.

XX. Board Member Comments

Mr. Ibarra wanted to adjourn in memory of the recent Paris attack victims. Ms. Magallanes relayed that Lydia Grant, BONC [L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners] Commissioner, said that BONC is trying to have the City allow neighborhoods to “opt in” or “opt out” if the City Council allows street vending. Mr. Hernandez announced that the ANC Board “will be meeting here ‘til June” 2016 “at no cost to the” ANC.

XXI. General Public Comments

Ms. Lacson encouraged have more public trash cans in Arleta.

XXII. Adjournment and Next Board Meeting (pot luck?) December 15, 2015 TBD

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes written by DL, possibly edited by ANC. *The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been directly copied from the Agenda.* The ANC Minutes page is <http://www.ArletaNC.org/Board-minutes-and-agendas>.