

**Minutes of the
Arleta Neighborhood Council
Special Board Meeting
Monday, July 10, 2017**

President John Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Board Members Present:

John Hernandez, Raymond Duran, Joshua Duran, Loyce Lacson, Raul Pineda,
Joy Bizar, Fernando Moreno, Gary Gallon, Margaret Shoemaker, Eloiza Sanchez,
Max Foster (arrived at 6:33 p.m.), Drew Fischer (arrived at 6:35 p.m.),
Jaime Gallo (arrived at 6:35 p.m.).

Board Members Absent:

Kenneth Nguyen, Guy R. Newell

One stakeholder was present.

President's Message:

President, John Hernandez announced that he is stepping down as president due to new work obligations. He stated that he is remaining as a board member and vowed to assist the new president as needed.

General Public Comments:

A stakeholder spoke about Senate Bill 231(SB 231) by Senator Bob Hertzberg. The bill would redefine the word "sewer" to include storm water. This could result in an increase of property taxes by as much as \$1,400.00 a year. At the June 2017 ANC General Board Meeting, this stakeholder asked the representative from Senator Hertzberg's office why homeowners are being made to pay the storm water fees. It was stated that SB231 is only a "definition" and does not raise taxes. However, after further research, the stakeholder learned that Los Angeles County will be the ones imposing this increase in property taxes without voter approval. It is suggested that the Arleta Neighborhood Council as well as its stakeholders keep a close eye on this issue and be ready to oppose this increase in property taxes that is said to be an attempt to get around Proposition 218, a constitutional amendment passed in 1996 to require voter approval of local taxes, fees, and assessments with few exceptions.

Board Business

Motion 1/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve the amended ANC Budget for 2016-2017. Second by Max Foster. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion 2/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – Move to approve the ANC Budget for 2017-2018. Second by Jaime Gallo. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Discussion on resignation of ANC President

John Hernandez explained his reasons for resigning as president citing increased work obligations. Once again, he stated that he is remaining as a board member and will assist the new president as needed.

Board Member Comments:

Board members thanked John Hernandez and expressed their appreciation for his work as president. It was stated that John's leadership and friendship in his role as president brought this board to its current success. The seats on the ANC Board are almost completely filled and this has never been the case since the Arleta Neighborhood Council was certified in October 2007.

Joy Bizar requested a microphone at meetings.

Drew Fishcer volunteered to bring a microphone to the next ANC meeting.

Loyce Lacson thanked all for coming to this Special ANC meeting and for approving the necessary budgets. She is looking into holding our next ANC General Board Meeting at Branford Park since Beachy Elementary School is closed for the summer.

General Public Comments:

A stakeholder expressed that she was thrilled when John Hernandez took over as president of the Arleta Neighborhood Council and that he exceeded her expectations.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.