

Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 2, 2010

at Beachy Avenue Elementary School – Auditorium, 9757 Beachy St., Arleta, CA 91331

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance and opening remarks

President Jim Kallas called the Meeting to order at approximately 6:35 p.m. Roll Call was taken by Loyce Lacson. Board Members present: James Kallas, Saul Perez, Loyce Lacson, Bennie Bernal, Bennie Bernal, Jr., Guy Dionne, Chris Garcia, John Hernandez, Kelly Magallanes, Henry Ng, Cyndee Riding, Lamar Shelby

Board Members absent: Luisa Chajon, Robert Rouge, Sammy Vasquez (excused).

Twelve of the 15 Board Members were present at this time. A quorum is nine or more, so the Board could make Motions and take votes. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Bennie Bernal.

Mr. Perez made opening remarks, highlighting recent positive ANC accomplishments such as new ANC outreach materials, a new microphone system, new ANC banners to be installed on Van Nuys Blvd., the new www.ArletaNC.org website and new Board Member e-mail addresses (First Initial and Last Name@ArletaNC.org) [Example: SPerez@ArletaNC.org]. Mr. Kallas thanked Mr. Perez for his “great” ANC work.

2. General Public Comment

Liz Galan, Parent Center Director, Sharp Elementary School, thanked Mr. Perez for his work, and also Lee Perry, LAPD Mission Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-838-9844, cell 818-634-0624; 34733@LAPD.LACity.org) and Ruben Zaragoza, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Six Councilman Tony Cardenas (office 818-771-0236, cell 818-322-7185; Ruben.Zaragoza@LACity.org) for their work on the School's March 6th Cleanup, graffiti removal, lighting and other projects.

3. Review and approval of the Minutes for the Special and General Meetings facilitated by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment on May 18, 2010. The Secretary was not present and this Item was not addressed.

4. Public Officials Updates

Officer Perry was unable to attend. Mr. Kallas thanked Officer Perry for his work and community support.

5. Discussion and Possible Board Action – Fill Board vacancies. Qualifications:

Renters: Any person who rents and resides in a home, condominium, townhouse or apartment within the boundaries of the ANC.

Parks: Any person who works at the park or participates in park activities on a regular basis and has the authorization of the Park Director.

Mr. Kallas noted that there were no Candidates at this time.

6. Discussion and Possible Board Action - Formation and/or reinstatement of Arleta NC committees to address Arleta NC issues including, but not limited to election, funding, outreach, website and Bylaws.

Mr. Kallas explained that he prefers volunteers rather than appointees. No Election Committee is needed until nearer the next NC Board election in two years. The Funding Committee Chair automatically is the Treasurer, Ms. Lacson. Mr. Kallas described the demanding and rewarding Outreach Committee Chairmanship. Mr. Perez nominated Ms. Magallanes, who accepted the nomination.

MOTION (by Mr. Perez, seconded by Mr. Shelby): for Kelly Magallanes to be the ANC Outreach Committee Chair.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

Mr. Kallas thanked Mr. Perez and ANC Webmaster Aaron DeVandry for their website work. Mr. Perez “believed that the website should be part of the Outreach Committee.” Board Members expressed support for that and for Mr. Perez overseeing the website.

Ms. Lacson asked for volunteers and Ms. Riding and Mr. Ng agreed to be on the Funding Committee. Mr. Kallas explained Committee Meeting procedures and that the ANC’s “accounts and financial records will always be open to any Stakeholder at any reasonable time.”

Mr. Kallas asked for but there were no ad hoc [temporary] Bylaws Committee volunteers at this time. Mr. Kallas explained the difference between standing and ad hoc Committees.

MOTION (by Mr. Kallas): to **TABLE** formation of an ad hoc Bylaws Committee.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote.

Mr. Kallas explained about the Community Improvement Committee. Mr. Bernal expressed interest in Chairing it.

MOTION (by Mr. Perez and seconded): for Bennie Bernal to be the ANC Community Improvement Committee Chair.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

7. Discussion and possible Board action on the approval of the Arleta Neighborhood Council budget for fiscal year 2010-2011.

Mr. Kallas explained how the budget could be created. Ms. Lacson explained that “it’s a preliminary budget . . . [that] can be adjusted [upon “Board approval and Stakeholder input”] at any time depending upon what situations may arise.” Mr. Perez explained what DONE (the L.A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, which oversees Neighborhood Councils) requires. Also, that the suggested budgets are “just a template” and that the dollar amounts can be changed; “how it’s allocated depends on us . . . It’s just to get the money allocated to us so we can use it.” Ms. Lacson and Mr. Dionne reviewed proposed allocations. Mr. Kallas explained that, due to the “exhaustive efforts” under which the ANC was previously operating through DONE until two weeks ago, the ANC “didn’t have the time” to have Committee Meetings before this Meeting; the ANC “did exactly what we had to do at the time.”

MOTION (by Mr. Perez and seconded): for the ANC to accept the fiscal year 2010-2011 budget prepared by Sal Perez in the amount of \$89,291.86, with the stipulation that the budget can be revised by the Funding Committee, to be submitted as a Resolution to the L.A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment by June 15, 2010.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with none opposed and one abstention.

The Board congratulated Mr. Dionne and Mr. Perez for their work.

8. **Discussion and possible Board action** to sponsor and participate in the National Night Out yearly event, working with the LAPD, community groups and residents for a safe Arleta. Submitted by Lamar Shelby in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 for t-shirts, food, outreach, etc.

Mr. Shelby described last year's successful event and hopes for this year's event. The organizing Committee will meet June 9th at 6:00 at Liberty Temple Church. Mr. Perez got a quote of \$1,175 for 500 t-shirts. The LAPD Mission Division will be honored.

MOTION (by Ms. Riding and seconded): for the ANC to participate in the National Night Out event by allocating funding not to exceed \$3,000.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

9. **General Board comments**

Mr. Shelby thanked Mr. Kallas and Mr. Perez for this "real professional . . . Meeting." Ms. Lacson announced and described the June 5th 11:00-3:00 Family Day and Raffle Fundraiser at the Japanese-American Community Center. Ms. Riding thanked the Board and the Stakeholders. Mr. Hernandez offered the use of his office if the ANC needs a Meeting location. Mr. Bernal thanked the Stakeholders and encouraged them to attend ANC Meetings.

Hiral Bhakta, Sylmar Neighborhood Council V.P. of Administration, introduced himself and described his "goodwill tour of all the NCs in the northeast Valley to . . . build community bridges and network with each other more often." He invited the ANC to attend SNC Board Meetings, usually on the fourth Thursday each month, and visit www.SylmarNC.org.

Mr. Perez announced the ANC's June 15th 6:30 p.m. General Board Meeting at which DONE will train the Board. Also, City-mandatory Ethics Training is required of all Board Members, six of whom Mr. Kallas announced have already completed the Training. He also thanked the Stakeholders and the Board, and announced that the Board will address having Board Rules and a Code of Civility/Ethics. A Stakeholder thanked the Board and commented that "this is absolutely wonderful . . . What a wonderful job you're doing. Keep it up."

10. **Adjournment**

MOTION (by Mr. Perez and seconded): to **ADJOURN** the Meeting.

Mr. Kallas **ADJOURNED** the Meeting without any objections at approximately 8:12 p.m.