

Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 20, 2010

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

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

President Jim Kallas called the Meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. and thanked Pastor Sammy Vasquez for having his Church host this and next month's Meetings. Roll Call was taken by Secretary Luisa Chajon. Board Members present: Jim Kallas, Saul Perez, Loyce Lacson, Luisa Chajon, Guy Dionne, John Hernandez, Kelly Magallanes, Henry Ng, Cyndee Riding, Lamar Shelby and Sammy Vasquez.

Board Members absent: Bennie Bernal, Bennie Bernal, Jr., Chris Garcia and Robert Rouge.

Eleven of the 15 Board Members were present and two Board seats were vacant at this time. A quorum is nine, so the Board could make Motions and take votes. Also attending: 20 Stakeholders and guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stakeholder Reuben Garcia. Board Members introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment on non-Agenda items

Mr. Garcia is participating in National Night Out and offered more volunteers. The Pacoima NC met with LAPD Chief Beck and will have a Town Hall Meeting in September; other City Council District Six and Seven NCs are invited. He secured and gave \$150 in gift cards to Mr. Shelby for NC use.

[The following additional Public Comments were made after Item #4.]

Cecil Huerta of State 39th District Assemblyman Felipe Fuentes' office (818-504-3911) distributed copies of a flyer for and reported that there'll be a Senior Luau Luncheon Resource Fair July 21st 9:00 – 1:00 at Nikkei Village that needs support. He also distributed copies of a National Night Out flyer for the August 3rd 6:00 p.m. event at Liberty Temple, 13821 Osborne St., Arleta. The Assemblyman "allocated \$350" for the event.

Angelica Ayala, City of L.A. East Valley Director/Labor Liaison of Neighborhood & Community Services (213-304-8785; Angelica.Ayala@LACity.org), reported on the Mayor's "Summer Night Lights Program . . . at Hubert Humphrey and Sepulveda Parks." She also distributed copies of a "Stimulus Dollars at Work: Directory of City Services" handout and reported that seminars about it are available. Ms. Ayala also distributed copies of a flyer about and announced the American Heroes Air Show July 24th 9:00 – 4:00 at Hansen Dam. She encouraged contacting her if you have any questions.

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), reported that “the City Council just approved an Ordinance . . . Grocery stores [must have a mechanism] to prevent shopping carts from leaving the premises.” The Councilman introduced a Motion to change street sweeping from once a week to every other week to save money. Mr. Zaragoza introduced Lorena Bernal, Field Deputy for Councilman Cardenas (office 818-771-0236; Lorena.Bernal@LACity.org); Ms. Bernal will replace him for the Arleta area. Ms. Bernal introduced herself, noting that she grew up in the area.

3. Minutes review and approval

Mr. Kallas explained that the Minutes were e-mailed to Board Members.

MOTION (by Ms. Riding, seconded by Mr. Shelby): to approve the Minutes of the ANC June 15, 2010 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

4. Report from L.A.P.D.

Lee Perry, LAPD Mission Division Senior Lead Officer (office 818-838-9844, cell 818-634-0624; 34733@LAPD.LACity.org), reported that there’ll be a Community Police Advisory Board tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.; Chief Albanese and Commander Papa will be speaking. He encouraged participation in the Tuesday, August 3rd National Night Out. The City Council passed an Ordinance requiring banks to maintain foreclosed homes; they “can be fined up to \$1,000 a day . . . Crime . . . is down 13% . . . Grand Theft Auto is up . . . Parthenia Park . . . [will have a] Summer Night Lights” Program.

5. Discussion and Possible Action: fill Board vacancies

Mr. Kallas reviewed the following Candidate qualifications and explained that Renter and Parks category seats are available.

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

There are no Renter volunteers. Ms. Dusty Morales, who’s interested in the Parks seat, introduced herself. She’s a long-term resident and community volunteer, including a Board Member of Heroes of Life, which teaches teens audio/visual production and arts. Mr. Kallas indicated that the local Recreation and Parks Director referred Ms. Morales to the ANC. Ms. Morales indicated that she’d like to discuss the position further before deciding whether to be a candidate for the position.

MOTION to TABLE (by Ms. Lacson, seconded by Mr. Ng): to TABLE filling the Parks seat until the August 17, 2010 General Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

6. Committee Reports

Outreach

Ms. Magallanes, Chair, reported that they're "continually pushing our sponsors" to get funding and are "going to start passing out flyers . . . next week . . . Vallerta Market . . . [was] contacted . . . about purchasing an ad . . . in their magazine . . ." to help "reach out to the Latino community." Mr. Garcia encouraged inviting LAPD Chief Albanese to National Night Out. There was extensive discussion regarding government acceptance and processing of donations; one government agency cannot donate to another. Assemblyman Fuentes donated \$300 to Liberty Temple for National Night Out. Ms. Lacson assured that "any and all monies will be accounted for." Mr. Huerta, Mr. Garcia and Ms. Magallanes wanted to ensure that the Assemblyman's donation was specifically designated for National Night Out.

Community Improvement Committee

Mr. Kallas relayed for Mr. Bernal, Chair, that the Committee met; Mr. Bernal wants to "divide Arleta into eight to 12 sections and [get] a leader for each section . . . [to learn] what Stakeholders want for their area."

Budget

Ms. Lacson reported that she "finished the [Treasurer] training with [DONE (L.A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment)'s] Tom Soong on Friday . . . As of yet . . . [there's] no funding available for this fiscal year. Mr. Kallas added that ANC records show that the ANC has \$89,291.68; DONE shows much less.

7. President's Update

Mr. Kallas reported that the ANC "is progressing very well . . . The Board is all working together" and Committees are working. Banners "will be put up tomorrow . . . We did pay the bill . . . [and] located the banners [from] the company that went bankrupt . . . There will be a small shopping center built on the Van Nuys Blvd. and Beachy Ave. lot." He talked with the bank about cleaning up the Pioneer Chicken property. There're "plans to rebuild" the Methodist Church at Canterbury Ave. and Terra Bella St. The August 17th General Board Meeting "will talk about the [ANC] rules, ethics rules and the Bylaws."

8. Discussion and possible action to approve Committee Members.

Mr. Perez announced Outreach Committee volunteers.

MOTION (by Ms. Lacson, seconded by Mr. Kallas): to accept Kelly Magallanes, Chair, and Saul Perez, Lamar Shelby and Luisa Chajon as Outreach Committee Members.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

Mr. Perez announced Budget Committee volunteers.

MOTION (by Mr. Perez, seconded by Mr. Shelby): to accept Loyce Lacson, Chair, and Cyndee Riding, Guy Dionne and Henry Ng as Budget Committee Members.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

Mr. Perez announced Community Improvement Committee volunteers.

MOTION (by Ms. Chajon, seconded by Ms. Lacson): to accept Benny Bernal, Chair, and John Hernandez, Benny Bernal, Jr. and Sammy Vasquez as Community Improvement Committee Members.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

Mr. Kallas asked Committee Chairs to “give him a day or a date of the month . . . so that Stakeholders can participate in the Meetings.”

9. Discussion and possible action on the President’s request to establish an ad-hoc Bylaws Committee.

Mr. Kallas explained that he discussed this with Grayce Liu, Sr. Project Coordinator, DONE (213-485-1360; Grayce.Liu@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org). The purpose of the Committee will be to address issues and topics of a specific nature, such as omissions and additions/deletions to the newly-approved Bylaws. The duration / report back time of the Committee will be within 60 days.

MOTION (by Ms. Riding, seconded by Mr. Shelby): to authorize the ANC President to authorize an ANC ad hoc Bylaws Committee.

DISCUSSION: Tom Soong, Project Coordinator, DONE (213-485-1360; Thomas.Soong@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), distributed copies of a DONE Information Bulletin and announced that, until “September 30th [DONE] will accept Bylaws [amendment requests].” Mr. Kallas observed that “there were a few key things that shouldn’t have been taken out” of the ANC Bylaws by DONE.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

10. Discussion and possible action on hiring a Minutes Writer on a recurring basis for General/Special Meetings or as needed, not to exceed \$950.00 annually.

Mr. Kallas explained that this Item is “postponed . . . [The ANC is] waiting for additional information from [DONE].” Mr. Soong stated that P-Card [Purchase Card] funding “should be available this week.” He reviewed the NCs contracting situation

and confirmed that “agency contracts are not being renewed” according to DONE’s “Taneda Larios” as of “today.”

11. Discussion and possible action [see below Motion].

Mr. Perez noted that ANC Webmaster Aaron DeVandry has been doing a good job and distributed copies of an invoice from him.

MOTION (by Ms. Lacson, seconded by Mr. Shelby): to renew the contract with Aaron DeVandry to continue as Webmaster for the Arleta NC for a period of one year at a cost of \$1,800.00.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

12. Discussion and possible action to [accept Orphan Area]

Mr. Perez explained the issue’s history. Arleta, Pacoima or Sun Valley could represent the area, which he showed on a map. He indicated that “we did survey the area . . . There’re 128 residents . . . They believe they’re in Arleta . . . The majority wanted to be represented by Arleta.”

MOTION (by Mr. Perez, seconded by Ms. Riding): to accept an Orphan Area into the ANC as requested by the L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, as follows: east of Laurel Canyon Blvd. up to Rincon St. and south of Branford St. up to the Tujunga Wash behind the Assemblyman Fuentes / Councilman Cardenas Sun Valley Office.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kallas clarified that funds spent in the area would be for outreach. Mr. Soong added that BONC [the L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners] would make the final decision.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

13. Discussion and possible action on the proposed Septic Systems Ordinance crafted by the City's Bureau of Sanitation (BOS). This Ordinance will apply significant charges for inspections and permits for sites that have Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS), that is, septic tanks. SOME Ordinance on this subject is required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board; the City Council will soon be considering the BOS-recommended Ordinance.

There was discussion regarding the issue. Ms. Riding described her business’ efforts to comply with the existing Ordinance. Mr. Kallas POSTPONED this Item until the next [August 17th] General Board Meeting because no Bureau of Sanitation representative was available to attend this Meeting. Stakeholder Diane Hand explained further issue details.

14. Public Comment on non-Agenda items

There were no additional comments.

15. Board Member Comments

Ms. Lacson thanked Mr. Soong for the Treasurer Training and Mr. Hernandez thanked him for attending. Mr. Kallas thanked Board Members for attending and reminded them to check their e-mails.

16. Adjournment

MOTION (by Ms. Chajon, seconded by Mr. Ng): to **ADJOURN** the Meeting.

MOTION PASSED without any objections.

Mr. Kallas **ADJOURNED** the Meeting at 8:30 p.m.