

Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
General Meeting of the Board and
Elections Adhoc Committee
Tuesday, September 10th, 2013
Beachy Elementary School, 9757 Beachy Ave., Arleta

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

President Sergio Ibarra called the Meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

Roll call was taken by minute taker Irving Sandoval.

Pledge of allegiance was led by board President Sergio Ibarra

Board Members Present:

James Kallas	Christian Guerra	Sammy Vasquez	Cyndee Riding
Henry Ng	Kelly Magallanes	Celia Vasquez	Jack Lindblad
Sergio Ibarra	John Hernandez		

Board Members Absent:

Esperanza Gutierrez

A quorum is 9, with 10 board members present the board can make motions and take votes.

2. President's Message (2 minutes)

President Ibarra thanked those who attended the swearing in ceremony of Council Member Nury Martinez. He spoke on the turmoil in Syria and mentioned he spoke with Congress Member Tony Cardenas. He encouraged everyone to call the Cardenas office and express their thoughts on a looming war in Syria

3. General Public Comments on items not listed on today's agenda (2 min per speaker)

Margaret Shoemaker, Max Foster, Dianne Hand were part of a complaint committee to help address a complaint filed by Mr. Guy Dionne. They took turns reading a statement. "A complaint committee was created at the May 28, 2013 ANC board meeting. The committee has been waiting for the Arleta Neighborhood Council and/or Empower L.A. to supply the necessary information to complete the task that was assigned...The committee has finalized its report and at the Executive Committee Meeting dated August 5, 2013 requested time on the agenda for the next meeting of the ANC board to report our findings. We find that our request has been denied since there is no time allowed on the agenda for us to give our report on this serious matter. This committee cannot be relieved of its duties until we are allowed to complete our task." The final report has been forwarded to Gracie Liu, the General Manager of Empower LA

Speaker: Luis E. Sencion- Arleta High School Leadership, He announced the first Arleta Football game will take place on September 20th and he hope people can come out and attend.

Speaker: Ernie Moscoso - President, North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood

Council. Co-sponsoring the Repower LA event with the LADWP. This event is happening on October 5 at Pacoima City Hall from 9am to 1pm. In attendance will be Nury Martinez, Felipe Fuentes among other elected officials. This event will help DWP customers lower their energy bills.

Speaker: Jack Lindblad - Announced he is interested in filing papers for a state senate seat

4. Report from Public Safety Departments from L.A.P.D Senior Lead Officer Lee Perry or any LAFD representatives. Upgrades from any other government officials (Congressman Cardenas' Office, Assemblyman Bocanegra's Office, LA City Council District Staff Representatives or City Departments. (15 min)

Speaker: Tony Cardenas Staff, Health Care Reform information forum happening on September 14 at Panorama High School at 10am. Representatives from Covered California will be there. The community is encouraged to attend.

5. Committee reports from Outreach, Improvement, and budget (5 min per speaker)

Report from Community Improvement Committee chair Jack Lindblad. He is catching up on CIC reports because there haven't many general meetings. He recalled some of the achievements in his time as CIC chair. One of these achievements being the selection of the bidders in the selection of the Arleta sign. In the June meeting there was discussion on the Tujunga spreading grounds. "We are very successful in getting conveyance over truck trips." He added that light rail will happen. The board granted Jack Lindblad an extra two minutes to complete his report. In his extra time he added another accomplishment of the CIC is to help Metro decide to build light rail along Van Nuys. Time was up before he could finish talking about the sign

Public comment: Joy Bizar wants to know what is going on with the sign Sergio Ibarra assured her there will be more about the sign in future meetings.

Public comment: Guy Dionne - Requested the board speak on item 17 before anything else

6. Presentation and briefing from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Melvin Cañas (10 min)

Melvin Cañas talked about the upcoming Congress of Neighborhood Councils event happening on September 28, 2013. It's free and open to the public. New board members are strongly encouraged to attend.

Public comment: Guy Dionne - Asked about the status of the complaint he filed about six months ago. The complaints are sent to the city attorney's office so they can see if there is any merit to them. It's been a busy time at D.O.N.E with new staff coming in and elections coming up.

Public comment: Margaret Shoemaker - The Grievance committee has not been able to report their findings.

Board Member comment: Jack Lindblad - asked if these reports are being taken seriously.

James Kallas asked why the president couldn't agendaize the item even after the Grievance committee went to the executive committee meetings and ask the report be agendaized. He urged D.O.N.E to open an investigation and look into why the complaints are not being handled at the D.O.N.E level.

Sergio Ibarra said the complaints was received by the board and acknowledged. The board has been consulting with the department and the city attorney. Every single member is responsible for resolving the issues. He hopes all board members can attend the Arleta NC board member training on September 24.

**removal warning was given to Jack Lindblad at 7:38pm*

***a vote was taken to skip to item 14. The vote was 9 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstaining James Kallas made a motion to table the item until an investigation is made by D.O.N.E He was not recognized by President Sergio Ibarra.**

Both James Kallas and Jack Lindblad walk out of the meeting at 7:54pm resulting in a loss of quorum.

Jack Lindblad comes returns to the room at 7:59pm and a quorum is re-established

8. a. Discussion and possible board action on the selection of the ANC Officers of the ANC Board, as per the bylaws, Officers serve at the pleasure of the board and are selected every year. John Hernandez, Vice President will end his term and will not be seeking re-election to the Executive Board (10 min)

Melvin Cañas walked the board through the selection of new executive committee members.

Candidates for President. Sergio Ibarra and Jack Lindblad

Votes: Jack Lindblad 1, Sergio Ibarra 12, abstentions 2

Sergio Ibarra is elected President

Candidates for Vice President. Maria Diaz and Max Foster

Votes: Maria Diaz 9, Max Foster 5, Abstentions 2

Maria Diaz is elected Vice President

Celia Vasquez becomes secretary by acclamation

Kelly Magallanes becomes treasurer by acclamation

9. Discussion and possible board action on the approval of the FY 2013-2014 budget and Strategic Plan and goals

MOTION (by Cyndee Riding, Second by Jack Lindblad) to accept the budget and strategic plan

MOTION PASSED 7 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

**only eligible members were allowed to vote*

10. Discussion and possible board action to add the following language to the ANC Standing Rules: "Every board member must be a member of a minimum of one ANC Committee and attend two ANC sponsored event in a Council Year (July 1 - June 30 of the following year)

MOTION(by Luis Sencion, Second by Jack Lindblad) to accept a change in the standing rules requiring each board member to be a part of at least one ANC committee
MOTION PASSED 14 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining

11. a. Appointment of the new Committee Chairs for Outreach, Community Improvement, Budget, and Adhoc Public Safety Committee 12b. Appointment of members to the Outreach, Community Improvement, Budget, and Adhoc Public Safety committees

New committee chairs and members:

Outreach Chair - Sammy Vasquez

Votes: 14 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining

Members: Cyndee Riding, Henry Ng, Celia Vasquez (selected unanimously)

Community Improvement Chair - Maria Diaz

Votes: 14 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining

Members: Sergio Ibarra, Mark Lopez, Jack Lindblad (selected unanimously)

Budget Committee Chair - Kelly Magallanes

Votes: 13 in favor, 1 non - favor, 0 abstaining

Members: John Hernandez, Maria Diaz, Sergio Ibarra (selected unanimously)

Public Safety Chair - Max Foster

Votes: 14 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining

Members: Margaret Shoemaker, Terry Hendricks (selected unanimously)

12. a Discussion/Motion/Vote on creating an Adhoc Youth Committee charged with putting together recommendations to the board on items that affect Youth and organize an outreach event to Arleta's Youth. 13b. Appointment of an Adhoc Youth Committee Chair and appointment of new members to the committee (5 mins)

MOTION(by Sergio Ibarra, Second by Jack Lindblad) to create an Adhoc Youth Committee

MOTION PASSED 14 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

MOTION (by Jack Lindblad, Second by Sergio Ibarra) to appoint Daniel Orozco and Luis Sencion as Youth Committee Co-Chairs

MOTION PASSED 14 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining

MOTION (by Sergio Ibarra, Second by Kelly Magallanes) to appoint Christian Guerra and Maria Mejia to the Adhoc Youth Committee

MOTION PASSED 14 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining

13. Discussion and possible board action on the applications for all open board positions (10 mins)

MOTION (by Kelly Magallanes, Second by Sammy Vasquez) to appoint Maria Diaz-Tran to the Homeowner's position.

MOTION PASSED 9 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining

MOTION (by John Hernandez, Second by Jack Lindblad) to appoint Mark Lopez to the

Renter Representative position

MOTION PASSED 10 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining

There were 3 candidates for the Youth Member position

Maria Mejia, Daniel Orozco, Luis E. Sencion

All 3 talked about themselves and discussed some of their qualifications.

Each member had one vote for one of the 3 candidates. With 11 members a candidate who receives 6 or more votes would be the winner.

Luis Sencion receives 8 out of 11 votes. Luis Sencion is the new Youth Representative.

Maria Mejia, Daniel Orozco, Max foster are candidates for At -Large Representative.

Max Foster receives 7 out of 12 votes. Max Foster is the New At-Large Representative.

Maria Mejia, Daniel Orozco are candidates for Youth Group Representative.

Daniel Orozco receives 10 out of 13 votes. Daniel Orozco is the new Youth Group Rep.

- 14. Discussion and possible action on complaint filed with the Arleta Neighborhood Council by Ms. Joy Bizar on June 18, 2013. Article XI, Section C of the ANC bylaws deems that the complaint be acknowledge, and that the board from an ad-hoc grievance committee populated by three randomly selected stakeholders from a pool of names to investigate and make a recommendation to the board on their findings. Article VII, Section III grants the president of the ANC the authority to appoint all committee chairpersons with majority vote of the board (10 min)**

MOTION (by Kelly Magallanes, Second by Jack Lindblad)

to accept the grievance filed by Joy Bizar

MOTION PASSED 8 in favor, 5 non - favor, 1 abstaining

To select members for the Grievance Committee Dianne Hand, Abel Aguilar, Terry Hendricks, Margaret Shoemaker, Maria Mejia, and Sandra Orozco had their names drawn from a box. 4 names were picked out:

1) Dianne Hand 2) Sandra Orozco 3) Margaret Shoemaker

Should one of these 3 members withdraw from the committee. Abel Aguilar would serve as alternate.

MOTION (by Jack Lindblad, Second by Max Foster) to appoint Dianne Hand, Margaret Shoemaker, and Sandra Orozco to the Grievance Committee

MOTION PASSED 10 in favor, 4 non - favor, 0 abstaining

MOTION (by Christian Guerra, Second by Luis Sencion) to appoint Sandra Orozco as chair of the Grievance Committee

MOTION PASSED 13 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstaining

- 15. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of June 18, 2013**

MOTION (by Maria Diaz-Tran, Second by Kelly Magallanes) to accept the minutes for the meeting of June 18.

MOTION PASSED 12 in favor, 0 non - favor, 2 abstain

- 16. a. Discussion and possible board action on treasurer's report 17b. Monthly**

reconciliation 17c. Approval of the Quarterly reconciliation report

There were no expenditures for the month of July and August.

MOTION (by Cyndee Riding, Second by Sammy Vasquez) to accept the monthly reconciliation report

MOTION PASSED 8 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining

**only eligible members were allowed to vote*

17. Next meeting of the ANC Board meeting will be September 24, 2013 at 6:30PM at Beachy Elementary School

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45pm by unanimous vote.