

Minutes of the  
**ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)**  
General Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
at Beachy Ave. Elementary School, 9757 Beachy Ave., Arleta

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

President Maria Diaz - Tran called the Meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Maria Diaz-Tran

Roll call was taken by Secretary Veronica DeLara.

**Board Members Present:** *(at time of roll call)*

Maria Diaz - Tran	John Hernandez	Jaime Gallo	Maria Mejia
Kelly Magallanes	Cyndee Riding	Luis E Sencion	Julian Ramirez
Sergio Ibarra	James Kallas	Max Foster	Raymond Duran
Veronica DeLara			

**Board Members Absent:**

David Sandoval      Sammy Vazquez      Daniel Orozco

13 Board Members were present. A quorum is nine, so the Board could make Motions and take votes.

**President's Message**

Maria Diaz - Tran reported the April 26 cleanup event went well but didn't meet the quote regarding the amount of trash to be picked up. The June cleanup has been cancelled and will be rescheduled to sometime in the September or October. May 6 was the opening of the Devonshire/Arleta park and she thanked the board members who made it out to the opening. Lastly she announced the resignation of David Sandoval from the board.

**2. Government Report and Announcements**

**Speaker:** Eduardo Martinez, Council Member Nury Martinez' Office. The office is working with LADOT to install traffic lights at the intersection of Canterbury and Van Nuys. It costs about a quarter million dollars to install a light. Beginning in June sewer pipes are being replaced on Pierce street and the work will take about a year. The council member is trying to get businesses into Arleta. These businesses include Pollo Loco, Church's Chicken, and Starbucks. James Kallas pointed out the area behind CVS needs to be cleaned up.

**Speaker:** Franklin Ochoa - Assemblyman Bocanegra's office, On Saturday Raul Bocanegra will host the culmination of the Junior Legislator program. This program is in its first year and has taught 40 LAUSD high school students about the policy and process of writing bills.

**3. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of April 15, 2014**

Julian Ramirez made an initial motion to approve the minutes, second by Luis Sencion, but withdrew his motion.

**MOTION** (Max Foster, Second by Veronica DeLara) to amend the minutes to reflect the conversation regarding the e-mail sent to Firefighter Jensen from the former president of the Arleta Neighborhood Council.

**Yes** Maria Diaz-Tran, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Julian Ramirez, Maria Mejia, Cyndee Riding, Jaime Gallo, John Hernandez, Luis Sencion, Max Foster, James Kallas, Raymond Duran.

**No** (none)

**Abstain** Sergio Ibarra

**MOTION PASSED** 12 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstain

**MOTION** (by Luis Sencion, Second by Jaime Gallo) to approve the minutes of April 15, 2014 with corrections

**Yes** Maria Diaz-Tran, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Max Foster, James Kallas, Julian Ramirez, Maria Mejia, Cyndee Riding, Jaime Gallo, John Hernandez, Luis Sencion, Raymond Duran

**No** (none)

**Abstain** Sergio Ibarra

**MOTION PASSED** 12 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstain

#### **4. Public comments on items not on today's agenda.**

**Speaker: Dianne Hand** - The San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission recently burned down. A number of people were living at the facility and have been displaced. Fire Station 7 on Nordhoff and Woodman has two blue barrel where clothes and other goods can be donated.

#### **5. Appointment of new Committee Chairs and Committee Members for**

*The appointment of members to the grievance committee has been tabled*

Max Foster accepts nomination to be the Ad-hoc Public Safety Committee Chair.

**MOTION** (by Luis Sencion, Second by James Kallas) to nominate Max Foster as Ah-Hoc Public Safety Committee Chair

**Yes** Maria Diaz-Tran, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Julian Ramirez, Max Foster, Cyndee Riding, James Kallas, Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, James Kallas, Maria Mejia, John Hernandez

**No** Sergio Ibarra

**Abstain** (none)

**MOTION PASSED** 12 in favor, 1 non - favor, 0 abstain

**MOTION** (by Veronica DeLara, Second by Max Foster) to appoint James Kallas, Jaime Gallo, Kelly Magallanes, Margaret Shoemaker as members of the Ad-Hoc Public Safety Committee

**Yes** Maria Diaz-Tran, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Julian Ramirez, Max Foster, Jaime Gallo, James Kallas, John Hernandez, Cyndee Riding, Maria Mejia, Luis Sencion, Raymond Duran, Sergio Ibarra

**No** (none)

**Abstain** (none)

**MOTION PASSED** 13 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

**MOTION** (by Sergio Ibarra, Second by Kelly Magallanes) to create an Ad-Hoc Youth Committee to focus on youth projects in the community.

**Yes** Maria Diaz-Tran, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Julian Ramirez, Cyndee Riding, Max Foster, Luis Sencion, Maria Mejia, James Kallas, John Hernandez, Jaime Gallo, Raymond Duran, Sergio Ibarra

**No** (none)

**Abstain** (none)

**MOTION PASSED** 13 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

**MOTION** (by Veronica DeLara, Second by Sergio Ibarra) to appoint Luis Sencion as chairman of the Ad-Hoc youth committee

**Yes** Maria Diaz-Tran, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Julian Ramirez, Cyndee Riding, Luis Sencion, Jaime Gallo, James Kallas, John Hernandez, Sergio Ibarra, Maria Mejia, Max Foster, Raymond Duran,

**No** (none)

**Abstain** (none)

**MOTION PASSED** 13 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

**MOTION** (by Luis Sencion, Second by Sergio Ibarra) to appoint Sergio Ibarra and Maria Mejia as Ad-Hoc Youth Committee members

**MOTION PASSED** with no objections President Maria Diaz-Tran declared the vote unanimous with all 13 members in favor.

#### **6. Discussion and possible board action on treasurer's report**

There is an outstanding warrant for \$300 for the reusable bags, magnets, and business cards. Money needs to be set aside for storage, Webmaster and the minute taker. Kelly Magallanes submitted her resignation as treasurer effective immediately. President Maria Diaz-Tran accepts her resignation.

**MOTION** (by Sergio Ibarra, Second by Cyndee Riding) to approve Treasurer's report for the month of April 2014

**Yes** Maria Diaz-Tran, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica, DeLara, Julian Ramirez, Max Foster, Luis Sencion, James Kallas, Jaime Gallo, Sergio Ibarra, John Hernandez, Raymond Duran, Cyndee Riding

**No** (none)

**Abstain** (none)

**Ineligible** Maria Mejia

**MOTION PASSED** 12 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 ineligible

#### **7A1. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to reallocate budget funds**

*This item has been tabled*

#### **7A2. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to purchase magnetic ANC vehicle signs for events. Cost not to exceed \$300**

*This item has been tabled*

#### **7A3 Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to purchase ANC banners for Arleta High School. Cost not to exceed \$2,600**

*This item has been tabled*

**7A4 Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to purchase heavy duty gloves and tools for ANC events. Cost not to exceed \$300**

*This item has been tabled*

**7A5 Motion/Discussion/Vote on a letter to Firefighter Jensen on behalf of the Arleta Neighborhood Council**

**MOTION** (by Luis Sencion, Second by Max Foster) to approve the letter to Firefighter Jensen on behalf of the Arleta Neighborhood Council

**Discussion on the motion**

**Sergio** - He contacted Firefighter Jensen to see where the Ad-Hoc Public Safety Committee was in planning the C.E.R.T class. Nowhere in his communication with Firefighter Jensen did he ask to cancel the classes. He takes full responsibility over the miscommunication that happened.

**Max Foster** - He was having trouble corresponding with Firefighter Jensen regarding the safety kits he was going to put together since there was a change in the personnel in charge of the C.E.R.T program.

**Margaret Shoemaker** - Ad-Hoc Committees decide how long they will function. It is temporary. The committee decided to try and put together C.E.R.T classes. She is concerned with what is happening in the committees

**MOTION** (by Luis Sencion, Second by Max Foster) to approve the letter to Firefighter Jensen

**Yes** Maria Diaz-Tran, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Julian Ramirez, Sergio Ibarra, Luis Sencion, Cyndee Riding, John Hernandez, Raymond Duran, Max Foster, Maria Mejia, James Kallas, Jaime Gallo

**No**

**Abstain**

**MOTION PASSED** 13 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

**7A6 Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action Outreach Committee presenting "Character First" at General Board Meetings**

Pastor Sammy Vazquez would like to continue the Character First presentations.

**MOTION** (by Luis Sencion, Second by Cyndee Riding) to continue Character First at the general board meetings

**Yes** Maria Diaz-Tran, Veronica DeLara, Maria Mejia, Luis Sencion, Max Foster, Cyndee Riding,

Sergio Ibarra,

**No** Jaime Gallo, John Hernandez, James Kallas

**Abstain** Julian Ramirez, Raymond Duran, Kelly Magallanes

**MOTION PASSED** 7 in favor, 3 non - favor, 3 abstain

**7A7 Motion/Discussion/Vote to select a date for FY 2014/2015 Strategic Plan retreat/meeting** A tentative date for the retreat/meeting has been set for Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30pm. Location to be announced

**8. Board member comments / announcements**

**Julian Ramirez** - He is concerned with the low turnout of community members at the meetings. He proposes board members hold meetings at their home to get their neighbors involved.

Secondly he noted the amount of wind damaged trees throughout Arleta pose a lot of danger.

**John Hernandez** - He chairs the by-laws committee and has already held two meetings.

Secondly he congratulated Kelly on the work she has done as treasurer

**Cyndee Riding** - The board needs to change its attitude. The board can't work if it is a dictatorship

**Sergio Ibarra** - He thanked Kelly for the work she has done as treasurer. the board will not be able to achieve its goals. the board and the executive committee is not a team. He is concerned that communication has broken down.

**Maria Diaz-Tran** - She never overstepped her boundaries. There is a lack of communication at within the executive committee. She is currently trying to resolve the issue regarding demand warrants.

**James Kallas** - He supports Kelly Magallanes and agrees with her decision to resign. She was being stressed and took health into her consideration. Praised her for the magnificent job she did as treasurer.

**Max Foster** - He thanked Kelly for the work she has done.

**9. Next meeting of the ANC will be on June 17, 2014 at 6:30pm at Beachy Elementary School**

#### **10. Adjournment**

**MOTION** (by James Kallas, Second by Max Foster) to adjourn the meeting

**MOTION PASSED** with all 13 board members in favor

President Maria Diaz - Tran **adjourned** the meeting at 8:36pm