

Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
General Meeting of the ANC Board
Tuesday, August 19th, 2014
at Beachy Ave. Elementary School, 9757 Arleta Ave., Arleta

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

Vice President Luis Sencion called the Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
The pledge of Allegiance was lead by Luis Sencion.
Roll call was taken by secretary Veronica DeLara.

Board Members Present:

Luis Sencion	John Hernandez	Sammy Vazquez	Maria Mejia
Kelly Magallanes	Max Foster	James Kallas	Raymond Duran
Veronica DeLara	Cyndee Riding	Daniel Orozco	Jaime Gallo
Julian Ramirez			

Board Members Absent:

Sergio Ibarra

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

2. Character Counts program

This months presentation was on responsibility. He defined it as “knowing and doing what others are expecting of me.” Remember how important responsibility is!

3. Report from L.A.P.D Senior Lead Officer Lee Perry and other government officials

Offier Lee Perry - Began his report with good news. Crime has gone down tremendously. Burglary and grand theft auto have decreased. Police have been receiving great tips. School is in session and parents have been driving too fast around the school. Dog owners must have dogs on a leash and clean up after them as well. Regarding the illegal vendors Officer Perry said that a task force was out in action. Vendors were cited and all their stuff was taken away. Osborne is the problem are for the illegal vendors.

Captain Kenabe - The captain thanked the board for their hospitality at National Night Out. September is Emergency Preparedness month. He offered a seminar for the community that the ANC could put together. The ANC would need to find a location for the seminar and Captain Kenabe would send an instructor.

Jenny Valles, Congressman Tony Cardenas office, - On tuesday August 26 the congressman’s office will host a Grant workshop to help non-profit organizations with funding. This will be held at Pacoima City Hall from 9am-12pm.

Abigail Moreno, Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra office - Briefly mentioned the 5 onramp at Branford will open in October after the completion of the 170 construction.

Lorena Bernal Councilwoman Nury Martinez - The councilwoman is trying to get funding to repair sidewalks damaged by trees. Streets are being repaired with asphalt. The cars for sale motion that was introduced by the councilwoman has made its way to the transportation committee.

Lilian DeLoza - Gutierrez - Metro fares are going up effective September 15. They will still be the lowest fares in the country. Riders now have two hours two transfer on a one-way ride only if the fare is purchased on a tap card. for more information on the fare increases visit metro.net.

At 7:10 Sergio Ibarra enter the meeting. 14 members present.

4. General Public comments on items not on the agenda.

Miriam Fogler - She would like to see ADA accessibility at the meetings. She also wants more outreach done by the ANC.

Aaron Gray - Illegal dumping remains a quality of life issue. He passed around his phone with a picture of a mattress and large television on the sidewalk to board members. Sergio Ibarra did point out he could use the 311 app to report such issues.

Guy Newell - Chloramine is being put into the water.

Donna Pearman - She hopes Arleta makes an effort to differentiate itself from Pacoima.

Jeanette Hopp, Van Nuys Neighborhood Council - The board needs to make community impact statements. They help get information to legislators downtown and help the board get things done faster.

5. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to submit a letter of support for a California State Senate resolution to name 118 and 5 freeway interchange after Congressional Medal of Honor recipient David M. Gonzalez

Angel Valbuena Senator Alex Padilla proposed naming the 118 and 5 freeway interchange after Congressional Medal of Honor recipient David M. Gonzalez. He provided board members and stakeholders with a letter

MOTION (by Kelly Magallanes, Second by Luis Sencion) to support letter

Yes Unanimous

No none

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

6. Board member comments on items not on the agenda

Sammy Vasquez - He thanked the numerous people who helped make National Night Out a very

successful event. Over 560 Arleta residents made it out to National Night Out. Paige Barnes would

love to have Arleta back at Branford park for National Night Out 2015.

Sergio Ibarra - Thanked the Outreach Committee and Sammy Vasquez and others who participated in the event. Things came together well. He looks forward to next years event.

Cyndee Riding - She has submitted her letter of resignation. She will stay on the board until the board can find a replacement. She thanked every single board member for the commitment and professionalism they showed her. She needs to take care of her ailing husband. She is also continuing her graduate studies and devoting more of her time to the child care centers in Arleta. her graduate studies and spend more time with her family. Cyndee received a standing ovation from everyone in the room.

John Hernandez - He hosted a blood drive on August 9. He was not able to meet his goal of 100 pints of blood. Donations have improved in two previous years. This year he collected 70 pints. He thanked those individuals that came out to donate.

Julian Ramirez - 99.9% of damaged sidewalks in Arleta are damaged by tree roots. He met with

Street Services advisor Aida Valencia. She informed him that they will only repair 7 addresses. His home street, Gullo, will be hosting a block party on August 23. Come and enjoy food, music and a bounce house for the kids. He has reserved an information table for the ANC at the event.

7. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to fill vacancies on the Arleta NC. Applications for the following vacant positions will be accepted and reviewed for ANC action at the board meeting on August 19, 2014. Renter Representative (1), Youth Group Representative (1), Homeowner/Condo Representative (1) Applications will be reviewed and verified for stakeholder status.

Youth Group Representative - This included 6 candidates. Luisana Ornelas, Mark Ruelas, Faviola Saucedo, Brian Ramirez, Giselle Cordero, and Kevin Perez. Each of the candidates had a minute to speak on why they should be appointed the new youth group rep. Each board member picked one person. The three candidates with the most votes moved on to the next round. Marc Ruelas, Faviola Saucedo, and Kevin Perez had the most votes. Board members once again had to vote for one of those three candidates. is the new youth representative. Faviola Saucedo received a majority of the votes therefore she is the new youth group representative.

Homeowner representative - This included 4 candidates. Dr Peggy Jordan, Saul Perez, Miriam Fogler, and Guy Newell. Each candidate had a minute to make their case as to why they should be appointed homeowner representative.

Dr Peggy Jordan (1 vote) Max Foster

Miriam Fogler (0 vote)

Guy Newell (1 vote) Veronica DeLara

Saul Perez (11 votes) Julian Ramirez, Kelly Magallanes, Jaime Gallo, Cyndee Riding, Faviola Saucedo Maria Mejia, Daniel Orozco, Sammy Vazquez, John Hernandez, Luis Sencion, Sergio Ibarra. *With 10 votes Saul Perez becomes Homeowner representative.*

Renter representative - Mark Lopez was the sole candidate for this position.

MOTION (by Sergio Ibarra, Second by Kelly Magallanes) to appoint Mark Lopez as renter representative

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Jaime Gallo, John Hernandez, Cyndee Riding, Max Foster, James Kallas, Sammy Vasquez, Faviola Saucedo, Luis Sencion, Maria Mejia,

Daniel Orozco, Julian Ramirez, Raymond Duran

No none

Abstain Saul Perez

MOTION PASSED 15 in favor, 0 non - favor, 1 abstention

8. Committee reports from Outreach, Improvement, and Budget, and Adhoc Public Safety Committees, and Adhoc Bylaws Committees.

Adhoc Bylaws Committee Chairperson John Hernandez suggested the board hold a special meeting to “digest” the recommendations from the committee.

9. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to appoint two budget advocates to represent the ANC at City Hall

There are 3 budget representatives in the region that will keep in touch with the appointed advocates. The budget representatives do all the work at city hall. Those 3 representatives will keep in touch with the appointed advocated and the advocates will report back to the board.

MOTION(by Veronica DeLara, Second by Luis Sencion) to appoint Marc Ruelas as budget rep.
Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, Jaime Gallo, Julian Ramirez, Maria Mejia,

Max Foster, James Kallas, Sammy Vazquez, Mark Lopez, Daniel Orozco, Luis Sencion, Cyndee Riding, Luis Sencion, Faviola Saucedo

No none

Abstain Raymond Duran, Saul Perez.

MOTION PASSED 15 in favor, 0 non - favor, 2 abstain

MOTION (by Daniel Orozco, Second by Jaime Gallo) to appoint Miriam Fogler as budget rep.

Yes Veronica DeLara, Daniel Orozco, Saul Perez, Mark Lopez.

No Julian Ramirez, James Kallas, Cyndee Riding, Sammy Vasquez, John Hernandez, Luis Sencion, Max Foster

Abstain Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Jaime Gallo, Raymond Duran, Maria Mejia, Fabiola Saucedo

MOTION FAILED 4 in favor, 7 non - favor, 6 abstain

10. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to create an Adhoc to review planning case for the following properties 14101 Terra Bella Street, and 14237 Van Nuys Boulevard to report back to the ANC board.

All planning cases brought to the CIC was beginning to be a bit too much work for its members especially when members didn't have much expertise.

MOTION (by Sergio Ibarra, Second by Kelly Magallanes) to create adhoc planning committee

MOTION PASSED 17 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstain

MOTION (by Luis Sencion, Second by Julian Ramirez) to appoint Mark Lopez and Robert Rouge as co-chairs of the Adhoc Planning Committee

MOTION PASSED 17 in favor, 0 non - favor, abstain

At 9:25pm Veronica DeLara leaves the meeting. 16 members present.

At 9:25 Fabiola Saucedo leaves the meeting 15 members present.

11. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to approve funding for the purchase of (4) light pole banners on Arleta HS campus and (4) light pole banners to be installed in front of Arleta High School along 14200 Van Nuys Boulevard. (8) Banners to be installed for a total purchase not to exceed \$2,581.55

Maria Mejia and Luis Sencion recuse themselves as this item poses a conflict of interest.

Loyce Lacson is opposed to the banners at that location and thinks it should not be limited to the school. James Kallas mentioned the original intent of the banners was not to promote the ANC but to promote the high school when it was opened. Cyndee Riding noted that the banner will show the support and appreciation the ANC has for the high school. Max Foster understands the banner is an outreach tool, but the banner can be put in a more equitable place. He thinks the banner is the

least of Arleta High Schools concerns. Saul Perez thinks the banners help increase commitment from Arleta students. Raymond Duran believes the lettering in the banner needs to be bigger to help the ANC's outreach efforts in the community.

The following is an excerpt from a written statement Dianne Hand read to the board and submitted for inclusion in these minutes.

“For \$1.64 per student, they could replace their own banners, allowing ANC to use the \$2600.00 to do outreach to their stakeholders and residents. ANC get an average of 6 to 10 residents at each meeting. This organization needs promotion more than Arleta High School.”

MOTION(by Sammy Vasquez, Second by Sergio Ibarra) to approve the purchase of banners.

Yes Sergio Ibarra, James Kallas, Kelly Magallanes, Julian Ramirez, Cyndee Riding, Sammy Vasquez, John Hernandez, Mark Lopez, Luis Sencion

No Jaime Gallo, Max Foster

Abstain Raymond Duran

Ineligible Daniel Orozco, Saul Perez, Maria Mejia

MOTION PASSED 9 in favor, 2 non - favor, 1 abstain, 3 ineligible

12. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of July 22

MOTION (by Sammy Vasquez, second by Kelly Magallanes)

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Julian Ramirez, Max Foster, Jaime Gallo, Raymond Duran, James Kallas, Cyndee Riding, Daniel Orozco, Maria Mejia, John Hernandez, Luis Sencion, Mark Lopez, Sammy Vasquez

No none

Abstain Saul Perez

MOTION PASSED 14 in favor, 0 non - favor, and 1 abstaining.

13a. Discussion and possible board action on the treasurer’s report. 13b. Monthly reconciliation for June 2014

The treasurer pays all the bills herself. Only expenses for July were the webmaster and minute taker. MPG work was not completed. The money for the Jeopardy program has not been paid because wording on the application needs to be fixed. Regarding the In-n-Out at National Night Out she received a bill charging \$600 for extra burgers. The board had only budgeted for 500 burgers.

MOTION (by Luis Sencion, second by Max Foster) to accept the treasurer’s report.

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Luis Sencion, John Hernandez, James Kallas, Max Foster, Cyndee Riding, Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Julian Ramirez, Sammy Vasquez, Mark Lopez

No none

Ineligible Maria Mejia, Daniel Orozco, Saul Perez

MOTION PASSED 12 in favor, 0 non - favor, 0 abstaining, 3 ineligible

14. Next meeting of the board will be on September 16th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Beachy Ave. Elementary School.

15. adjournment

MOTION (by Maria Mejia, second by Julian Ramirez) to Adjourn the Meeting

MOTION PASSED with all 15 Board Members in favor.

Sergio Ibarra **Adjourned** the Meeting at 9:57 p.m.