

Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
General Meeting of the Board
Tuesday, September 16th, 2014
at Beachy Ave. Elementary School, 9757 Arleta 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.
The pledge of Allegiance was lead by Julian Ramirez.
Roll call was taken by minute taker Irving Sandoval.

Board Members Present:

Sergio Ibarra	Julian Ramirez	Raymond Duran	Fabiola Saucedo
Luis Sencion	Jaime Gallo	James Kallas	Maria Mejia
Kelly Magallanes	Saul Perez	Daniel Orozco	John Hernandez
Veronica DeLara			

Board Members Absent:

Sammy Vazquez Mark Lopez Max Foster

13 Board Members were present. A quorum is nine, so the Board could make Motions and take votes. Also attending: 15 Stakeholders and guests.

2. Presidents Message

President Sergio Ibarra began by congratulating Julian Ramirez and his neighborhood watch group, Neighbors in Action, for their successful block party. He added that their neighborhood watch is an ideal group of people who have achieved great things. Secondly, he congratulated board members and stakeholders who made National Night out a great event. Lastly, he mentioned The Congress of Neighborhood Councils is on Saturday, September 20. He would like to have a group of ANC members attend this event. It is the perfect opportunity for board members to learn more about neighborhood councils and meet elected officials and representatives from other city departments.

3. Character Counts Program

With the absence of Sammy Vazquez no presentation was made.

4. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of August 19, 2014

There was only one correction needed to be made to the minutes. On page 4. Correct Jaime Orozco to Jaime Gallo.

MOTION (by Kelly Magallanes, second by Luis Sencion) to approve minutes from August 19, 2014 with corrections.

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

At 6:54 Mark Lopez enters the meeting. 14 members present.

5. Discussion and board action on treasurer’s report.

Kelly Magallanes reported that the Jeopardy NPG has not been processed by D.O.N.E. Only expenses in August included National Night Out, storage space payment, and webmaster.

MOTION (by Luis Sencion, second by Sergio Ibarra) to approve the treasurer’s report
Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica DeLara, James Kallas, Mark Lopez Luis Sencion, John Hernandez, Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Julian Ramirez.

No none

Ineligible - Saul Perez, Daniel Orozco, Fabiola Saucedo, Maria Mejia

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

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

Outreach Report from Veronica DeLara - Outreach held a special meeting on this past Sunday the 14th to discuss details on Officer Appreciation Day, Halloween Harvest, and Veterans Breakfast. Only Officer Appreciation was discussed. The other items were tabled.

Community Improvement report from Julian Ramirez - Nothing new to report from committee. He did note that he has been putting up neighborhood watch signs around the area. Sergio Ibarra gave details about a survey to find out what can be done about open spaces in Arleta.

Stakeholders are encouraged to attend next Tuesday’s Community Improvement Committee meeting to give feedback regarding these plans.

Adhoc Planning and Land Use report from Mark Lopez - Last night the Planning and Land Use committee held it’s meeting. Applicants from properties 14101 Terra Bella Street and 14237 Van Nuys boulevard were present. The meeting had a good turnout with neighbors from both properties present to express their concerns. The owner of Terra Bella wants the two unit home made to one unit home. It had illegal permits and was frequently reported for loud parties. The property owner of 14237 Van Nuys boulevard has requested a conditional use permit to increase from 49 to 70 students. There are no proposed changes to the building. The committee will need to apply with the Department of Social Services.

7. Discussion and possible board action to set a date for a study session and a special board meeting to review and discuss the revision of the Arleta NC Bylaws

The board has set a tentative date for Saturday, October 18 from 9am-12pm. Location TBA.

8. Report from L.A.P.D Senior Lead Officer and updates from government officials

Officer Lee Perry reported overall crime is down 5 percent in Arleta. Street robberies remain a problem. Young adults are getting robbed of their smartphone or skateboards. Anybody who is being robbed is urged to surrender their property as that can be replaced. Life can not be replaced. Regarding quality of life, there are a number of abandoned vehicles in the area. Report those vehicles to the department. There are a couple of scams that residents need to watch out for. Someone has been going door to door soliciting for Ms. Martinez of Arleta High School. This person has been going around the evening. Around 9pm. Another scam involves someone claiming to be from Bank Of America calling homes from and 877 number and telling people their bank account has been hacked. This is all an effort to get personal information. Bank of America never calls anyone. Ignore that person and hang up. Bicycle riders are required to ride on the street and can only ride on the sidewalk if there are no pedestrians. Drivers share the road! Saul Perez asked if medical marijuana patients can smoke in their vehicles. Officer Perry said patients are required to smoke inside their residence and not inside of a car.

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Lorena Bernal Council Woman Nury Martinez Field Representative - Updated the Cars for Sale ordinance will head before the LA City Council on October 4 for a final vote. The LA City Council has approved a pilot program named ACE. The program allows officers to cite locations reported for noise complaints without giving a first warning. The program would also allow animal services to send a letter to homeowners who have been reported for having loud dogs. The program won't take effect for another 2 to 3 months. Lastly she announced the Lake Balboa Community Clean Up will be held on September 27.

Franklin Ochoa, Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra's Office - The assemblyman is back in town while the assembly is in recess. One of the important bills the assemblyman passed is the Film Entertainment Tax Credit Program. The bill will raise the budget from to 100 million to 330 million. It will help lure film and TV production back into the state.

Julio Anleu- LAUSD board member Monica Ratliff Field Representative- He introduced himself and briefly updated the board on the school board members work. The school districts iPad program is currently on hold. The district is currently working on distributing other devices to schools.

9. General public Comment on items not listed on today's agenda

No comments were made at this time.

10. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to submit a letter to the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, and other elected officials requesting that allegations that were made against the ANC Board be investigated.

Last week a few of the board members held a meeting attended by board members from other neighborhood councils and a few stakeholders. A couple of those stakeholders read aloud some letters bashing the ANC. Kelly Magallanes suggested the city attorney open an investigation to declare the allegations valid or invalid. She dislikes that the current board is tied to all the allegations when she has never seen anyone do any wrong during her time as an ANC member. Sergio Ibarra read letters written by stakeholders Margaret Shoemaker and Dianne Hand. Both letters made allegations that the ANC doesn't represent South Arleta. Kelly Magallanes pointed out the ANC's efforts to rebuild the Arleta sign located in south Arleta. Last April the board faced similar allegations but they were found to be invalid. Luis Sencion and James Kallas both drafted a letter to submit to the Los Angeles City Attorney's office. James Kallas noted a majority of the complaints were false and a couple happened 7 years ago. Stakeholder Robert Rouge spoke in favor of recommendations to write the letter and he suggest the board e-mail CC the letter to the same people the stakeholders submitted their complaints to. All board members will sign this letter.

MOTION (by Kelly Magallanes, second by Maria Mejia) to approve the letter with corrections.

Yes Sergio Ibarra, Kelly Magallanes, Veronica Lara, Luis Sencion, Mark Lopez, Maria Mejia, James Kallas, Julian Ramirez, Jaime Gallo, Raymond Duran, Saul Perez, Fabiola Saucedo, John Hernandez, Daniel Orozco

No none

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

11. Board member comments on items not on today's agenda

Julian Ramirez - He hates to see allegations against the board. Negative comments and opinions don't help at all. The board has to unite against the accusations.

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Mark Lopez -he finds the allegations against the board as disgusting. He pointed out board has done work to help south Arleta including having a clean up at Canterbury Elementary.

Jaime Gallo - He believes the board has a good amount of time to get to know each other.

Saul Perez - He apologized to the board because the current board has not done anything wrong. The allegations mentioned in the letter occurred during his previous term with the ANC. The allegations hold no credibility.

Sergio Ibarra - The iPad owned by the ANC will be assigned to Veronica DeLara. It will be used to update the website and the ANC facebook page.

Veronica DeLara - Committee members need to show commitment and need to stay on the deadlines. Be considerate of organizations and individuals who make requests.

Daniel Orozco - He announced his resignation from the board. He is beginning college at Cal Poly Pomona next week. He has learned a lot about neighborhood councils from the election to the meetings.

12. a. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to financially support the Mission Community Police Advisory Board's 10th Annual Officer Appreciation Day for Wednesday, October 8, 2014 in the amount not to exceed \$500 and a minimum of \$336.11

CPAB had submitted incomplete paperwork for Officer Appreciation Day to Community Outreach. The committee has done its part. Outreach member Veronica Delara will email Betty Ley and will let her know what information was missing. No CPAB representative was present at the Outreach or board meeting to present or answer questions. Missing on the application is a business license and proof that the organization is a 501C3. The board could not act on a request with incomplete paperwork.

MOTION (by Saul Perez, second by James Kallas) to deny funding to CPAB based on incomplete paperwork

Yes Sergio Ibarra, James Kallas, Jaime Gallo, Julian Ramirez, John Hernandez, Kelly Magallanes, Mark Lopez, Raymond Duran.

No Veronica DeLara, Luis Sencion

Ineligible Fabiola Saucedo, Maria Mejia, Daniel Orozco, Saul Perez

MOTION PASSED 8 in favor, 2 non - favor, 4 ineligible

12b. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to organize the Veterans Breakfast event at Branford Park to be held November 11, 2014

12c. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action for a co-sponsorship request for a Veteran's Day Parade and the purchase of magnetic signs for ANC vehicles to be in the parade

12d. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action for a co-sponsorship of the Halloween Event at Branford Park and to allocate funds for the rental of three moon bounce rentals in the amount not to exceed \$1500

Items will be continued. Item was tabled at the Outreach Committee meeting at the request of member Max Foster. There was no paperwork for these other three events. There was some misunderstanding about what committees can do.

13. 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 held on September 16, 2014 Youth Representative (1), Business Representative (1). Applications will be reviewed and verified for stakeholder status.

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Youth Representative candidates, Kevin Perez, Brian Ramirez, Mark Ruelas, each had two minutes to talk about the activities they are involved in and why they want to be on the board. Each board member then voted for one candidate.

Votes

Kevin Perez (4) Fabiola, Maria, Daniel, Luis

Brian Ramirez (4) Julian, Sergio, Veronica, Kelly

Mark Ruelas (6) Mark, Jaime, Saul, Raymond, James, John

With a majority of the votes. Mark Ruelas wins Youth Representative.

Guy Dionne was the sole candidate for Business Representative. He was present at the meeting but had left the meeting by the time the board got to this item. James Kallas suggested the board proceed with the discussion despite Guy Dionne's absence.

James Kallas spoke in favor of Guy Dionne and mentioned how he has helped members of the board and believes he will be an asset to the ANC. Guy Dionne was on the board before James Kallas joined the ANC. John Hernandez agreed that he is a hard worker but he left meetings early and became argumentative when it came to the treasurer's report. Saul Perez understands both sides of James Kallas' and John Hernandez' comments recalling that he did become aggressive when it came to the treasurer's report mostly due to a lack of transparency from the treasurer but believes he is a hard worker and could help the board. Julian Ramirez and Jaime Gallo find it hard to vote for someone they don't know. Kelly Magallanes dislikes Guy Dionne's approach.

MOTION (by James Kallas, second by Daniel Orozco) to appoint Guy Dionne as business rep.

Yes Raymond Duran, James Kallas, Saul Perez

No Sergio Ibarra, Mark Lopez, John Hernandez, Julian Ramirez, Kelly Magallanes, Luis Sencion

Abstain Daniel Orozco, Fabiola Saucedo, Maria Mejia, Veronica DeLara, Jaime Gallo

MOTION FAILED 3 in favor, 6 non - favor, 5 abstain

14. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to appoint new committee members to the following committees: Outreach, Community Improvement,

MOTION (by Kelly Magallanes, second by John Hernandez) to appoint Saul Perez in the Outreach Committee

motion passed with all members in favor

MOTION (Raymond Duran, second by John Hernandez) to appoint James Kallas in the Community Improvement Committee

motion passed with all members in favor

MOTION (by Mark Lopez, second by Sergio Ibarra) to appoint Robert Rouge as stakeholder into the community improvement committee

motion passed with all members in favor

MOTION (by Mark Lopez, second by John Hernandez) to appoint Mark Ruelas in the budget committee

motion passed with all members in favor

MOTION (by Sergio Ibarra, second by Kelly Magallanes) to appoint Fabiola Saucedo to youth committee

motion passed with all members in favor

MOTION (Luis Sencion, second by Veronica DeLara) to appoint Kevin Perez and Brian Ramirez as stakeholders into the youth committee

motion passed with all members in favor

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15. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to have the ANC participate in the Arleta High School Homecoming on November 1, 2014

This year the homecoming game will be held on Saturday along with the homecoming parade and community event. The community event will be held from 10:30am-12:30pm and the ANC has been offered a table at the event. Julian Ramirez, Mark Lopez, Daniel Orozco, Raymond Duran, James Kallas, Jaime Gallo, Robert Rouge have confirmed their availability to staff a table. The ANC has also been offered to participate in the homecoming parade. Raymond Duran suggested the ANC purchase ANC shirts to wear at the event.

MOTION (by Sergio Ibarra, second by Jaime Gallo) to participate in the Arleta High School Homecoming

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

16. Next meeting of the ANC Board meeting will be October 21, 2014 at 6:30pm at Beachy Elementary School

17. Adjournment

MOTION (by Maria Mejia, second by Mark Lopez) to Adjourn the Meeting

MOTION PASSED with all 14 Board Members in favor.

Sergio Ibarra **Adjourned** the Meeting at 9:37 p.m.