



Minutes of the
ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 15, 2015

at Beachy Ave. Elementary School – Auditorium, 9757 Beachy Ave., Arleta, CA 91331

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I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

President John Hernandez introduced himself and called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call was taken. Nine of the 10 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Veronica DeLara, Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, John Hernandez, Sergio Ibarra, Mark Lopez, Kelly Magallanes, Julian Ramirez and Marsha Tostevan. One Board Member was absent: Saul Perez. The ANC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is nine (see <http://www.ArletaNC.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/ANC-Bylaws-Amendments-012614SD.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. Ten of the 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Seven Board Seats (At Large (2), Business, Home/Condo Owner, Seniors, and Youth (2) [Three Seats were filled; see below.]) were vacant. [To apply, see www.ArletaNC.org.] Also attending: 45 Stakeholders and Guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergio Ibarra.

II. President’s Message

Mr. Hernandez explained that Speaker Cards were available and reminded everyone to be respectful. He talked with Lorena Bernal, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Six Councilmember Nury Martinez (office 818-771-0236; Lorena.Bernal@LACity.org; <http://CD6.LACity.org>), regarding Fire Station Seven; businesses are interested. He requested and there was a moment of silence for former ANC Board Member Al Pientaneda, who recently passed away.

III. Comments/Announcements from Government Officials, including

- a. Congressman Tony Cardenas
- b. State Senator Bob Hertzberg
- c. Assemblywoman Patty Lopez

- d. Councilmember Nury Martinez
- e. L.A.U.S.D. Board Member Monica Ratliff
- f. Other Government Agencies

No representatives were present and there were no reports.

IV. Report from L.A.P.D Senior Lead Officer and/or L.A.F.D Representatives

Stakeholder Dianne Hand reported for Interim Senior Lead Officer Crawford (LAPD Mission Division; office 818-838-9800; http://www.LAPDonline.org/Mission_Community_Police_Station) that “crime is down” in Arleta and the Mission Division.

V. General Public Comments on Items Not Listed on Agenda.

Stakeholder Jim Kallas explained that Fire Station Seven moved to Plummer and it could be made into a community center to house the Neighborhood Watch, ANC and other offices.

VI. Presentation – Tafari Bayne – (Planning Consultant) CicLAVia

Copies were distributed of information about CicLAVia (213.355.8500; Info@CicLAVia.org; www.CicLAVia.org; @CicLAVia). Mr. Bayne explained the event. Streets are set up for around six hours for bicyclists, pedestrians and others while vehicles still can cross at selected major intersections. CicLAVia will be “about four miles . . . on Van Nuys Blvd.” from Panorama City through Arleta to Pacoima. Henny Alamillo presented slides and a video explaining safety measures including Police. She said “you don’t need a bike . . . it’s free.”

Board Business:

VII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on ANC Board Minutes

Mr. Hernandez indicated that the July 28th, August 18th and September 15th Board Meeting Minutes will be Agendized for approval at the October 20th Meeting.

VIII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on the Monthly Treasurers Report, including the Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R)

Copies were distributed of the ANC “August Monthly Expenditure Report,” statements, receipt copies and invoices.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Ibarra, seconded by Mr. Hernandez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2015.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Magallanes encouraged Committee Chairs to identify projects toward which funds can be allocated. She reminded that 30 days is needed to process allocation requests.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no objection.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Ramirez and Marsha Tostevan); zero opposed; zero abstained.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Ibarra): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2015.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Ramirez and Marsha Tostevan); zero opposed; zero abstained.

IX. Committee Reports

a. Executive

Mr. Hernandez indicated that there was no report.

b. Outreach

Mr. Lopez reported that soon the Committee will meet.

c. Community Improvement

Julian Ramirez indicated that there was no report.

d. Budget

Ms. Magallanes reported that \$5,000 the City allocated to each Neighborhood Council “still has not been released.”

X. Motion/Discussion/Vote on resignation of Outreach Chairperson Saul Perez Mr. Hernandez explained that Mr. Perez resigned as the Outreach Committee Chair.

MOTION (by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Magallanes): The Arleta Neighborhood Council accepts the resignation of Saul Perez as the Outreach Committee Chair.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Ramirez and Marsha Tostevan); zero opposed; zero abstained.

XI. Motion/Discussion/Vote on appointment of Outreach Chairperson

Mr. Hernandez appointed Mr. Lopez, who accepted, as the Outreach Committee Chair.

MOTION (by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Magallanes): The Arleta Neighborhood Council appoints Board Member Mark Lopez as the ANC Outreach Committee Chair.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

XII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on appointments to the following Committees

- a. Budget- 1 Board Member and/or up to 2 Stakeholder (5 Members total)
- b. Outreach- 2 Board Members and/or up to 3 Stakeholders (5 Members total)

Mr. Hernandez noted the above.

XIII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible Board action to fill vacancies on the Arleta NC.

- a. Homeowner 1 Seat; b. Business Owner 1 Seat; c. At Large 2 Seats; d. Senior 1 Seats; and e. Youth 2 Seats.

Mr. Hernandez noted the above and that Stakeholder Jim Tostevan was interested in the vacant Seniors Seat. Mr. Tostevan introduced himself and described his community interests and experience. Mr. Hernandez noted that Mr. Tostevan already completed the Ethics Training and the Funding Training.

MOTION (by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Gallo): The Arleta Neighborhood Council appoints Stakeholder Jim Tostevan to a Seniors Seat on its Board.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no objection.

PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Ramirez and Marsha Tostevan); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Hernandez read aloud the description of the Youth Seats. Four Arleta High School upper class students introduced themselves and described their community interests and experience. Blank pieces of paper were distributed to Board Members upon which Mr. Hernandez instructed them to write the names of no more than two of the four Candidates. Student Bryan Ramirez received eight (8) votes; Gissell Cordero received seven (7) votes; Melinda received three (3) votes and Jesus received two (2) votes. Bryan Ramirez and Ms. Cordero were welcomed to the Board. Mr. Hernandez led them and Mr. Tostevan (who was appointed last month but was unavailable to take the Oath) in reading aloud the Oath of Office.

New Board Members Gissell Cordero, Bryan Ramirez and Jim Tostevan were Seated with the Board, making 12 Board Members present (the ANC quorum is nine).

XIV. Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible Board to purchase name badges for Board Members not to exceed \$200 (John Hernandez)

Mr. Hernandez explained that the badges would cost “approximately \$8” apiece from Anderson Trophy.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Magallanes, seconded by Mr. Duran): The Arleta Neighborhood Council will purchase name badges for Board Members in an amount not to exceed \$200.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Ramirez, Marsha Tostevan and Jim Tostevan); zero opposed; zero abstained; two were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training (Cordero and Bryan Ramirez).

XV. Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible Board to purchase name plates for Board Members not to exceed \$500 (John Hernandez)

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Lopez): The Arleta Neighborhood Council will purchase name plates for Board Members in an amount not to exceed \$500.

DISCUSSION: Julian Ramirez distributed copies of quotes from Anderson Trophy. Mr. Lopez believed that name plates should have Board Members’ names and the quotes cost too much. Ms. Magallanes reminded that there is only around six months until the next ANC election. Ms. DeLara noted that the badges will have Board Members’ names. Mr. Kallas recommended that the name plates have names but not the badges. Stakeholders Loyce Lacson and Robert Rouge encouraged Board Members having computer-generated name plates with names until the next election.

FUNDING MOTION FAILED by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with three in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Hernandez and Julian Ramirez); seven opposed (Duran, Gallo, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Marsha Tostevan and Jim Tostevan); zero abstained; two were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training (Cordero and Bryan Ramirez).

XVI. Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible Board action to appoint a liaison to the Board of Public Works

Mr. Hernandez distributed copies of the position description. Julian Ramirez will try to help. Mr. Tostevan was willing to be the Liaison.

MOTION (by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. DeLara): The Arleta Neighborhood Council appoints Board Member Jim Tostevan as Liaison to the Board of Public Works.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no objection.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Ramirez, Marsha Tostevan and Jim Tostevan); zero opposed; zero abstained; two were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training (Cordero and Bryan Ramirez).

XVII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible letter of support for Greenhouse Nurseries (Julian Ramirez)

Mr. Hernandez explained the issue, and distributed copies of and read aloud a proposed letter. The letter would be copied to the Mayor, City Councilmember Nury Martinez and other City officials. Greenhouse Nurseries is along Canterbury between Kagel Canyon and Garber, on DWP property. Mr. Rouge said the DWP said that a new federal regulation prompted the issue. Co-Owner Paul Needleman explained that it’s a community business.

MOTION (by Julian Ramirez, seconded by Mr. Gallo): The Arleta Neighborhood Council will write a letter of support for Greenhouse Nurseries.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no objection.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (DeLara, Duran, Gallo, Hernandez, Ibarra, Lopez, Magallanes, Ramirez, Marsha Tostevan and Jim Tostevan); zero opposed; zero abstained; two were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training (Cordero and Bryan Ramirez).

XVIII. Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible Community Impact Statement pertaining to Council File #13-1493 City of Los Angeles Street Vending Policy (Julian Ramirez).

Copies were distributed of a “Sidewalk Vending Fact Sheet,” “Economic Impact,” “Frequently Asked Questions” and more information. Julian Ramirez explained that the City Council is considering this issue. He reported that the ANC Community Improvement Committee voted three-to-one in favor to submit to the City a Community Impact Statement (CIS) “to ban sidewalk vendors.” He supports allowing vending “with regulation.”

Stakeholders supporting sidewalk vending believed that it supports families; provides income to educate children; and that much worse things are being done by people to earn money. Yolanda Anguiano of MEND [Meet Each Need With

Dignity] (818-897-2443; www.mendpoverty.org) supports legalizing sidewalk vending, saying it would prompt a policy to be made.

Stakeholders opposing sidewalk vending believed that it can cause loitering and trash; lacks hygiene; sidewalks are not designed for vending; vendors must obey the laws; it discourages patronizing legal businesses; other income opportunities are available; it lowers property values; customers block traffic; and that current laws are not being enforced.

MOTION (by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Duran): The Arleta Neighborhood Council approves its Community Improvement Committee recommendation to write a Community Impact Statement opposing the legalization of street vending in Council File #13-1493 City of Los Angeles Street Vending Policy.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hernandez further explained the issue. Julian Ramirez believed that sidewalk vending is not taking income from other businesses. Mr. Ibarra believed that enforcement resources are not available. Mr. Gallo believed that the issue is not about immigration. Ms. Magallanes believed that tax-paying businesses should be protected. Mr. Lopez believed that sidewalk vendors need to be educated about the permitting process and laws. Mr. Duran believed a lack of enforcement already is causing a dirty neighborhood. He has a petition with 171 signatures, including 10 businesses and 27 DMV employees, opposing sidewalk vending. Mr. Hernandez read aloud a proposed CIS and clarified that the issue is about “illegal vending.”

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION (by Mr. Hernandez); no objection.

MOTION FAILED by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with four in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Duran, Gallo, Hernandez and Magallanes); four opposed (Ibarra, Lopez, Julian Ramirez and Jim Tostevan; two abstained (DeLara and Marsha Tostevan); two were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training (Cordero and Bryan Ramirez).

XIX. Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible Board action to approve a letter of indemnification and hold harmless to be used whenever posting any ANC signs on homeowners property (Julian Ramirez)
Mr. Hernandez requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item, which is “being reviewed by the City.”

XX. Motion/Discussion/Vote on possible Board action to participate (booth) with Arleta High School celebrating their California Gold Ribbon and Anniversary 10/3/2015 9 AM – 12 PM (Veronica De Lara)
Mr. Hernandez noted the above. Ms. DeLara relayed that the Principal said the ANC can have a booth at the event. Mr. Hernandez will help and encouraged others.

XXI. Upcoming Events: LAPD Mission Division 5K Run 10/25/2015 & Harvest Festival
10/31/2015 Branford Park

Mr. Hernandez noted the above and helping plan the Festival. Mr. Duran encouraged fundraising for the Police Cadets Program.

XXII. Board Member Comments

Julian Ramirez announced an October 10th neighborhood party for families. Mr. Gallo announced his resignation at this time. Board Members expressed appreciation for the democratic process of Board Members' and Stakeholders' comments at this Meeting. Mr. Duran believed that the ANC "did not represent the people" regarding the sidewalk vending issue.

XXIII. Adjournment and Next Board Meeting October 20 2015 Beachy Elementary
Mr. Hernandez declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:11 p.m.

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