

**Minutes of the
Arleta Neighborhood Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

President John Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members Present:

John Hernandez
Margaret Shoemaker
Loyce Lacson
Kenneth Nguyen
Danna Gutierrez
Jaime Gallo (arrived at 6:43p.m.)
Raymond Duran
Gary Gallon
Fernando Moreno
Vanessa Lopez

Board Members Absent:

Daisy Chavez

President's Message: President John Hernandez announced that there are speaker cards available.

Comments/Announcements from Government Officials:

Elizabeth Jimenez, representing **Councilmember, Nury Martinez** thanked everyone who attended and volunteered at the Health Fair on Saturday, November 12, 2016. It was a successful event presented by Council District 6, Walgreens and Congressman Cardenas.

Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer:

Senior Lead Officer, Tracy Ware distributed current crime maps. We are down in crimes from last month. She reported that burglaries are a concern in Arleta. They are mostly happening between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. They have been going through rear yards when no-one is home. Officer Ware cautioned us to be watchful. They have been cleaning up encampments in the area.

General Public Comments on Items Not Listed on Agenda:

Melvin Canas from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) introduced himself. He will be giving board training for new board members at the end of the meeting.

A stakeholder stated that he has lived in Arleta all his life. He has concerns about the wash at the Wentworth bridge. There are a lot of homeless living there. He also shared concern with the area of Wentworth to Osborne. He often comes home late at night and observes people riding bicycles, selling bicycles and other things. He has observed a lot more activity at the 7-11 store at Osborne and Arleta. He almost hit someone standing in the middle of the street.

Another stakeholder stated that the Health Fair put on by Councilwoman Nury Martinez (Council District 6), Congressman Cardenas, and Walgreens was a huge success and felt that it should be stated as a matter of public record on behalf of the stakeholders.

The campaign manager for Imelda Padilla announced that Ms. Padilla is running for the School Board District Seat being vacated by Monica Ratliff. They are in the process of gathering signatures and getting concerns.

Announcements:

President John Hernandez announced that the “At-Large” seat has been vacated since Jesus Barron resigned his position.

Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of ANC Board Minutes dated October 18, 2016:

Motion 1/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – move to approve minutes of October 18, 2016 as amended. Second by Gary Gallon. The motion passed unanimously.

A correction was made to delete on page 3 of 6: VII. Page seven, Item #XVII: Ms. Shoemaker requested that “at large” be added; however, it already was on page six.

6:43 p.m. – Jaime Gallo arrived.

Motion/Discussion/Vote on the Monthly Treasurer’s Report, including the Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.) for October 2016.

Motion 2/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – move to approve the MERS Report dated October 2016. Second by Jaime Gallo. The motion passed.

Vote Count: Raymond Duran: yes, Fernando Moreno: yes, Jaime Gallo: yes, Loyce Lacson: yes, Vanessa Lopez: yes, Danna Gutierrez: ineligible, Margaret Shoemaker: yes, Kenneth Ngyn: yes, Garry Gallon: yes.

Motion/ Discussion/Vote on possible board action to fill vacancies on the Arleta Neighborhood Council:

President John Hernandez announced the board seat opening for the “At-Large” position. Raul Pineda is interested in this position. He introduced himself and stated he wants to be involved in the community.

Motion 3/Seconded/Carried – Raymond Duran – move to accept Raul Pineda as the “At-Large” member of the board. Second by Jaime Gallo.
Motion passed unanimously.

Business Seat: Drew Fisher applied for the Business seat. He introduced himself and spoke about how he would like to be a part of the ANC board. He owns and operates a business within the boundaries of the ANC.

Motion 4/Seconded/Carried – Loyce Lacson – move to approve Drew Fisher in the Business Seat of the ANC Board. Second by Margaret Shoemaker.
Motion passed unanimously.

Other open board seats include Renter, School Rep., and Senior Rep.:

Elvia Lazalde applied for the Senior Seat. She introduced herself and spoke about her past involvement in Arleta as a resident and volunteer.

Motion 5/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – move to appoint Elvia Lazalde as the Senior Representative on the ANC. Second by Loyce Lacson.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible board action to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 payable to the Los Angeles Police Foundation for the Mission Community Police Station to replace worn out carpet, tables, and chairs in the Community Room.

Margaret Shoemaker recused herself and left the room prior to discussion and vote on this item because she is a member of the Community Police Advisory Board and wants to err on the side of caution to avoid any perception of a conflict of interest.

Sargent Arocho from Mission Division Police Station spoke about the need for the improvements to their Community Room.

Motion 6/Seconded/Carried – Raymond Duran – move to approve the Neighborhood Purpose Grant for \$1,000.00 for Mission Police Station for chairs, tables, etc.
Second by Jaime Gallo. Motion passed: 8 yes, 4 ineligible, 1 recused.

Vote Count: Raymond Duran: yes, Fernando Moreno: yes, Jaime Gallo: yes, Loyce Lacson: yes, Vanessa Lopez: yes, Danna Gutierrez: ineligible, Margaret Shoemaker: recused, Kenneth Ngyn: yes, Gary Gallon: yes, Raul Pineda: ineligible, Drew Fisher: ineligible, Elvia Lazalde: ineligible.

Motion/Discussion/Vote on a possible action to approve the Community Impact Statement regarding L. A. City Council; item # 14-1057-S1 Section 85.2 LAMC.

Motion 7/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – move to approve the Community Impact Statement regarding L.A. City Council Item # 14-1057-S1 Section 85.2 LAMC as presented. Second by Loyce Lacson. The motion passed. 9 yes, 3 no.

It was suggested to recess to verify the need for the community impact statement. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Vote Count: Raymond Duran: yes, Fernando Moreno: yes, Jaime Gallo: yes, Loyce Lacson: yes, Vanessa Lopez: no, Danna Gutierrez: no, Margaret Shoemaker: yes, Kenneth Ngyn: no, Gary Gallon: yes, Raul Pineda: yes, Drew Fisher: yes, Elvia Lazalde: yes.

Committee Reports:

Community Improvement Committee – Jaime Gallo – CERT class – we need e-mails and phone numbers of the individuals who signed up for the class.

Outreach Committee – we need to appoint a chair for the Outreach Committee since Jesus Barron resigned. President Hernandez asked for a volunteer. Raymond Duran volunteered.

Motion8/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – move to approve Raymond Duran as the Outreach Committee Chair. Second by Jaime Gallo. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion9/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – move to approve Gary Gallon as a member on the Community Improvement Committee. Second by Loyce Lacson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion10/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – move to approve Vanessa Lopez as a member of the Outreach Committee. Second by Danna Gutierrez. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 11/Seconded/Carried – Margaret Shoemaker – move to approve a Community Potluck on December 20, 2016 with participating neighborhood watch groups, Council District 6, and community members. Second by Gary Gallon.

Board Member Comments:

Vanessa Lopez feels that discussion on motion #7 turned into yelling. Raymond Duran agrees.

Gary Gallon did not see it as yelling but active discussion.

Danna Gutierrez thanked all attendees.

Fernando Moreno welcomed new board members.

Drew Fisher is looking forward working with board members and the community.

Kenneth Ngyn thanked new board members. He asked for donations for Arleta High School Key Club.

Elvia Lazalde thanked everyone for welcoming her.

John Hernandez stated that the ANC is participating in the December 10th Pacoima Holiday.

Parade. We need board members to participate. The parade starts at 9:00 a.m. but we must be there by 7:00 a.m.

General Public Comments:

Ruby Chavez spoke on behalf of Monica Ratliff. November is Native American Heritage Month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.