BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: MID-VALLEY INTERGENERATIONAL MULTIPURPOSE CENTER – APPROVAL OF NAMING MID-VALLEY INTERGENERATIONAL MULTIPURPOSE CENTER AS ALBERT PIANTANIDA INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA), PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1 (1) OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES (ON PREMISE SIGNS)

AP Diaz
V. Israel
R. Barajas
S. Piña-Cortez
H. Fujita
N. Williams

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the naming of the Mid-Valley Intergenerational Multipurpose Center as "Albert Piantanida Intergenerational Center";

2. Authorize the installation of appropriate signage;

3. Find the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11 (1) of the City CEQA guidelines, and direct Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to file a Notice of Exemption; and,

4. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars ($75.00) for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption.

SUMMARY

Mid-Valley Intergenerational Multipurpose Center is located at 9540 North Van Nuys Boulevard. The project is a Specified Proposition K project with the following scope of work, "acquire land and construct a new senior center and multi-purpose intergenerational center." This project was originally completed in 2001 but during the transition from the contractor to the City the building was vandalized, completely destroying all improvements. The facility has since been rebuilt and includes a single story structure that is approximately 2,500 square feet with two programming rooms: a senior room and a teen room; a staff office; lobby; restrooms; and a storage area; a parking area; and exterior improvements including landscape, irrigation and security lighting. This reconstructed
project was issued a Certificate of Occupancy in January, 2015 and in February 18, 2015 the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved final acceptance of the project. (BR 15-040, Exhibit A)

In September, 2015, Councilwoman Nury Martinez of Council District Six made a request to the Board to consider renaming the Mid-Valley Intergenerational Multipurpose Center as the “Albert Piantanida Intergenerational Center” in order to ‘recognize the work and effort that Mr. Piantanida put into making this facility a reality.’ (Exhibit B) This facility has been designated Mid-Valley Intergenerational Multipurpose Center in keeping with RAP policy of assigning temporary names for administrative purposes but has never undergone a community-driven naming process.

Mr. Piantanida was an active member of his community and served the community in many capacities. Some of his contributions include: President of the Arleta Neighborhood Council, President of the Village Green East Home Owners Association, member of the Arleta Chamber of Commerce, member of the Arleta Community Watchdog Organization, member of the Los Angeles Police Department’s Foothill and Mission Division Community-Police Advisory Boards, the Police Foundation, and the Valley Traffic Advisory Council. Mr. Piantanida was awarded the Pacoima Spirit Award for community activist of the year in 2011.

On July 13, 2016, this proposal was presented to the Facilities and Maintenance Repair Commission Task Force (Task Force) for review. At that time it was determined by the Task Force that the proposal did not meet the standards for a facility naming per the Asset Naming Policy. The Task Force instructed staff to continue work with Council Office Six in order to either establish additional community support for the naming proposal or to explore alternative naming options. On February 7, 2017, staff attended an Arleta Neighborhood Watch meeting at which the naming was discussed and several community members spoke in favor of the proposal. Staff has also received additional letters of support for the proposed naming (Exhibit C).

On September 6, 2017, this proposal was presented again to the Task Force for review. The Task Force was able to reconsider the facility naming request including the various letters of support. Several members of the community and agency representatives attended the meeting and offered testimony to the Task Force speaking in unanimous favor of the proposed naming. The Task Force recommended that the proposal be forwarded to the Board for consideration.

Staff has evaluated the proposed naming and finds it to be in compliance with the Board adopted Policy, Procedures and Guidelines for Parks and Recreational Facilities. The name Albert Piantanida Intergenerational Center recognizes the legacy of a community member who was honored by his peers for his service to the Valley community.

RAP management and staff are in support of the recommendations.
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed project involves the installation of on premise signs. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Board determine that the subject project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11 (1) of the City CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There will be no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund for the naming of this park as the park signage will be paid for by the project applicant.

This Report was prepared by Melinda Gejer, City Planning Associate, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Exhibit A
2. Exhibit B
3. Exhibit C
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE February 18, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: MID-VALLEY INTERGENERATIONAL MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER (PRJ20163) (W.O. #E170239F) PROJECT - FINAL ACCEPTANCE AND RELEASE OF RETENTION

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the final acceptance of work performed for the Mid-Valley Intergenerational Multipurpose Center (PRJ20163) (W.O. # E170239F) project under Contract No. 3442 and awarded to Mallcraft, Inc., as outlined in the Summary of this Report;

2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to immediately release all retention monies held under Mallcraft, Inc., Contract No. 3442, after deducting for any remaining stop notices and/or penalties, if any, as outlined in the Summary of this Report;

3. Authorize the Board Secretary to furnish Mallcraft, Inc., with a letter of acceptance for the subject project.

SUMMARY:

On April 17, 2013, the Board awarded Mallcraft, Inc., Contract No. 3442, in the amount of $2,120,000, under Report No. 13-093, for the construction of the Mid-Valley Intergenerational Multipurpose Center (PRJ20163) (W.O. # E170239F) project. On June 5, 2013, the Board executed Contract No. 3442. The Notice-to-Proceed was issued to Mallcraft, Inc. on June 11, 2013. The
Board also authorized the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to negotiate and execute construction change orders within the amount of the approved construction budget.

The project is located at 9540 North Van Nuys Boulevard, Panorama City, California in Council District 6. The scope of work for the subject project consisted of the construction of a new multipurpose facility, which includes a single story, 2,500 square foot building and outdoor improvements including: landscape, irrigation, walking paths, and parking and installation of picnic tables, benches, electrical car charging station, bicycle storage locker, drinking fountains, security lighting, trash enclosure, and signage. The installation of fitness and children's play equipment were also included in the project scope, using the City's On-Call contractors. This work was done under a separate contract, and was not part of the work awarded to Mallcraft, Inc.

Construction is now 100% complete. On January 5, 2015, the Department of Building and Safety issued the Certificate of Occupancy for the project. On February 9, 2015, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) took beneficial occupancy of the facility.

There were 60 Change Orders issued, totaling $411,645 or 19.4% of the original awarded amount. The total contract amount, including approved change orders, is $2,531,645.00. The funds to pay for the cost of Change Order No.10 will be reimbursed to the City by Wildan Engineering, Geotechnical consultant for the subject project, for costs incurred during construction, due to an error by Wildan Engineering. Wildan Engineering has agreed that the error was caused by their work, and agreed, through a Settlement Agreement, now in the process of being executed, to reimburse the City for any and all additional costs incurred by the project due to their error. The project was completed within the overall approved budget.

Department staff has consulted with the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Contract Administration, Office of Contract Compliance concerning the status of the labor compliance requirements and Affirmative Action requirements on the project and, to date, there are no outstanding wage violations, and Mallcraft, Inc., is in compliance.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no fiscal impact to the Department at this time. Current staff within the immediate area will provide the necessary maintenance.

This Report was prepared by Ray Araujo, Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE). Reviewed by Neil Drucker, Program Manager, Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program, BOE; Deputy City Engineer, BOE; and Cathie Santo Domingo, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch.
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| W.O.N.O.: E170239 |

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1. Percentages of CO ID Orders are based on supplier data amounts.
2. Foreclosure Orders Only (Unpaid + Unpaid).
September 22, 2015

Sylvia Patsouras
President-Board of Recreation and Parks
Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department
Office of Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 86328
Los Angeles, CA 90086-0328
Attn: Armando Bencomo, Commission Executive Assistant II

Dear Board President Patsoura:

I am writing to request that the Board of Recreation and Parks consider renaming the Mid Valley Multipurpose Center as the "Albert Piantanida Intergenerational Center" to recognize the work and effort Mr. Piantanida put into making this facility a reality. Mr. Piantanida passed away on September 1, 2015 and I believe that renaming this facility in his honor would help preserve his legacy in the community.

He was a constant advocate for his community in Arleta, working behind the scenes to help improve the quality of life for residents of all ages, taking on issues such as combatting illegal dumping, working with neighbors to implement community beautification projects as well as being instrumental in opening Valor Academy Charter School in Arleta. He also served as an active member of the Arleta Chamber of Commerce, the Arleta Looky Loos, as well as Founder and President of the Arleta Community Watchdogs. Al considered himself a "team" member of the community and felt that building a better world started in his backyard.

Mr. Piantanida served as a Proposition K Regional Volunteer Oversite Committee (RVNOC) representative for the Valley Region for many years. During his service, he championed the prioritization and development of this facility along with many others that came through the committee. But this facility was near and dear to his heart. He saw the value in creating a facility that could serve people of all ages, and once programs would be put into the facility, they could serve a variety of communities.

Naming this facility in his name would be a fitting tribute to a man who served his community with his heart. I respectfully ask that you consider this request.

Sincerely,

NURY MARTINEZ
Councilwoman, 6th District
July 19, 2017

Sylvia Patsouras  
President-Board of Recreation and Parks  
Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Department  
Office of Board of Commissioners  
P.O. Box 86328  
Los Angeles, CA 90086-0328  
Attn: Melinda Gejer

Dear Ms. Patsouras,

I am writing to express my support for full and fair consideration of renaming the Mid Valley Multipurpose Center “Albert Piantanida Intergenerational Center.” As a constituent, Mr. Piantanida has served communities in my district in the San Fernando Valley for over 20 years and has been an effective partner in creating community awareness about the importance of green space and civic engagement.

In my time as a public servant, I have continuously advocated for more parks and access, along with other issues affecting our underserved communities. Through demonstrated efforts, Al’s mission was to provide education, access, and local support for projects that promoted a healthy and sustainable San Fernando Valley. I greatly appreciate the work of leaders that advocate for community access through a grassroots community approach.

Again, I encourage fair and full consideration of renaming the Mid Valley Multipurpose Center after such an exemplary community leader like Al. If you have any questions or wish to further discuss this letter, please contact my office at (818) 221-3718.

Sincerely,

Tony Cárdenas  
Member of Congress
February 3rd, 2017

Sylvia Patsouras
President-Board of Recreation and Parks
Los Angeles City, Recreation and Parks Department
Office of Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 86328
Los Angeles, CA 90086-0328
Atten: Melinda Gejer

Dear Ms. Gejer,

I am writing to kindly request that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commission consider re-naming the Mid Valley Intergenerational Center the "Albert Piantanida Intergenerational Center" to recognize his dedication and commitment in making this facility a reality for residents of all ages to enjoy. I support Councilwoman Nury Martinez in the naming of this facility. This would be a fitting tribute for a man who served his community with his heart. As someone who personally knew of the dedication and commitment Mr. Piantanida showed his community, I respectfully ask that you consider this request.

Albert Piantanida passed away on Monday, August 31, 2015. Throughout his life, Mr. Piantanida constantly advocated for the communities of Arleta and Panorama City. Through his vision, Al helped bring projects to fruition such as the beautiful Devonshire-Arleta Pocket Park and the Mid-Valley Intergenerational Center.

As an active member of the community, Mr. Piantanida was Founder and President of the Arleta Community Watchdogs, and President of The Village Green East Home Owners Association. He participated in the Arleta Chamber of Commerce, the Arleta Looky Loos Neighborhood Watch, and more. Al considered himself a "team" member of the community and believed that building a better world started in his backyard. His vision to bring change to the community was seen in countless projects, and we cannot thank him enough.

Sincerely,

RAUL BOCANEGRA
Assemblymember, 39th District
February 21, 2017

Sylvia Patsouras  
President-Board of Recreation and Parks  
Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Department  
Office of Board of Commissioners  
P.O. Box 86328  
Los Angeles, CA 90086-0328  
Atten: Melinda Gejer

I am writing to kindly request that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commission consider renaming the Mid Valley Multipurpose Center “Albert Piantanida Intergenerational Center” to recognize his work in making this facility a reality residents of all ages to enjoy. Mr. Piantanida passed away on Monday, August 31, 2015. Mr. Piantanida was a constant advocate for the community of Arleta and Panorama City. He served on countless committees and community groups such as the City’s Prop-K Committee. Through his involvements, he helped bring projects to fruition throughout the Northeast San Fernando Valley, including the beautiful Devonshire-Arleta Pocket Park and the Mid-Valley Intergenerational Center. Al was always looking for ways to improve the quality of life of our City, and he highly valued education for our children. He was instrumental in helping open the doors to Valor Academy Charter School in Arleta, which recently opened an additional campus in North Hills.

Al was an advocate for a sustainable environment and worked to improve the appearance of a stretch of land along Devonshire Street between Arleta Avenue and Woodman Avenue that was an eyesore plagued with chronic illegal dumping. By planting California native plants and making use of drip irrigation, residents are able to enjoy what is now known as the North East San Fernando Valley Nature Parkway.

As a very active member of the community, Al participated in the following groups: Arleta Chamber of Commerce, the Arleta Looky Loos Neighborhood Watch, was Founder and President of Arleta Community Watchdogs, and President of Village Green East Home Owners Association and many more. Al considered himself a “team” member of the community and felt that building a better world started in his backyard. His vision to bring change to the community was seen in countless projects, and we cannot thank him enough.

We support Councilwoman Nury Martinez in the renaming this facility. This would be a fitting tribute for a man who served his community with his heart. As a resident of Arleta, I ask that you consider this request.

Sincerely,

John Hernandez, President
Sylvia Patsouras
President-Board of Recreation and Parks
Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Department
Office of Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 86328
Los Angeles, CA 90086-0328
Attn: Melinda Gejer

Dear Mrs. Patsouras,

My name is Hrag Hamalian and I am the founder of the Valor Academy Middle School in Panorama City, and the current Executive Director of the Charter Management Organization it belongs to, called Bright Star Schools (www.brightstarschools.org). Valor Academy was created on the premise of ensuring that all students are on the path to college. Valor continues to serve a low-income and diverse population of students, many of who will be the first to attend college in their family.

I am writing this letter in support of renaming the Mid Valley Inter-Generational Center in Panorama City the Al Piantanida Inter-Generational Center. I met Al back in 2007 when I was first thinking about starting Valor Academy and he was one of the staunchest supporters of the school, even in its earliest days. Al served not only as a motivation and support to me, but also to the hundreds of students and families that Valor served. Al helped us orchestrate multiple community events, would deliver snacks, gifts, and food on a weekly basis to families, and would come to every school event to emphasize to our students how important their education was. Al even helped work with the city to get a traffic light installed in front of the school, because it was a dangerous intersection for students to cross. Al helped in many ways, big and small, but did so in a humble and unassuming manner. To this day I still hear stories from our students about how he helped them with homework, supported them in a special project, or offered words of motivation.

We all knew how proud Al was with his involvement in Valor Academy and his community, but when I attended his funeral services it was clear to me that Al carried this community in his heart to his dying day. Gracing the hall of the service were all of the community medals he had received including the multiple shirts, certificates, and medals Valor students had adorned him with.

Al was a special person. He was a mentor and role model to me, and kept me upbeat even when times got tough. I know that he affected multiple others in this community in the very same way and I believe the community would be proud to have his name adorn this important building.

Thank you for the consideration. Please feel free to contact me at anytime with any further questions.

Sincerely,

Hrag Manuel Hamalian
Executive Director
Bright Star Schools
February 1, 2017

Sylvia Patsouras
President-Board of Recreation and Parks
Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Department
Office of Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 86328
Los Angeles, CA 90086-0328
Attn: Melinda Gejer

I am writing to kindly request that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commission consider renaming the Mid Valley Multipurpose Center “Albert Plantanida Intergenerational Center” to recognize his work in making this facility a reality for the resident of all ages to enjoy. Mr. Plantanida passed away on Monday, August 31, 2015. Mr. Plantanida was a constant advocate for the community of Arleta and Panorama City. He served on countless committees and community groups such as the City’s Prop-K Committee. Through his involvements, he helped bring projects to fruition throughout the Northeast San Fernando Valley, including the beautiful Devonshire-Arleta Pocket Park and the Mid-Valley Intergenerational Center. Al was always looking for ways to improve the quality of life of our City, and he highly valued education for our children. He was instrumental in helping open the doors to Valor Academy Charter School in Arleta, which recently opened an additional campus in North Hills.

Al was an advocate for a sustainable environment and worked to improve the appearance of a stretch of land along Devonshire Street between Arleta Avenue and Woodman Avenue that was an eyesore plagued with chronic illegal dumping. By planting California native plants and making use of drip irrigation, residents are able to enjoy what is now known as the North East San Fernando Valley Nature Parkway.

As a very active member of the community, Al participated in the following groups: Arleta Chamber of Commerce, the Arleta Looky Loos Neighborhood Watch, was Founder and President of Arleta Community Watchdogs, and President of Village Green East Home Owners Association and many more. Al considered himself a “team” member of the community and felt that building a better world started in his backyard. His vision to bring change to the community was seen in countless projects, and we cannot thank him enough. Additionally, Al tirelessly worked with the Pacoima Chamber of Commerce in their annual blood drive as well as Christmas Parade’s.

We support Councilwoman Nury Martinez in the naming this facility. This would be a fitting tribute for a man who served his community with his heart. As a resident of Panorama City, I ask that you consider this request.

Sincerely,

John Hernandez, President
Pacoima Chamber of Commerce
February 14, 2017

Sylvia Patsouras  
President-Board of Recreation and Parks  
Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Department  
Office of Board of Commissioners  
P.O. Box 86328  
Los Angeles, CA 90086-0328  
Attn: Melinda Gejer

On behalf of the Panorama Baptist Church and the non-profit Panorama Baptist Economic Development Corporation,

We are submitting this letter of support for the renaming of the Mid Valley Multipurpose Center as “Albert Piantanida Intergenerational Center”. The basis of our support is the contribution he made in initiating, coordinating and inspiring a greater sense of community. Al’s impact has resulted in a network of individuals and organizations all with the purpose to serve our communities. When one thought of the go to person in Arleta, Panorama City and surrounding neighborhoods, Al Piantanida’s name was at the top of the list. A short listing of his accomplishments are in the fields of:

Education: He was instrumental in securing the first location for Valor Academy at Panorama Baptist Church. Valor Academy has since expanded to a larger facility.

Food Pantry: For over a decade, Al was a leading partner in not only obtaining food items from Meeting Each Need with Dignity (M.E.N.D.) and the Valley Food Bank of Pacoima, but he actively served in the Pantry’s clothing drives and distribution.

Veterans assistance: Al was honored by Congressman Tony Cardenas as Veteran of the Decade for tireless advocacy for Vets, especially those who fell through the cracks and needed personal attention to bringing them into support networks. He also provided items from our Food Pantry to the VA on a weekly basis. He was a major influence on many of us Vietnam Veterans (myself included) to become active and to reach out and participate in the available services and especially the Annual Veterans Day celebrations.

Community Involvement: Al was involved in a material way in a variety of organizations including L.A.P.D., the L.A.F.D. The Annual National Night Out program along with Health and Job Fairs.

In September 2016, Councilmember Nury Martinez with broad community support had the square at Woodman Avenue and Parthenia and Montague Streets name the Al Piantanida Square in recognition of his impact on the Arleta and Panorama City crossroad.

In summary, as his Pastor, I officiated at his homegoing celebration. As I looked out on the many people from all walks of life who came to honor him, I was reminded that God places us on the earth for a purpose, to love and to serve. It was very clear that Al had fulfilled his purpose. When you consider this letter bear in mind that Al has left a legacy that exemplifies the purpose of the Recreation and Park Department – a place of distinction that enhances the goal of creating and developing community identity and creating a destination with a name that embodies all that is good in our community and inspires a sense of hope. The “Al Piantanida Intergenerational Center” fills that objective.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Blessings,

Pastor Walter J. Clarke

8767 Woodman Ave., Arleta, CA 91331-5597  
Phone: 818-894-2281  Fax: 818-892-8760
Friends of the Nature Parkway

February 6, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

I request that you give your full consideration to approve changing the name of the Mid Valley Intergenerational Multipurpose Center to the Al Piantanida Intergenerational Multipurpose Center. Till the very end of Al’s life he advocated for his community which included the neighborhoods of Panorama City and Arleta. He was a partner of our public officials like LA Councilwoman Nury Martinez and now Congressman Tony Cardenas to bring resources to our neighborhoods and increase access to a quality of life. If we have the opportunity to see his name on the center, new generations will be able to ask who he was, then it will serve as a reminder that we should be the change we want to see in our community. This is how Al lived. Al worked tirelessly to see community beautification projects throughout Los Angeles City District 6. He worked to grow education programs for our youth and recreational opportunities for children of all ages. It will be an ideal fit for a multigenerational center to recognize a Valley resident who left behind vital public places that help bring community together.

In 2008, Al Piantanida and I found a common vision to turn an abandoned sidewalk into an urban nature trail. Close to ten years later residents of all ages are using a community California native plant parkway because of his response to the lack of safe streets and green ways in the district. The pleasant aromatic scents of the plants on the East San Fernando Valley Nature Parkway cover the fumes of fast driving cars. The size of the native plants create a safe buffer between pedestrians and the street. Vitalizing the space has decreased trash dumping and has given us the opportunity for increased recreation which is good for our health. He was a model of change till the very last time his body allowed him to.

It is for this short explanation that I urge you to give your full consideration to the renaming of the Multipurpose Center to the Al Piantanida Multipurpose Center. If you should have any questions please contact me, the Nature Parkway’s project manager at yolanda.anguiano@gmail.com or call 818-523-7330.

Sincerely,

Yolanda Anguiano
January 30, 2017

Sylvia Patsouras  
President Board of Recreation and Parks  
Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department  
Office of Board of Commissioners  
P.O. Box 86328  
Los Angeles, CA 90086-0328  
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We support Councilwoman Nury Martinez in the naming this facility. This would be a fitting tribute for a man who served his community with his heart. As a resident of Panorama City, I ask that you consider this request.

Sincerely,

Tyrone Cain

Executive Office: 22048 Sherman Way #217, Canoga Park, CA 91303 (818) 264-0880  
Email: cgarcia@grandparentsaspaints.org  
Website: www.grandparentsaspaints.org
February 21, 2017

Commissioner Sylvia Patsouras,
Los Angeles City Recreation & Parks Department,
P.O. Box 86328,
Los Angeles, CA 90086-0328

Greetings Commissioner Patsouras:

It has come to my attention that the Board of Commissioners of the Recreation & Parks Department is considering naming the building at the Mid Valley Multigenerational Center on Van Nuys Blvd in Panorama City in honor of longtime resident Albert Piantanida.

I heartily support that action.

As I drive through Panorama City & Arleta there are so many times I say, "Al made sure that was built", or "Al generated the funding for that project." He loved his community and it showed in so many things he worked on.

We used to refer to him as the Mayor of Arleta. He spent hours & hours of his time involved in community activities, and thought nothing of driving downtown to appear before a committee or the City Council to promote a project that he felt was worthwhile.

I encourage you to proceed with naming the building at the Multigenerational Park after Mr. Piantanida. It would be a fitting tribute to someone who devoted so much of his time to bettering the region.

Thank you for considering my request.

Respectfully,

Dianne M. Hand.
August 30, 2017

Joey Soto
Block Captain Tyrone Neighborhood Watch
Former CPAB member
Former Panorama City Neighborhood Council Member
Former City Life & Public Safety Committee Chair
8617 Tyrone Ave.
Panorama City, CA 91402

I am writing to request to the Board of Recreation and Parks Commission consider re-naming the Mid Valley Multipurpose Center to the "Albert Piantanida" Intergenerational Center" in recognition for his contributions to the community. "Big Al", as he is known to me, was a leader in the community who never wanted to take credit. I once asked him, "why do you do so much for Panorama City, you live in Arleta". He said, "We are neighbors, the more we work together, the easier it will be." He just wanted to get things done. He understood the bureaucracies required to complete a task. His efforts to partner up with other community members is what inspired me to also contribute to my own community. Among myself, Liz & Hector Galan, Dianabel Gonzalez, Tony Wilkinson, Viviano Montes, Saul Mejia and others, we wanted to impact the community and he was always there mentoring and always lending a hand. Whether it was obtaining vendors, connecting us to key people for certain projects, his work was very important in a time when the Panorama City Neighborhood Council was at its most active in the community. It got to the point where I was seeing him at all the same meetings. I started my own Neighborhood Watch with his mentoring. I first attended one of his meeting so I could get first-hand knowledge of how to start and hold a NW meeting. It took like a virus, Liz Galan, Dianabel Gonzalez, and Sandra Soto all started NW meeting in their areas. This also made my job easier as the chair of the Public Safety Committee. He was instrumental in me forming my vision for Panorama City. Al would always preach to me about the broken window theory, so that was the premise for all the efforts we put forth. As the City Life Chair, we focused on beautification. On average, we did 1 clean-ups per month and there was Al, pitching in with some refreshments. The Council would allocate funds for water, sodas, and pizzas and Al would always bring something. "I can't come to a work party empty handed Tiger". We were active for five years before my job moved to a Thousand Oaks which lead to me doing less and less. Big Al was still at it even when he found out he was diagnosed with cancer. I would tell him to slow down, but his drive was what made him happy, and I understood that. This facility is a reality for the residents of all ages to enjoy. Big Al passed away on Monday, August 31, 2015. Big Al was a constant advocate for the community of Arleta and Panorama City. He served on countless committees and community groups such as the City's Prop-K Committee. Through his involvements, he helped bring projects to fruition throughout the Northeast San Fernando Valley, including the Devonshire-Arleta Pocket Park, the Mid-Valley Intergenerational Center, the San Fernando Valley Parkway, LAPD Toys for Tots, Back to School Back Pack Give-Away, Valor Academy Charter School, and countless clean-ups. Now, I'm back in the community and I plan on continuing his as well as my vision for Panorama City. Al was always looking for ways to improve the quality of life in Panorama City and Arleta.
As an active member of the community, Al participated in the following groups: CPAB, Arleta Chamber of Commerce, the Arleta Looky Loos Neighborhood Watch, was Founder and President of Arleta Community Watchdogs, and President of Village Green East Home Owners Association and many more. Big Al, til his death, pursued striving for the best for his community and we support Councilwoman Nury Martinez in the naming this facility. This would be a fitting tribute for a man who served his community with his heart. As a resident of Panorama City, I ask that you consider this request.

Sincerely,

Jose “Joey” Soto
North Hills East Neighborhood Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday – February 6, 2017 – 6:30 PM
Penny Lane Center - Rainbow Room, 15314 Rayen Street, North Hills, CA 91343

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President, Italia Abundez – Vice President, Tony Wilkinson – Secretary, (vacant) – Treasurer, Perla Lagunas

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (INCLUDING OFFICERS)
Italia Abundez / Elvira Higuera Alvarado / Maricar Summer Bernardo / Christina Flores / Punam Gehel / Perla Lagunas / Joaquin Macias
Alberta Abundez Peralta / Sinue Peralta / Juana Ramirez / Regelito Soto / Bartolome Treviño / Tony Wilkinson / Antonio York - (14)
VACANCIES: Organizational - (1)

ALTERNATES: (1) Jill Akahosi, (2) David Herman, (3) Wilfred Negrete, (4) [vacant]

Public Comment Limited To 2 Minutes Per Speaker
Unless Waived Or Additionally Restricted By The Presiding Officer Of The Board

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PLEASE NOTE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING MAY TAKE ITEMS OUT OF ORDER.
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THE TIMES FOR AGENDA ITEMS ARE A GUIDELINE. THE MEETING DOES NOT HAVE A SCHEDULED ENDING TIME. PLEASE KEEP COMMENTS BRIEF TO HAVE A QUICK MEETING.

6:30 1. Call To Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Welcome
(Italia Abundez, President) (3m)

6:33 2. Roll call of the board. The board has 15 seats. Fourteen are filled. The quorum for the board is 8.
Alternates may be seated for absent Board members and counted in the quorum. (2m)

6:35 3. Report from the Los Angeles Police Department: Senior Lead Officer Charles Chacon, Basic Car
19A61 North Hills (cell: 818-634-0545, office: 818-838-9845, email: 35441@lapd.online) (10m)

6:45 4. Reports from other government officials: (12m)
Council District 6 [south of Rayen Street] (Councilwoman Nury Martinez) / staff Sylvester
Partida (818-771-0236, sylvester.partida@lacity.org)
Council District 7 [north of Rayen Street] (Councilmember to be elected, served by Council
President Herb J. Wesson, Jr.) / staff Yolanda Fuentes-Miranda (818-485-0600,
yolanda.fuentes@lacity.org)
Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti / staff Brian Gavidia (213-713-0960, brian.gavidia@lacity.org)
Los Angeles Unified School District, District 6 (Board Member Mónica Ratliff) / staff Julio Anleu
(213-241-6388, julio.anleu@lausd.net)
Los Angeles County Supervisorial District 3 (Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, 213-974-1311) / staff
Benita Trujillo (818-901-3831, BTrujillo@bos.lacounty.gov).
Assembly District 46 (Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian) / staff Angie Aramayo (818-376-4246, AngAr @asm.ca.gov)
State Senate District 18 (Senator Bob Hertzberg) / (Van Nuys District Office: 818-901-5588). Staff
Marco Santana (818-901-5588, Marco.Santana@sen.ca.gov).
California Congressional District 29 (Congressman Tony Cardenas) / Staff Joseph Kenneth La Salle (818-781-7407, Kenny.LaSalle@mail.house.gov)

6:57 5. Public comment on non-agenda subjects. Please limit comments to two minutes per speaker.
Candidates for public office may speak during the public comment period. (8m)

7:05 6. Consideration and possible action to appoint candidates to the vacant Organizational seat, and to the vacant Alternate position on the Board. (5m)

7:10 7. Approve minutes of prior meetings. (4m)

7:14 8. Consideration and possible action to approve the Treasurer's financial reports as the official records of the Board, and to approve a new budget if necessary. (6m)

7:20 9. Consideration and possible action regarding committees, and committee reports. The Board may change its committees and its committee chairs to meet its needs. No committees are named in the current bylaws. The Board has a policy that all Board members and Alternates are automatically members of all committees, and that committees will be scheduled as joint meetings with the Board. People who are not on the Board are also welcome to serve on committees. (15m)

 Beautification and Community Services: Summer Bernardo
 Education: Summer Bernardo
 Executive: Italia Abundez
 Finance: Tony Wilkinson (Board Vice President, required by bylaws)
 Land Use: Punam Gohel
 Outreach: Italia Abundez
 Public Safety: Bart Treviño
   Alcohol and Drugs subcommittee Bart Treviño
 Rules: Perla Lagunas

7:35 10. Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates report. This Neighborhood Council program offers opportunities for public participation in developing the city's budget for the next Fiscal Year. The council's Board has authorized Punam Gohel (punam.nhcnc@gmail.com) and Antonio York (ayorkii@aol.com) as its Budget Representatives. Ann Job of the Sylmar Neighborhood Council (818-364-9318, Ann.Job@sylmarmc.org) is an elected Budget Advocate for the North Valley area. (5m)

7:40 11. Consideration and possible action on the recommendation of the Beautification and Community Services committee that the Meet and Eat Event that was approved for the Sepulveda Recreation Center on Friday, February 3 be instead be rescheduled at North Hills Community Park, 8756 Parthenia Place, North Hills, CA 91343 on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 10:00 am to Noon, along with the $250 in outreach funds that was approved for the event on its originally scheduled date. The new proposed date conflicts with the date and time of the Council District 7 Candidates Forum in Lake View Terrace that was approved by the Board on January 9. (10m)
7:50 12. Consideration and possible action on the recommendation of the Beautification and Community Services committee that the Board support the renaming of the Mid Valley Intergenerational Multipurpose Center at 9540 Van Nuys Boulevard, Panorama City, CA 91402 to the "Albert Piantanida Intergenerational Center". The recommendation refers to a recommendation "drafted by the Office of Nury Martinez". However, it contains only a letter drafted by committee chair Summer Bernardo and no documentation of a renaming proposal by the Councilwoman to which it refers. The park lies within the Panorama City Neighborhood Council. The late Mr. Piantanida was a resident of Arleta. (10m)

8:00 13. Consideration and possible action on the recommendation of the Public Safety committee that the Board support the request of a member of the Council District 6 staff for a cash contribution of $500 directly to the organizations Journey Out and Saving Innocence, for the purchase of toiletries and hygiene products, in support of Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The council may be prohibited from this use of funds. It appears to be a "charitable" use of public funds for the benefit of a select group of private persons. The council may contribute to the work of a 501(c)(3) organization if it fills out a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in which it spells how how the funds will be used to benefit the general public. (10m)

8:10 14. Consideration and possible action on the recommendation of the Vice President that the Board authorize the city to negotiate and execute an office lease at the Premiere Business Systems executive suite at 14500 Roscoe Boulevard, Panorama City, CA 91402, for a term extending to the end of the current Fiscal Year on June 30, for an inclusive monthly amount not to exceed $1200 which will include parking, janitorial service, telephone service, telephone answering service, Internet service, and the use of executive suite conference rooms and copier. The Panorama City Neighborhood Council currently occupies a prime office location in this facility, and may not be able to continue its use unless it provides certain documents to the city immediately. If the Board authorizes execution of this lease, this council may be able to take over the office, which otherwise would be lost to another tenant. This authorization may or may not be used, depending upon availability of an office space. (10m)

8:20 15. Consideration and possible action on the request of the Treasurer that the Board determine how the council's tables and chairs will be used, considering that another organization has received exclusive use of the North Hills Community Park office where they are stored and the NHENC appears unable to use that facility frequently for its functions. (10m)

8:30 16. Comments by Board members and seated Alternates on matters within the jurisdiction of the Neighborhood Council. (5m)

8:35 17. Adjournment. (The times in this agenda are estimates. The meeting is not scheduled to adjourn at a particular time.)

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PACOIMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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General Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 15, 2017 – 6:30p.m. – 8:00p.m.
Community Room #5
11243 Glenoaks Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331

The Neighborhood Council system enables civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of volunteer stakeholders who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities and bringing government closer to us.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS: (5 minutes)
   a. Call to order & Flag salute
   b. Board roll call by Secretary
   c. Self-Introductions of guests (Please sign-in! It is voluntary, and will help us stay in touch with you)

II. ADMINISTRATIVE/MOTIONS/UPDATES (48 minutes)
   a. Review and possible Board action on submitted Board Member Applications-vacancy three renter seats, and Faith Based
      (5 minutes)
b. Motion/Discussion/vote for the approval to reinstate Michael Gonzales to Homeowner Seat. Michael was removed from the Board by DONE for incomplete training requirements. (5 minutes)

c. Motion/discussion/vote to elect a Secretary for PNC. (5 minutes)

d. Motion/discussion/approval of Web Corner as our new web master. DONE has frozen our funds until we select a new web master. Per our Operations, web master fees should not exceed $250 per month. Our cost comparison sent on January 31 to all board members shows Web Corner will be our ideal web master. Since our funds are frozen until we select a new web master, if a new web master is not approved, our funds will remain frozen until we approve one at future meetings. (5 minutes)

e. Motion/discussion/vote for the approval of missing receipt for the amount of $80.50 from Guido’s Pizza on December 23, 2016. Treasurer cannot submit December 2016’s MER without the receipt. (5 minutes)

f. Approval of the January 2017 MER prepared by Treasurer Juan Salas (5 minutes)

g. Approval of the January 2017 Minutes (5 minutes)

h. Approval of the January 10th, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes (5 minutes)

i. Motion/discussion/approval for Vallarta Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application. Brett Engstrom will represent Vallarta for the recommendation letter for the renewal of their liquor license. Land Use Committee advised for changes and Vallarta has made those changes. (5 minutes)

j. Motion/discussion/approval for the letter of support for the renaming of the Mid-Valley Generational Center located on 9540 Van Nuys Blvd, panorama City to the “Al Piantanida Inter-Generational Center.” Al has had a tremendous effect on the lives of all families in the NE Valley: he has started dozens of Neighborhood Watches; has been involved in Veteran issues, education issues, and public issues. Panorama City NC is also working on a letter of support. (8 minutes)

k. III. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: (5 minutes for each)

(Representatives from government offices, Police Department, and community-based organizations)

a. California Congressional District 29

b. California State Senate District 18
IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (10 minutes)

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (Up to two (2) minutes per speaker)

VI. BOARD MEMBER AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (10 minutes)

President
Vice-president
Treasure
Secretary
Community Outreach Committee – Announce Upcoming Meeting
Public Health and Safety Committee – Announce Upcoming Meeting
Housing, Economic Development and Land Use Committee – Announce Upcoming Meeting
Youth and Education Development Committee – Announce Upcoming Meeting
Board Member Comments/Announcements

VII. ADJOURNMENT

(Please complete a Request for Consideration Form and submit to President by end of tonight's meeting)

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