

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

From April 11, 2017

In APNA President **Justin Boone**'s absence, the meeting was called to order by neighbor **Robert Musial** at 6:34pm without the usual introductions. Approximately 38 people attended. The meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Neighbors **Robert Musial** and **Amy Besnoy**, along with **Paul Sirois**, Assistant Deputy Director of the City's MAD Division showed a video presentation on the proposed MAD for Azalea Park noting that interest in and working toward forming it originated approximately a year ago. The presentation included statistics on the survey that was performed and on the feasibility study that was conducted. According to the City's 10 steps to starting a MAD, AP's MAD is at step 7 now. They answered many questions from attendees.

The fee for the proposed MAD is approximately \$18/month. At this point, 30% of parcel-owners must approve the MAD in order to have a ballot sent to all parcel-owners for a final vote. If it passes, that fee would be added onto each parcel-owner's tax bill. If passed, the AP MAD would be an ongoing entity subject to annual review/reassessment of services to be provided.

A link to copies of all documents relating to the MAD can be accessed on Azalea Park's website (AzaleaPark.org).

Deanneka Flores of Sen. **Ben Hueso**'s office noted the availability of \$61,000 in funds for a statewide scholarship program and the current success of the Senator's SB6 bill as it makes its way through the approval process.

Kelvin Barrios of Councilmember **Georgette Gómez**' office invited the group to a Town Hall budget meeting to be held on Thursday, May 18 at 6m at Hoover High School and to any of the regularly scheduled meetings proposed by Councilmember Gomez to be held every Friday from 10am to 1:30pm at the City Heights Rec Center. Either she or a staff member of hers will be available.

830s CRO Danny Medina addressed the group:

- noting that the recent upsurge in graffiti is due to one or two rival tagger groups trying to achieve dominance in AP;
- acknowledging that there is still a very long wait time when calling the Police Department non-emergency number but he urged anyone calling in to be patient, not to hang up and to get an incident number. (It is only through the incident number that he can help by following up on any complaints/situations.) However, he also indicated that you can save roughly 4 minutes of wait time on the phone and get into the queue faster by simply hitting the STAR () key early on in the call; and
- noting the success of the recent "Coffee with a Cop" meeting which was held at the end of March and the proposed next such meeting which will be held in Azalea Park at Burley and the Bean; date and time TBA.

Submitted by Diane David, APNA Secretary 4/12/2017