

Notes from the Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

Meeting of April 8, 2014

Officer David Felkins announced that he had no recent crime statistics to report. He invited the community to attend the April 16th community walk which will meet at the Mid-City Division Police Station at 4:00PM. He informed us that two marijuana dispensaries have opened in the 3600 block of University Avenue; "these bear watching."

Gabe Gutierrez, of County Supervisor Ron Robertson's office, reminded all of the upcoming lawn mower trade-in. He also announced the May 10th new park opening downtown.

Cheryl Naylor passed out invitations to her May 3rd birthday party at her home in Fairmount Park.

Felicia Shaw announced the finalization of the replacement of the bicycle wheel sculpture in the water conservation garden. Additionally, she stated that the median signage project is continuing to move forward.

APNA treasurer Mark Pennington gave an accounting of the money totals of various APNA funds/accounts. He reported the receipt of a \$2,000 check from Price Charities presented by Jose Dias which was Jose's discretionary donation, and was placed in the general fund.

Mark also brought up a donation that Linda Pennington made of \$14.58 in plants for the Manzanita Gathering Place. She is asking for a letter acknowledging her donation. A motion was made and seconded and a vote approved the motion.

After some discussion, the attendees agreed that a secret ballot voting may be requested (rather than an open vote) for any vote issue in the future.

Rudy Vargas, of City Councilmember Marti Emerald's office, passed out that office's newsletter and he pointed out some highlights. He announced the repair/replacement of a street barrier at Manzanita and Dahlia streets by the street division of the transportation department. He passed out two resource directories to encourage community proactivity in solving problems. He answered some questions regarding a replacement store for the recently closed Albertson's store in our area.