

Notes from the Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

Meeting of August 11, 2015

The following persons gave brief comments pertaining to the developing Mid-City Centerline Transit Stations Project:

Manuel Rivas, Assistant Resident Engineer for Caltrans: said that the project will include two traffic lanes with four transit stations and will be for bus traffic only. There will be upgrade in the handicap ramps. The present oleander bushes will be replaced with vegetation along the sides of the project.

Dave Schumacher, Principal Planner for SANDAG, states the Centerline project will pass through City Heights along Highway 15 from Highway 8 to Highway 805. It will be for high speed bus/transit vehicles with infrequent stops. It will be a two-year project with the long-term goal of converting it to the trolley system. An informational web-page is: sandiegomoving.com.

Wes Jones, Manager of Public Affairs for Southwest Strategies (outreach consultants) added that his group encourages public input and questions.

Officer Dave Felkins presented a flyer offering graffiti guidelines. He provided a flyer for the September 5th gathering to inform the public of the content of officer training for new recruits.

Mabi Castro, introduced herself as the new representative (legislative analyst) from the office of Senator Ben Hueso (40th District). That office is working on budget issues relating to education and transportation.

Rudy Vargas, of Councilmember Marti Emerald's office, presented that office's newsletter. He announced that new landscaping has been installed at the newly created Charles Lewis 111 Memorial Park at 4750 Home Avenue. He stated also that the funding process for the Azalea Park signage project continues. He announced movies-in-the-park happening through the end of August at dusk for Tuesdays in Jeremy Henwood Park and for Thursdays in Teralta Park.

Vickie Leon announced a meeting to be held at her studio on Poplar Street on Tuesday, August 18th at 6:30PM for design input. She announce the formation of the Azalea Park Mosaic League.

Linda Pennington gave an update on the recent landscape trimming performed at the Water Conservation Garden. All were invited to join in the monthly watering/maintenance of that garden the 3rd Saturday form 7-10AM.

Sarah Saez announced her candidacy for the District 9 City Council seat.

Evie Kosower presented a flyer encouraging positive change in our community through the Popular Street Photovoice Project and the related Walkability Group to promote improved walking and safety on our streets. The APNA attendees voted to approve a \$25 expenditure to pay for the meeting room for two meetings to be held at the AP Recreation Center on August 20th from 2-4PM and on August 25th from 2-5PM.

Nominations were taken for our upcoming APNA officers election as follows:

President--Mike Hancock

Treasurer--Mark Pennington

Neighborhood Ambassador--Joni Craig

Nominations for Vice President and Secretary remain open. Additional nominations for all offices will be taken at our September meeting at which time voting will take place.

Notes presented by Bob Walters, APNA Secretary