

# Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

## Meeting Minutes

From August 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm with introductions; APNA President **Justin Boone** presided. Approximately 20 people attended. The meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.

**Kelvin Barrios** of Councilmember Georgette Gomez' office noted:

- ♦ her initiation of a housing action plan to address San Diego's homeless and lack of affordable housing issues;
- ♦ her involvement with the upcoming September vote on MTS route proposals, encouraging participation at the proposed pre-vote meeting(s);
- ♦ her serving as Vice Chair of CHAPC's committee on homelessness;
- ♦ the next proposed Council meeting (Sept. 11) to address all marijuana <http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/345945-inflatable-chicken-resembling-trump-placed-near-white-house> issues;
- ♦ their holding office hours from 10am-1pm every Friday at the City Heights Rec Center (next to the Mid-City PD); no appointment necessary; and
- ♦ the many services with which their office is able and anxious to assist.

**Officer Danny Medina**, Mid-City's 830s CRO explained/noted:

- ♦ the City's SMART program which is designed to provide low level misdemeanor offenders with social services and housing in an effort to reduce the high levels of recidivism;
- ♦ the City's homeless outreach program is now teaming up with the SDPD;
- ♦ the time to get calls to the SDPD answered has been significantly reduced;
- ♦ the number of new officers that Mid-City gets depends directly on the number of calls made to the SDPD from Mid-City so we shouldn't hesitate to call (and we should get the incident number for each call so he call follow-up);
- ♦ overtime pay has been approved for the SDPD to address the growing homeless issues; and
- ♦ photos of license plates of cars in Azalea Park's parking lot after hours can be emailed to him for attention.

**Deanneka Flores** of Sen. Ben Hueso's office distributed his most recent newsletter noting the Salton Sea Restoration Plan; that the Governor has approved/signed the budget; and an October 3 CalTrans meeting regarding their ownership of and responsibility for canyon lands.

**Richard Medina**, Real Estate Development Manager for Price Charities noted their very aggressive self-funded project schedule which includes:

- ♦ 2 projects on Fairmount (one at University and the other near El Cajon Blvd.) which will provide over 220 affordable units of living space;
- ♦ Union Bank space behind Star Donuts on Fairmount to provide 30,000 square feet of affordable retail space;
- ♦ heavy involvement in the City Height's "green alleys" efforts; and
- ♦ working with the City to streamline the ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) policy, i.e., the process of approving and building granny flats by providing pre-approved building plans, reducing permitting fees and reducing processing paperwork, etc.

**Justin Boone** announced plans to organize a neighborhood cleanup of Poplar Street in the near future because it is beginning to look cluttered/trashy.

Nominations for APNA officers were made as follows: Diane David to continue as Secretary; Justin Boone to continue as President; Rick Millhofer to serve as Vice President; and Mark Pennington to continue as Treasurer.

On behalf of APNA, **Diane David** presented to **Justin Boone** two gift certificates for Chiquita's, one for himself and one for his wife, in acknowledgement of the many, many good things they have done for the neighborhood since they moved here, from opening *Burly and the Bean* to serving as APNA President over the past year, among many other good and neighborly deeds.