

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

From August 9, 2016

The meeting began at 6:30pm with introductions; President Mike Hancock presided. Approximately 26-28 people and one dog attended. The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Cards provided by APNA **Ambassador Joni Craig**, welcoming new neighbors to Azalea Park were circulated for welcoming words/signatures.

Rosemary Downing from the "Brown Building" on Poplar noted the availability of space for any occasion from public art show to private event and several current programs including workshops in writing, financial planning, etc. Upcoming events are noted on Nextdoor; see Mike Hancock for her contact information.

Councilmember Marti Emerald mentioned the success of the summer movies in the park program at Teralta and Henwood Parks; she noted that her office had just negotiated a contract with the Alpha Project to address the homelessness issue in the 9th District. For the next year they will reach out to get as many homeless into programs and off the streets as possible. She and Rudy Vargas discussed issues such as a proposed new local shelter and the Housing First program for vets (vouchers available through the VA).

CRO Danny Medina addressed the homelessness issue with reference to legal issues; he suggested that calls be made to SDPD any time a homeless issue arises. He agreed with Ms. Emerald to hold a primer for the neighborhood with Alpha and SDPD reps on the homelessness issue.

Irasema Garcia of GRID Alternatives provided printed instructions for current GRID system owners on troubleshooting their systems and encouraged current owners to spread the word on the further availability of free solar systems.

A call was made for nominations for new APNA officers. A nomination was made for **Joni Craig** to continue as Ambassador. Both **Mike Hancock** and current **VP Diana Diehl** noted that they would not be available to serve again next year.

Deanneka Flores of Sen. Ben Hueso's office made some literature available.

An APNA Certificate of Recognition was issued for Erick and Danielle Salgado for their quick action in dealing with a fire that was started in Manzanita Canyon.

Submitted by Diane David, APNA Secretary 8/9/16