

# Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

## Meeting Minutes

From December 13, 2016

The meeting began at 6:34pm with introductions; President Justin Boone presided. Approximately 25 people attended. The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Deanneka Flores of Sen. Ben Hueso's office noted that the Senate is on legislative break so the Senator is in town and will be attending a toy drive at Northgate Market on Thursday.

Justin indicated that he wants to dress as Santa on Dec. 18 and reach out to a neighborhood family in need with toys, home goods and/or cash; he asked for neighbors to contribute to the effort and to help him identify 1 or 2 families in need.

Paul Smith noted an increase in graffiti near his home on Columbine and Pepper and wants to organize a graffiti cleanup which he will coordinate through Linda Pennington.

Ambassador Joni Craig brought her current list of new neighbors asking to be informed of others not yet on her list all of whom she plans to formally welcome to the neighborhood before year end.

CRO Danny Medina noted:

- ♦ the Alpha Project's recent activity with the homeless in AP;
- ♦ an uptick in RTS graffiti as well as a turf war between ESD and the Juniors;
- ♦ that the recent Open House at the Mid-City Substation went very well;
- ♦ that plans are underway for Mid-City's birthday celebration in March;
- ♦ a pending Mission Valley riverbed cleanup which never bodes well for AP. He urged everyone that if they see anything amiss in the neighborhood, they should call it in to the SDPD. The more calls they get, the more attention our neighborhood will get; and
- ♦ that recent studies from Colorado have shown that the new legalization of marijuana will likely lead to even more homelessness.

New Business:

- ♦ It was requested that APNA send a letter of congratulations to new Councilmember Georgette Gomez and invite her to speak at one of our next meetings;
- ♦ A "second annual" cookie exchange is scheduled for Saturday Dec. 17 at Sandi Brooks' house on Manzanita with proceeds going to the mosaic project.
- ♦ In light of so many recent package thefts, Justin offered to accept delivery of packages for people at Burly and Bean.