

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

From February 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm with introductions. APNA President Justin Boone presided. 24 people attended. The meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Christopher Vallejo of Councilmember Georgette Gómez' office attended in Kelvin Barrios' place indicating that the Councilmember had been elected to chair the MTS Board and that tomorrow she, along with Toddy Gloria, would be unveiling a proposed new housing bill. He also noted that the Colina Del Sol skatepark was officially opened; upgraded Fire Station 17 at Chamoune/Orange was opened this week; the new transit lane ribbon cutting is scheduled for Feb. 24 at Teralta Park; and that the Councilmember's office hours have been changed to every Friday from 2:30pm to 6pm to accommodate working people.

Officer Danny Medina, Mid-City's 830s CRO updated the group on the pro-active activities of the PD's unit on homelessness leading to the recent decrease in many homeless issues. He discussed the current state of crime in the 830s; the changing rules with the legalization of marijuana; the anticipated opening of as many as 40 new dispensaries with as many as 100 distributors (formerly known as drug dealers); the changes in legality/enforcement for such crimes as gambling, prostitution, methamphetamines and other drugs, many of which are now considered code violations rather than vice activity. In response to questions about presumably nuisance properties, he asked to be provided with one coordinated list of all such properties.

Linda Pennington noted a number of items featured in the current Parkster, namely the recent Manzanita Canyon trash study; the ongoing dedication of neighbors Cindy Lapio and Mark Armstrong in cleaning the canyons in light of the long delays by Environmental Services; the recent efforts to count the homeless population; the new mural at the Manzanita Gathering Place as well as installation of a second panel of the mosaic at Fairmount & Poplar; and the collection of dog food/leashes/blankets/etc for Baja Dog Rescue. She also requested money for the purchase of 3 boxes of large trash bags for canyon cleanups which was voted upon and approved.

Additionally, it was noted that the City Council will meet again on Feb 26 at 2pm to discuss/confirm the appointment of Officer David Nisleit as new SDPD chief; Justin's weekly and monthly weekend canyon hikes have been very successful; and that Mark Pennington has prepared a new canyon trail map.

Submitted by Diane David, APNA Secretary 2/14/18