

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association
January 12, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Guests attending:

Antony Bernal – community representative from Councilmember Todd Gloria's office

Gabe Gutierrez – community representative from Supervisor Ron Robert's office

Ron Lacey – representative from Mayor Saunder's office

Officer Toss – community representative from the San Diego Police

President Bob Walters opened the meeting at 6:30 pm at the Azalea Park Community Center. He invited Ron Lacey, representative from Mayor Saunder's office, to address APNA at the meeting.

Mr. Lacey informed APNA that Major Saunders will be giving a “State of the City” speech at Balboa Park at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 13. The mayor will discuss decisions on budget issues along with other city problems such as water restrictions. Mr. Lacey finished by thanking APNA and left the meeting.

President Walters then asked Officer Toss to speak at the meeting. Officer Toss said he met with the captain who expressed his thanks for APNA's continuing assistance especially with monitoring illegal dumping in the canyons. Officer Toss then noted the on-going problems with graffiti. He also mentioned the investigation into recent robberies and burglaries in the neighborhood. Officer Toss said the captain will have a neighborhood meeting on February 9 at 6:30 pm. Officer Toss noted that police officers had changed shifts. He also said new police officers are being trained and requested patience with the learning process. Officer Toss also discussed the mural projects painted by neighborhood children. He finished by mentioning the “City Heights on Patrol” whereby officers trained citizens how to report possible crimes and how to be a good witness. Officer Toss asked for questions from APNA. APNA members asked questions about individuals yelling at cars and cars circling a house.

President Walters asked Antony Bernal to address the meeting. Mr. Bernal distributed copies of “District Three Dialogue” to APNA members. He said Councilmember Todd Gloria will be giving a “State of the District” address on February 1 at 6:30 pm at Balboa Park in the Old Globe's Cornad Prebys Theatre. Mr. Bernal noted Mr. Gloria was renamed as chair to the Land Use and House Committee. Mr. Bernal also said the city will be instituting an on-line system for reporting on code violations.

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Kareem (Bob, please add her last name), APNA ambassador, addressed the meeting. She said there will be a “Gray Water” presentation at the Azalea Park Recreation Center at 6:30 on January 27 on how to safely use laundry water on landscaping. San Diego now permits residents to use laundry water on landscaping plants.

Mark Pennington, APNA Treasurer, reported that APNA needed to renew it's on-line domain name by January 19 in order to save a hundred dollars. Domain names must be renewed every 7 years. Mr. Pennington also said the city charges APNA a fee of \$5.00 to use the recreation center for its monthly meetings. He said APNA pre-paid the meeting fee for 2010.

Mr. Walters asked for new business. Tom Lashbrook took the floor. Mr. Lashbrook presented drafts of possible schematics for the new one acre acquisition to Azalea Park. San Diego Parks and Recreation approved the new addition to the park but asked if APNA could do the maintenance. Currently, noted landscape architect Vicky Astrada will be volunteering to design some art for the acquisition. APNA voted to send a letter of support of this effort to the city of San Diego.

Finally, Gabe Gutierrez, representative from Supervisor Ron Roberts office, discussed recent vaccination efforts for the H1N1 virus. He said there were plans to extend the free vaccines to city clinics.

President Walters asked if there was any more old or new business. APNA members then recommended and seconded the close of the January 12 meeting of the neighborhood association.