

# Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

## Meeting Minutes

From January 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm with introductions; APNA President Justin Boone presided; and 19 people attended. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

**Officer Danny Medina**, Mid-City's 830s CRO responded to a question by explaining "green sheet" situations wherein, for a large variety of reasons, the city attorney/courts will release a arrestee back to the streets within a very short period of time after arrest, often having to do with the nature of the crime, the probability of success in court on the charge(s), etc., etc. He also outlined the recent rise in crime for this area and the current state of the homelessness problem.

**Kelvin Barrios** of Councilmember Georgette Gomez' office distributed their newsletter and noted a number of committee changes for her with a focus for 2018 on environmental, public safety, budget and homelessness issues. He invited anyone with questions and/or suggestions or special requests for the neighborhood to reach out to the Mayor's office via email to [ECYOUNG@SANDIEGO.GOV](mailto:ECYOUNG@SANDIEGO.GOV) (Mayor's rep) and to call or email him with the same information so that his office can add support/pressure for it with the Mayor.

Justin Boone noted that a meeting is proposed for Saturday, 1/20, from 9am-11am at Burly and the Bean for a letter writing campaign to pressure Councilmember Gomez to work more effectively with Azalea Park.

**Deanneka Flores** of Sen. Ben Hueso's office distributed their current newsletter and said that the Legislature is back in session in Sacramento as of last week. She noted the existence of an electronic form she will email to anyone requesting it for the submission of ideas/suggestions/ concerns to the Senator. She also mentioned the prestigious California Senate Fellows Program wherein applications are currently being accepted by college graduates for them to become full-time Senate staff members in Sacramento for 11 months beginning in October 2018 thereby gaining first-hand knowledge of the legislative process.

Additionally:

- In response to questions asked at previous meetings regarding the installation of the final mosaics at the signage on Poplar at Fairmount, parts of a statement prepared by Vicki Leon, the artist in charge of the project, were read (and hard copies of the full statement were made available) indicating that the final 3 segments are expected to be installed over the next 6-9 weeks. She also noted that her studio, located at 4354 Poplar Street (directly across from signage on Poplar) is and has been, open every Thursday from 2pm until 8:30pm to anyone interested in volunteering or just seeing the progress on the panels prior to their final installation. Vicki's full statement can be read here: <http://www.azaleapark.org/Assoc/Mosaicsminutes20180109.pdf>
- A motion was made, a vote cast and majority approval given to donate \$50 to Pastor James of Grace Church for space, coffee and pastries for the 1/26 We All Count event wherein a census of the local homeless will be made. Volunteers will meet at 5:30am at the church; the event is expected to last from 6am to 9am only.
- It was suggested that information on any new homes for sale and/or rentals in AP be collected and announced at subsequent meetings.
- 25 people attended Justin Boone's last canyon hike held on Monday, 1/8. The next proposed one will be a 6.5 mile hike on Sunday, 1/14.

Submitted by Diane David, APNA Secretary 1/10/17