

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

From July 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm with introductions; APNA President **Justin Boone** presided. Approximately 18-20 people attended. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Mid-City's 830s CRO Danny Medina addressed serious concerns expressed by a neighbor indicating that a group of young black men had been harassing her and her 18-month-old baby verbally for the past four months, even at times throwing lemons and rocks at them, etc. at Sumac and Modesto near Hollywood Park. He explained when it is appropriate to call 9-1-1 (for any physical violence or for property damage *in progress only*) versus calling the SDPD directly, urging never to confront an assailant.

He further explained the *Castle law* which governs self-defense inside your home and explained that threats of any kind do not constitute a crime. However, even spitting at someone, if intentional, is considered battery and throwing something at someone can constitute assault with a deadly weapon. Once again, he urged those calling in to SDPD Dispatch to get an incident number so he can follow-up with SDPD on these complaints that are made.

No other government representatives were available to address the group but the following items were noted:

- Councilmembers should be attending or sending representatives to attend our monthly meetings. It was noted, however, that Georgette Gomez' office holds office hours from 10am-1pm every Friday at the City Heights Rec Center (next to the Mid-City PD) wherein concerns can be expressed to her or to her representatives with no appointment necessary.
- New neighbors in the 4100 block of Pepper Drive will hold a free summer movie night, projecting *GOONIES* onto a big screen in the alley behind their house at sunset (7:30-8pm) urging all those interested to bring blankets, chairs and a treat to share.
- Events at the Fair at 44 now include salsa dancing every other Saturday from 4-9pm; the event is free and includes a DJ, food, etc.