

Notes from the Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

Meeting of July 8, 2014

Samer Naji, a coalition organizer with the Center on Policy Initiatives, gave a power point presentation involving the formation of a community budget alliance. Since the budget process is not accessible to most citizens, it is hoped to bring to San Diego a democratic process with citizens expressing what they'd like to see done in their neighborhoods. Four steps are:

- 1) residents brainstorm ideas
- 2) delegates develop proposals
- 3) residents vote on proposals
- 4) the city implements the top proposals

The goal is for more community involvement to meet community needs.

Let officials know if you want a pilot program initiated:

Contact information--call Samer at 619-584-5744, ext. 60 or e-mail Samer at snaji@onlinecpi.org

Jim Martin announced a gathering at Yvonne's house on Saturday the 12th, 2-5PM to develop the neighborhood Pride Parade entry.

Mike Hancock gave information with regard to advantages in using the public transit bus for routes 235 and 965; he presented the bus schedules for those routes and hopes to increase ridership

Ricardo Moran gave an update with regard to the Poplar Street project (to revitalize the street with beautification projects). He addressed the recent grant/funding of \$5,000 from the San Diego Foundation to which an additional \$1,000 is sought from the APNA general fund. A motion was made and passed (with a vote from attendees) to transfer \$1,000 from the general fund to the yet-to-be Poplar Street Project Account. The funds will be spent on mosaics, plantings, etc. of the project.

Notes presented by Bob Walters, APNA Secretary