

Notes from the Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

Meeting of June 11, 2013

Officer Rene Murillo spoke in general of neighborhood issues of citizen concerns and encouraged residents to use the police 531-2000 phone number.

Marisa Berumen, deputy chief of staff for City Councilmember Marti Emerald's office, presented the office newsletter and commended the recent Facelift event. She spoke of news releases re: budget issues and funding and an upcoming mid-city rapid bus project open house.

She mentioned an OCI project to be presented to the City Council.

Linda Pennington gave an informative power-point presentation on an upcoming neighborhood project. As background information, she spoke of the already created Butterfly Park Project in National City which was spearheaded by the Pomegranate Center which brings together funding and volunteers to create public gathering places. Planning is to start in June to create a gathering place at the Triangle Property on the corner of Fairmount Avenue and 43rd Street (this area belongs to the Streets Division).

This is near the site of the future Ocean Discovery Living Lab site.

A grant to create this gathering place is now fully funded. The community will design the structure/site in meetings soon to happen.

Construction is to begin in October. Marti Emerald and Mayor Filner are involved. Community Housing Works wants to know that we (APNA) have committed a certain amount of money to the maintenance of the gathering place in the event such funds are needed. A motion was made and passed to transfer \$750 from the general fund to such a fund.

Additionally, Michael Sprague donated \$100 to the general fund from the Dessie M. Sprague Trust.

Rudy Vargas introduced himself to those present. He is a recent graduate from San Diego State University and is a City Council Representative from District Nine. He plans to continue to work for community improvement.

Notes presented by Bob Walters, APNA Secretary