

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

From June 14, 2016

The meeting began at 6:31pm with introductions and adjourned at 7:31pm. President Mike Hancock presided. Approximately 30 people attended.

CRO David Felkins noted that he has only 9 more days left as our CRO and introduced his replacement, Officer Danny Medina, as well as the new Lt. Romeo de las Reyes and Fred Zuckerman representing SDPD's Safe Streets Now program.

Lt. de las Reyes and **Officer Danny Medina** introduced themselves to the group and expressed their dedication to work closely with the community to solve all issues of safety, quality of life, etc.

Fred Zuckerman delineated the Safe Streets Now process of suing homeowners whose properties create a nuisance to its neighbor(s). These situations create quality of life issues to those affected, freedom from which is guaranteed by the law.

Irasema Garcia noted that the solar energy non-profit GRID is a California-based organization still offering substantial discounts on solar systems to AP residents, many of whom have already received them at little to no cost.

Deanneka Flores from Sen. Ben Hueso's office reported on the progress of two of the Senator's recent bills (SB 899 on gender pricing and SB 1216 offering tax credit to employers who hire at-risk youths) noting that both have been approved by the Senate and are now proceeding to the Assembly for a vote.

Tim O'Connor of the City Attorney's Office discussed the City's determination to connect chronic quality-of-life offenders with whatever appropriate service programs are available to help them especially through the Neighborhood Prosecution Unit's Community Justice Initiative which offers chronic offenders of quality of life issues such as loitering/vagrancy, urinating/defecating in public, etc. 16 hours of community service in lieu of being taken into custody.

Vicki Leon noted that (1) despite several recent obstacles, the mosaics project for the new signage at Poplar & Fairmount is now in her hands. She plans to set up tables on the sidewalk outside her studio on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4pm till dark throughout the summer for neighbors to learn about/work on mosaic projects for the obelisk, and, (2) that she and friends replaced the broken totem in the Water Conservation Garden with a new, more colorful one called the "Peace Beacon" and dedicated it to those killed at the recent nightclub shooting in Orlando, FL.

Evie Kosower encouraged the group to attend the meetings of Seniors Living in Their Element and noted their constant need/desire for volunteers.

J.P. Schuitman informed that the Pepper alley house problem tenants agreed to move out by June 20.

Linda Pennington reminded about (1) the PAWS pet event scheduled for Saturday June 25 at Jeremy Henwood Park and (2) the regular monthly park-grooming meeting is this Saturday starting at 7am in the Water Conservation Garden.