

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

From March 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm with introductions. APNA President **Justin Boone** presided. 26 people (and 3 dogs) attended. The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

Kelvin Barrios of Councilmember Georgette Gomez' office reported on the many dockless bikes that have been appearing all over San Diego recently indicating that Ms. Gomez and the City of San Diego are in direct contact with the four companies that have been given permission to operate their enterprise.

Linda Pennington noted:

- thanks to Councilmember Gomez' office for a recent \$2,000 grant given to Project Clean;
- a story recently appearing on Channel 10 News which featured our canyons, the ongoing cleanup efforts to beautify them and the regular and very popular hikes that Justin Boone has been guiding through them;
- the upcoming free spay/neuter pet event by PAWS to be held on Sunday, April 22 from 10am to 1pm at the Officer Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park;
- donations received and requested for gas, trash bags and other items needed to support the untiring efforts of Cindy and Matt in keeping our canyons clean; and
- that a volunteer is needed to distribute 125 copies of The Parkster once a month (to be addressed fully at APNA's April meeting).

Officer Danny Medina, Mid-City's 830s CRO noted:

- that their new Captain and Lieutenant who started on Monday hoped to attend/be personally introduced at APNA's April meeting;
- the neighborhood's continuing very low crime rate;
- their awareness of problems with the vacant property on Violet at Pepper Drive;
- that having a video of the recent firing of a gunshot in Azalea Park late one night helps immensely in getting attention to this situation; and
- that the excellent proactive work of the Quality of Life Team is primarily responsible for the recent decline in problems with the homeless.

Jeff Brooker of the City Attorney's office discussed that, whereas previously only 1 in 10 homeless were using the many resources offered to them, due to the issuance of citations by the very hard working Quality of Life Team, now 1 in 5 were; this has brought 100 cases to his office since February alone.

JP Schuiteman is resigning from his position as APNA Ambassador; **Joni Craig**, former long-time Ambassador, has offered to train anyone interested in filling the position. Additionally, she offered fliers on the Self-Help Federal Credit Union; San Diego's many farmers' markets; local home sales; and tips for home buyers and sellers.

Submitted by Diane David, APNA Secretary 3/14/18