

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

From March 8, 2016

The meeting began at 6:31pm and adjourned at 7:38pm. In APNA President Mike Hancock's absence, the meeting was led by APNA Vice President Diana Diehl. Over 25 people attended.

Officer David Felkins, Community Relations Officer, noted the change of command at SDPD Mid-City with Capt. Mike Hastings replacing Capt. Chris McGrath and Lt. Romeo de las Reyes replacing Lt. Ray Valentin; both Capt. McGrath and Lt. Valentin have received promotions to higher positions. He reminded the group that the PD does not see items that appear on NextDoor.com and asked the group for any suggestions they may have on dealing with the growing homeless issue. He also noted the upcoming Law Days event to be held at the Weingart Library wherein attorneys will be available to assist people with legal questions and the April 30 DEA Take-Back Day for turning in unwanted/expired prescription drugs. Also, he discussed rising crime rates and some specifics of the recent burglaries in Azalea Park reminding the group about securing their homes.

Deanneka Flores, representative from Sen. Ben Hueso's office, reported on the Senator's recent introduction/promotion of bills SB 899 and SB 1145 and distributed booklets designed to help homeowners inventory the possessions in their homes.

Rudy Vargas of Councilman Marti Emerald's office distributed their latest newsletter and updated the group on the pending replacement of Fire Station 17 thanks to a large CDBG grant; the project should be completed by 2018. He also noted the expected 2017 opening of the Ocean Discovery Institute's new facility in City Heights.

Robert Musial discussed the potential Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) for Azalea Park noting that the process is going through a transition with new rules due in May. The group unanimously approved the formation of an official committee to investigate adopting a MAD for Azalea Park.

APNA Ambassador **Joni Craig** reported having recently distributed 15 welcome kits to new neighbors.

Georgette Gomez and Ricardo Flores, candidates for the District 9 City Council seat made short presentations to the group.

Submitted by Diane David, APNA Secretary 3/9/16