

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

From May 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm with introductions; APNA President **Justin Boone** presided. Approximately 18 people attended. The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Councilmember Georgette Gómez updated the group on her committee assignments which reflect her particular priorities, specifically the homeless issue, housing affordability, transit availability, and most currently significant, the budget. She encouraged the group to attend two upcoming budget meetings to get citizen input (1) by the City Council on May 15 at 6pm at City Hall and especially (2) a local townhall meeting on May 18 at the Hoover High School auditorium at 6pm. She further confirmed that it is “on the books” at City Hall that, even though San Diego is not a designated “sanctuary city”, it does not cooperate with Border Patrol. She encouraged the use of San Diego's GetItDone app to report any issues in the neighborhood.

Deanneka Flores of Sen. Ben Hueso's office distributed his most recent newsletter and provided updates on the positive progress of the bills he's sponsored to prohibit utility disconnections for customers with life-threatening medical conditions and Coronado Bridge safety.

Ambassador Joni Craig noted that she'd recently distributed 50 welcome packets to new neighbors and asked attendees to sign welcome notes for future distribution.

Linda Pennington showed a map of the improvements to the local trail system through our canyons and noted the desire to name the entirety of the trail system Emerald Trail in honor of former Councilmember Marti Emerald and the intricacies involved in getting approval for same. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that such naming be formally pursued. Also, she encouraged everyone to help out at a May 20th, 9am-noon cleanup at the site of the burned down home on Violet at Pepper and another cleanup at Jamie's Way to be held on May 27.

Submitted by Diane David, APNA Secretary 5/10/17