

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

From October 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm with introductions; APNA President **Justin Boone** presided. Approximately 35 people attended. The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

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

- the suspect in the early October homicide of a homeless man in Manzanita Canyon is in custody; both were known to each other;
- the only other crime of note in the area was a domestic violence incident in Fairmount Park; in general, the crime rate in AP is lowest in City Heights;
- the City opened a temporary homeless shelter downtown with Alpha Project responsible for intake;
- it is important to get a Hepatitis A vaccine especially if you are working on canyon cleanups; several places are offering them free of charge;
- border wall prototypes are currently underway wherein SDPD will be part of shared jurisdiction for portions of it; and
- with the holidays coming, it is important to look out for delivered packages being stolen; Justin offered to accept packages for delivery to neighbors at Burly and the Bean.

Jeff Brooker of the City Attorney's office encouraged attendees:

- to be very cautious and stay out of the canyons during the current Hep A crisis;
- to expect the worst in that the number of packages stolen especially at the holiday season has been growing year after year;
- that there is no correlation between package thefts and the homeless;
- to start a petition to institute a curfew for Azalea Park; and
- to report incidents of prostitution/streetwalkers with dates, times and locations to him.

Kelvin Barrios of Councilmember Georgette Gomez' office:

- distributed several handouts providing details on Hep A and noted that the current crisis has been their #1 issue this month;
- noted that Ms. Gomez and other councilmembers requested that \$5 million originally appropriated for a special election but not now needed be re-appropriated to homelessness;
- recommended that neighbors start with the Rec Council to get a curfew instituted for AP; and
- noted that SDPD supports neighbors getting security cameras facing public areas installed.

Other items noted:

- An invitation was extended to a canyon cleanup this Saturday at Jamie's Way at 3:30pm; a 72-hour notice of removal of homeless' garbage has already been posted.
- A major packer cleanup (of extra large items) is scheduled for all of AP on November 4; items must be at the curb by 8am; no batteries, paint, toxic materials will be accepted.
- Thanks to Diane David and her team, the mosaics on the Pepper Drive bus rounds have been completed and they are beautiful.
- The Fern Street Circus will be offering a free show at AP this Sunday.