

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

From October 11, 2016

The meeting began at 6:30pm with introductions; President Justin Boone presided. Approximately 45 people attended. The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Deanneka Flores of Sen. Ben Hueso's office noted that the Senate is in recess now and requested any ideas for new state Senate bills for the coming year. Sen. Hueso will attend the Fern Street Circus at Henwood Park on Saturday, October 15.

Neighbor **Robert Musial** and **Klara Arter** from Urban Corps presented an update and fielded questions about the proposed MAD for Azalea Park detailing current survey results and discussing services available in greater detail. They also noted that part of the process includes a vote on whether or not to adopt a MAD and another to choose specific vendors who would be contracted to provide those services; the public will be given one vote per parcel. They hope to have the MAD process completed by July 2017.

Linda Pennington noted the great article in Gay San Diego about the history of Azalea Park that recently appeared in the Gay San Diego Magazine; the upcoming PAWS event offering a lot of free services for pets scheduled for October 30 in Barrio Logan; the San Diego Asian Youth Organization annual holiday rice drive; the beautiful new mural at the corner of Home and Fairmount. Details of each of these items can be found in the October Parkster, (www.azaleapark.org/newsletter/10OctParkster.pdf).

It was suggested and voted upon to give a Chiquita's gift certificate to City employee and Grounds Maintenance Worker, Rafael, who consistently works very hard to maintain Azalea Park as well as many other neighborhood parks which has become more challenging than ever given the growing homelessness problem.

Mike Hancock noted the coming CicloSDias biking event which will have Wightman shut down to automobile traffic between 38th Street and 30th and then heading north to Adams Avenue. It will take place from 10am to 3pm on Sunday, October 30. He also reminded that the Ocean Discovery Institute still has free Wednesday afternoon tours of their growing facility.

Cactus Bob Walters will be hosting a meet-and-greet for City Council candidate Ricardo Flores at his home on Friday, October 21.

Justin led a discussion on dealing with the escalating number of homeless and with ongoing drug activity in the neighborhood. It was noted that it is always a good idea to report any drug activity to the police non-emergency number. The more reports we submit, the greater the police presence will be.

It was also noted that, while the GetItDone app does work for some things, sending an email to trash@san Diego.gov goes directly to Environmental Services intake line and will likely be a quicker way to get action; be sure to be very specific with the location.

Submitted by Diane David, APNA Secretary 10/12/16