

Notes from the Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

Meeting of October 8, 2013

Linda Pennington provided another update describing the upcoming Gathering Place which will be built at Manzanita Place in Azalea Park.

It includes planters, benches, columns with mosaics, a shade cloth, a kiosk and plantings along the slopes. Construction dates are November 7-10. She announced the need for volunteers to build the project and for food donations to feed the volunteers.

Rudy Vargas, representative from city councilmember Marti Emerald's office, provided the office's newsletter and highlighted the recent Coastal Clean-up Day-----he praised the many volunteers and the removal of 30 tons of trash.

APNA president, Ricardo Moran, provided a print-out and proposal of a number of teams he would like to initiate to promote neighborhood improvements and is seeking volunteers for same. In association with the "Welcome Team," he asked for volunteers to greet attendees at upcoming APNA meetings; Parkster Jaime volunteered for the November meeting and Parkster Charlene volunteered for the December meeting.

"Nextdoor.org" was mentioned as a local information site on line.

Ricardo briefly mentioned the possibility of a possible Thanksgiving and/or Christmas event in the neighborhood; this topic was tabled for the next APNA meeting.

Officer Rene Murillo provided updates regarding public safety and reported continuing to deal with the R.V. situation. He provided hand-outs on three topics----tips for reporting crimes, vehicle security and dealing with homeless people.

Gabe Gutierrez, representative from County Supervisor Ron Roberts'

office, reported on the waterfront park under construction; it includes underground parking. Also, from an office board meeting, work is being done to "bridge the digital divide" and a task force has been established to address this issue.

Ricardo reminded all of the Saturday potluck meeting at his and Jim's home (3-6PM) to deal with short projects of the beautification team.

A brief discussion was made of the need for more community involvement in the maintenance of the water conservation garden in Azalea Park.

It was announced that Felicia Shaw will be the speaker at next month's APNA meeting when she will report on the neighborhood signage project.

Notes presented by Bob Walters, APNA Secretary