

AZALEA PARK SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Minutes, May 9, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Azalea Park Safe Neighborhood Association (APSNA) was called to order by President Michelle Wright at Christ the King Episcopal Church at 6:40 p.m. President Michelle Wright, Vice President Kevin Turner, Treasurer Carmen Vicente, and Secretary Kris French were present.

Introduction of APSNA Officers President Wright introduced officers named above.

Treasurer's Report presented by Treasurer Vicente. Total available balance: \$934.28 (Attachment A).

Minutes of April 11, 2016 were read by residents present and filed as written.

Guest Speaker

Mr. Velez, G4S: Gave overview of pilot security program and some of their recent activities helping the community with traffic, burglaries, a dog attack, and more.

Unfinished Business

Curb addressing: 210 homes were done the first time; this time 170 homes, beginning this week or next. Includes homes on N and S Alder, Balsam, Palmyra, N and S Oxalis.

Q. raised regarding Dahlia curbs: A. current curbing cost 210K. More funds are being sought to make improvements

Centralized Mailboxes: Postmistress unable to make tonight's meeting but may make a future meeting, depending on interest. The P.O. will pay for centralized boxes if the entire neighborhood wants them. The pros and cons of centralized boxes was given. Only one resident present wanted a centralized mailbox when asked for a show of hands.

Community Conference: Saturday, July 9, from 8 am to 2 pm at the Senior Renaissance Center on Econ; breakfast and lunch are provided; 3 informative sessions on topics such as crime prevention and code enforcement. Awards for such things as leadership and community building are given at the conference. See Pres. Wright if you would like to nominate someone.

Adopting OCSO: Friday, May 20, meet in the CtK parking lot by 2 pm. We will carpool due to limited parking and leave CtK by 2:15 pm; serving at the 3 pm shift change, followed by a facility tour and visit by K-9, airboat marine patrol, and perhaps Sheriff Demings. Jason will go early to serve the administrative staff.

501(c)3: Application is completed but delayed by need for an accountant to complete 2-3 years of forms for the IRS in order to maintain our status. Vince Kohoutek offered to take a look at the forms.

Traffic Box: Boxes on state roads must be wrapped, not painted: cost \$500. Other boxes may be painted for the cost of supplies. After discussion it was decided that the theme of our boxes should be flowers to match street names. It was suggested that CHS art students could submit artwork for the project.

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New Business

Bulletin Board @ Park: Vandalized. At Cristina's suggestion, Pres. Wright will submit a project interest form for SAFE Neighborhood to pay for repair.

Child Care @ Meetings: After some discussion of a way to care for young children so that their parents can participate in APSNA meetings, it was decided that Pres. Wright will ask CtK for a space where the parents can take turns watching the children with the help of a 12 year old assistant.

Crime Stats: See attachment B. Local news reported the benefit of G4S to our neighborhood: 8% reduction in residential burglaries, 33% reduction in auto burglaries, 100% reduction in commercial burglaries.

Semoran Food Mart (previously Cumberland Farms): Youths caught stealing were let go without charges. We must encourage them to file a report so that the youths are deterred from criminal behavior. Also, there is some confusion about jurisdiction of the building vs. the parking lot as one is city and the other is county. If you "see something, say something." Non-emergency OCSO number: 407-836-4357.

Brainstorming Session: Ideas to get more residents to APSNA meetings. Suggestions: mail flyers; invite a neighbor; make sure renters know they are welcome; put Nextdoor.com on flyers and reader boards; make it clear we are not a dues paying HOA.

Q.: What's happening with the Welcome Committee. A.: Waiting for CtK to compile information.

Business Owners: Eliminate Dover Manor from your Nextdoor.com advertising; it was suggested that local business owners should be included in the welcome packet as well as putting flyers on the table at APSNA meetings.

Misc.: Alex Barrio, Democrat running for state legislature, introduced himself and made campaign flyers available.

50/50 Raffle: \$6 was won by Jim Connor and donated to petty cash.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: 6/13/2016 Tentative: Animal Services

Kris French, Secretary
Attachment A, Treasurer's Report
Attachment B, Mar-Apr 2016 Crime stats