

Minutes of the meeting – Sept. 25, 2013

ASNC / Sycamore Grove Local Issues

Local Issues Chair S. Vidal-Echeverria called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. Sycamore Grove rep J. Riser served as acting secretary for this meeting.

Eleven individuals attended most or all of the meeting, including three presenters. Seven signed in at the start of the meeting that they considered themselves to be Sycamore Grove (SG) area stakeholders of the ASNC. Quorum was satisfied as a result.

In opening comments, the chair read correspondence from SG stakeholder and former ASNC rep Lacey Wagner who expressed concern over safety issues related to a homeless encampment and the lack of sidewalks and street lighting along Marmion Way, near Monte Vista Street. Council District 1 (CD1) Deputy Sylvia Robledo explained steps being taken along with the LAPD Sr. Lead Officer (SLO) for that area.

Ms. Robledo then gave other updates on CD1 activities related to SG including plans to combine a previously announced Councilmember's "listening tour" in SG with the one for Highland Park, her thoughts about planning "movie nights" in the Sousa-Hiner bandshell, and an upcoming CD1-sponsored clean-up and bulky item pickup (discussion of which took the place of agenda item #6). That clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19, with one pickup area to be at Midland and Ave. 40. She also discussed the "conflict of culture" issue surrounding the proposed remodeling of the Superior Market in SG, which is being proposed as a City historic-cultural monument (HCM). The councilmember is being lobbied by stakeholders and organizations -- including the ASNC board -- who favor the HCM designation as well as by those who favor the owner's proposed remodeling.

SLO Allen, whose area includes the northern one-third of the ASNC's SG area, along with LAPD Officer Slavan, detailed local crime trends, which have primarily been property-related, versus violent crimes. They offered awareness and prevention tips to avoid becoming a victim. Officer Slavan hopes to organize a teen CPAB (community police advisory board) for Northeast.

Chair Vidal-Echeverria asked officers about oversized trucks delivering to JSL Foods using local streets against regulations, and parking in ways that block traffic near the business and was referred to Central Traffic division Officer Henderson for follow-up.

Other issues related to the homeless were discussed, including their presence in SG Park. LAPD officers explained the limitations for enforcement due to recent legal actions. They are involving Recreation & Parks department workers in the area to alert law enforcement when possible.

No action items were agendized; no votes were taken. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 27.

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