



**Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association (CHNA)
Sept 8th, 2021 6:30-8pm at Colonial Park
Please follow COVID-19 protocols**

CHNA Agenda:

- Welcome/Introductions/Leader Introductions (5 mins)
- Police Update (5 mins)
- Library Update (5 mins)
- District 5-Jay Schenirer Update (5 mins)
- Mercy Housing Project Committee Update (15 mins)- We will hear an update regarding the block party and the progress with the Affordable Housing Project going in on the south end of Colonial Heights.
- Committee Updates (10 mins)
 - Parks, Finance, Communications, T-Shirt, Safety and Security, Welcome
- General Discussion (20 mins) – Bring your topics of discussion

Upcoming Events:

September 18th, Saturday- Annual Yard and Craft Sale -8AM to 3PM Neighborhood Wide

December TBD - Colonial Heights Holiday Party



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CHNA Monthly Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday September 8th, 2021

Police Update:

- Barricaded subject in Tahoe Park
 - Police have had history with him, there was a welfare check on an individual after weird text messages to family.
 - He also made threats with a handgun. We set up with negotiations.
 - He started actively shooting at the offices with a rifle. Estimated 60-80 rounds. No officers or citizens were injured.
- Sunday Sept 12 – Paul Walkers Birthday
 - Getting intel that there will be side shows in Sacramento, so the police is putting together a game plan.
 - If you see a large number of vehicles gathering in a parking lot – report it.
- Update on the stabbing in the neighborhood?
 - The person did not pass away. But the police think they have something in custody.
- Police encourage neighbors to call-in side shows that are being seen on Fruitridge – non emergency line.
- Concerns relayed of someone digging in people's front yards
- Complaint of speeding throughout the neighborhood – keep police updated on where the problem areas are.

Jay Schenirer update:

- Had the last two weeks off of meetings – returning next week.
- Got \$112 million in stimulus funds
 - 40 million of this will go towards homelessness.
 - 17 million of workforce development
- Homelessness
 - We have identified 21 sites that we want to put shelters on
 - w/x and Broadway – we got the keys to begin construction. We have started outreach to get those encampments into the shelter to show as a model.
 - Shelters in district – one is on 29th west of Franklin – landowner that said they would donate it back with tiny homes. Approximately 60 tiny homes
 - Property for safe parking would be at Florin road. There are three stations. Looking at Franklin and Roseville stations as well.
 - Free way along w/x Caltrans property and are amenable to tiny homes. The original report said it could serve 800 individuals but that is not accurate – at capacity it could be 400
 - If it works we will do more. The people who live around this are have suffered quite a bit. YMCA wants to adopt a shelter.
- Questions:
 - It is 100 million over 2 years from the American rescue? Are these one time funds/capital?
 - 40 million from American rescue the rest is money from the state.
 - No general fund. Both one time and on going.
 - Buying tiny homes and tents can be moved to other places, so the costs will go down overtime because we will have the infrastructure.

- We are putting money in to as operational with contractors.
 - We have money from Kaiser- there will be continued to be state money that will fund these things.
- The one on 21st and 63rd – homeless site – can you tell us anything about this?
 - No details on that at the moment. Jay will ask Eric to attend next meeting
- Are there vaccine requirements for housing?
 - Want to have requirements for anyone coming in or working at the shelters.
 - We have a shelter in Meadowview that is women only – about 70 women, we have had breakouts there.
- Halloween plans – will do outreach and see what other neighborhoods to see what they are doing
- The homeless safe ground – there is uncontrolled camping in the surrounding areas.
 - We have a plan to deal with this. I will speak with the attorneys.
 - If we are talking about the w/x free way if people won't move I think we need to move them at this point we will have beds and we need to be able to do this.
 - Use this as a model to get people housed. Over our capacity to deal with at this point.
 - Have to put a perimeter around the shelter to avoid drug use/sales. I have made that commitment. There will be a bubble around the sites.
- Are there examples of tiny homes?
 - Local individual has an interesting idea- create some tiny homes and teach them how to build a quad motel on the site. We have enough space for that. He can build these for about 20k. Goal is that money stays local.

Mercy Housing Project:

- Aaron Cheesman – project going in where John's furniture is. This came on our radar last year. Will be 200 units with about 700 people.
- Quick recap: Greg and I and Jim – we as neighbors reached out to the council members and to neighbors and organized block party. Better understand where the city was and where the planners from mercy were and what say we have about it. There are multiple issues and concerns
- Biggest would be from opening 54th street – adding traffic. Opening of this development will open the gates. It wouldn't just be a little bit of the traffic it could be most of the traffic. There are two exits and entrances.
- The exit on Stockton is not designed to take on all traffic. There is a median on that street so no one can turn left into or out the neighborhood. 22nd is very narrow and already has service issues.
- Block party in August – it was suggested that I reach out to city planners and received an email from Robby Thacker – we have demanded that 54th be closed.
 - Email response – I am scheduling a meeting internally in our public works staff and will be reaching out to you. It was approved through ministerial process. It is an administrative approval; the project was reviewed by staff.
- Per Jay: What we have tried to do is streamline the process because things take a long time to build, affordable housing could take 2-5 years. This is unacceptable when you have a housing crisis. These are things that should not have to come to the council but the zoning administrator makes the decision.
- Jay encouraged neighbors to “Hold us accountable – this is a big deal.”
- Concerns about kids being able to walk to school.
- Some neighbors expressed concerns about demanding things on behalf of the neighborhood and conversation was tabled for a leaders meeting.

Committee Updates:

Parks –

- Contact Joe Flores about getting trees planted – we have lost 8 mature trees -
- Looking in to planting trees, we finished mulching.
 - If we get the trees – city will come out and dig holes and then we would have tree planting party.
- Reminder – Jay said he would replace a BBQ.
 - Sent over information to his staff.

Finance committee –

- 646. 24 – waiting on check from D5.
- We sold 1 more tshirt.
- Anyone going to sell at the yard sale? Coming up in 10 days.

Communications committee –

- No update looking for help in monitoring the email account and forwarding the appropriate things on. Facebook and nextdoor and website are running smoothly – happy to have help with posting to social media.

Welcome committee –

- None

General discussion:

- Additional events for the neighborhood association?
- Have to plan events around COVID protocols – difficult to do things inside.
- It has never been imperative that the neighborhood association sponsor all events – the events that KC was running for the association – taking them on as promotional events from her business.

Idea for additional events:

- Charming Decorating for Christmas – was a neighborhood event.
- Should we try and bring some other events in to the association.
- Inexpensive ideas – face painting for Halloween.
- Movie night in the park
 - Permit & sprinklers issues
- Porch Band Parties
- Trivia Night
- Holiday Music/Karaoke
- Battle of the bands
- Plans for Christmas party?

