

Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting

February 27, 2019

Colonial Heights Library

Introductions:

Prompt: Share a fun thing to do in the rain.

Attendees: Rose, Anya, Martin, Mike, Mark, Jan, Michael, Kathy, Steve, Greg, Stephanie, Adrian, Dana, Rene, Kathy, Renee, Steve, Tony

Officer Update:

Bikes at work: Utilizing bikes on Stockton Blvd. Police goes out in pairs of two and work in tangent with the motorcycle police. Patrolling two days a week based on weather. Police are crime mapping and deciding on which areas to target based on that data.

Items brought up by neighbors to share with the officer:

55th St/15th Avenue: 20 or so cars come twice a week after 7pm for 10-15 minutes. Other than that the area is quiet. The activity changes days. Officer states it has been quiet since summer arrests.

56th/57th Cars parked at vacant lots or areas that are under construction. This is occurring late at night or early morning. Officer says he can bring this to the bike cop attentions because they can go into the side streets.

55th/20th House selling drugs where the street dead ends and turns. Neighbors are noticing constant foot traffic and trash with needles and other drug paraphernalia. Officer took note of the area and a fellow neighbor recommends starting a street neighborhood watch.

Park issue:

Park trash cans are being used to dump items. How can this be stopped or prevented?

District 5 leadership meeting:

New meeting format that allowed for interaction between neighborhoods. Affordable housing was mentioned. During the meeting they talked about one to two items that each neighborhood wanted/needs. There were four group or areas of need that were discussed: membership development, board and leadership development, communications externally and internally, and finances and fundraisers (money raised for the neighborhood). Colonial Heights focused on membership because we are trying to increase participation in the neighborhood association. Some suggestions are potluck meetings, newsletters, or raffles at meetings. It was mentioned that in the past we have had the most success with flyers. A potential newsletter could be advertising for the neighborhood association and could tell what is up and coming. Jays office said they would print the newsletters for us. The councilmembers office could help us with communications, websites with links to our association, and could refer local residents to our association.

Aggie Square Update:

Meeting was on Monday 2/25/19 for the community advisory board. Rose handed out the Powerpoint that was shown and the Q+A sheet. This meeting was about how the community will be impacted. Grad students are going out and interviewing neighbors who live in the surrounding the area. Rehab center/hospital will be on the corner of Broadway and 49th Street. The building structures will be along Stockton between 2nd avenue and Broadway. The greatest concerns are traffic on Stockton Blvd and parking. The plan is for the facility to be build in 4 stages. They are going to build a transportation hub with 12 electric buses. Question: What is the

planning for the community? Can we find the Powerpoint online? Who are the corporations that are involved? Rose says they are trying to interact with the community to see how this will impact the neighborhood. Rose says she can get more of the Powerpoints and share them out. This will not just be medical stuff, it will also be housing and a tech center. UC Davis is working with the city. There are not many details yet because this is the early stages.

Stockton Blvd Partnership Update:

Greg and Rose attended breakfast meeting. There is a plan and money to tackle homelessness. There is a Stockton Blvd Revitalization map that shows the areas they are going to be working on. Enthusiasm, businesses, and money are coming to Stockton Blvd. People who have an interest should participate. There is a community advisory committee and it would be a good idea to send a community member. Is there anyone interested in representing the neighborhood? If you have any questions contact Jay or the partnership office. Rose has a document that has a list of meetings and people can sign up to go to various different neighborhood meetings. Meetings are the first Thursday of the month for the Partnership. The location will be moving due to construction. The organization meets monthly at noon to discuss safety on Stockton Blvd. Stockton Blvd has a new app they are promoting. If you see anything that needs attention you can report it on the app. Complete streets project is funded through Caltrans. The goal is to get more economic development on the Blvd. Paladin Security patrols the Blvd. Their area does not cover the neighborhood.

Community Updates:

Kickball: Everything is on for kickball! Equipment will be donated and there is talk of T-shirts. The goal is get a committee together and maybe to have local neighborhoods play each other. The city is working on organizing a BBQ for the kick off.

Communications: Adrian will be working on updating the website that has Google translate. Dana will be doing some social media. Contact Dana will anything you want on the be put on social media. A goal is to put together a protocol for how to get things to Dana.

Idea: There should be a moderator on things that are associated with the neighborhood association. Surrounding neighborhoods have written policies and information needs to be bilingual.

Events:

- Easter at the Park, on Easter Sunday at Colonial Park. There will be park clean up the day before the event.
- Garden Tour in May. We need gardens, anyone have a garden that could be on the tour? A Flyer can be posted on the Stockton Blvd Partnership building.
- National Night Out- We need volunteers. Contact Kathy or Steve if you are interested.
- March 7th SOS meeting at noon
- March 27th Friends of the Library meeting 5:30pm

T-Shirt design

- Adrian presented t-shirt ideas. Adrian is looking for a cool image to represent the neighborhood. These t-shirts would be for sale. The big picture is to create a hype for the community. He is still working on the details. These could be sold at National Night Out and at kickball. The idea is the money could be used for a community event. If anyone is interested in helping or has input please contact Adrian.

Other items:

- Residential Vacation Check Program for Districts 4+5. There is information and an application online.
- Rose gave an update from the Sacramento Neighborhood Coalition, a letter has been written regarding SB-58, a bill that will allow for alcohol sales to be extended to 4AM. The Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association has written a letter opposing the bill.

- Another update from Rose regarding 325 Fairgrounds Drive and a request to rezone the area to allow for lower density. Several Tahoe Park and Elmhurst neighbors along with the Environmental Council of Sacramento wrote a letter asking for this proposal to be re-evaluated.
- Challenge of next meeting: Everyone bring a new neighbor to the next meeting. If you bring a new neighbor your name will be placed into a raffle for a free t-shirt.