



**Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, March 13, 2024 6:30 – 8:00  
Colonial Heights Library (5799 Stockton Blvd)**

**Welcome/Introductions**

- Ice Breaker: Favorite Irish band/movie/food/drink
- Neighbors present: Greg Ruzovan, Jilzy Christensen, Ian Thompson, Steve Bicker, Kathy Bicker, Terry R., Candace P., Kathy H., Regina T., Kay C.
- Government officials present:
  - Will Antinetti (Councilmember Eric Guerra’s Office)
  - Jocelyn Navarro (Mayor’s Office)
  - Elijah Orr (Senator Angelique Ashby’s Office)

**Police, Library, Government Representatives Update**

- Jocelyn Navarro on behalf of the Mayor’s Office
  - City is hosting meetings and has a community survey for the Fiscal Year 2024/25 budget
    - Survey runs through March 24<sup>th</sup>:  
[cityofsacramento.gov/budgetsurvey](https://cityofsacramento.gov/budgetsurvey)
- Elijah Orr on behalf of Senator Angelique Ashby’s Office
  - Provided highlights on Senator Ashby’s 2023 accomplishments
  - Now the Assistant Majority Leader in the Senate
  - Asked CHNA to include the Senator’s office in any events; CHNA called out National Night Out as an event for the Senator to attend
- Will Antinetti on behalf of Councilmember Eric Guerra
  - Redistricting begins January 1, 2025 (Colonial Heights will officially be part of District 6)
  - Vision Zero – Traffic safety philosophy that rejects the notion that traffic crashes are simply “accidents,” but instead preventable incidents that can and must be systematically addressed.
    - Goal is to reduce vehicle fatality around schools
    - Colonial Heights: West Campus and Mark Twain Elementary
    - CHNA asked if they’d like to do a Vision Zero presentation at an upcoming CHNA meeting
  - Converting the 21<sup>st</sup> Ave median to a park
    - During the drought, medians have to stop being watered

- Trying to move the median out of the Public Works department and under the Parks Department
- *Neighbor question: Does making it a park mean that there will be trash cans added or just that it will continued to be watered during a drought?*
  - It depends on what is passed/approved. Basic park amenities would likely be included.
- Stockton Boulevard Plan
  - Currently looking for feedback on the plan
  - Stockton Blvd was built and is used like a freeway. Looking for different ways to slow down without major infrastructure changes.
- Forgotten Bakery (4650 Stockton Blvd)
  - Opening Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>

### **City Parks Commissioner Mark Rossow**

- Mark worked on Prop 68 (Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018)
- The Parks department took a major cut during the last recession and has not gotten back to pre-recession funding levels.
- Draft of the Parks Plan 2040 is out for public comment (available March 8<sup>th</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>)
  - Online copy of plan and survey is online at: <https://www.cityofsacramento.gov/ypce/parks/planning---development/park-plan>
  - Hard copies can be obtained at City Hall
- The Parks department puts on 916 Days throughout Sacramento neighborhoods. They might be able to support Colonial Heights if there's a project we want to focus on.
- CHNA invited Mark to attend the upcoming Garden Tour.

### **SMUD Community Outreach – Sean Caesar**

- SMUD is looking to increase engagement for community events
  - Last year they supported the Garden Tour and National Night Out
- SMUD is open to coming to a future CHNA and presenting on an applicable topic for the neighborhood (i.e. rate structure, EV rebates, appliance rebates, etc)
  - Last year they presented on the changes to the rate structure
- Funding
  - SMUD can provide approximately \$2500 per year for neighborhood events and provides the payment post event
- *Neighbor question: What can SMUD provide at an event?*
  - Most requested is power. Can bring in a small generator to support a small appliance, such as an induction cooktop for a cooking demo

## TPNA/CHNA MOU Approval

- CHNA reached out to Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA) asking if TPNA would be CHNA's fiscal sponsor. This entails TPNA accepting any funding on the behalf of CHNA and passing it over. Previous fiscal sponsor was the Stockton Boulevard Partnership (SBP), but there has been issues in receiving our funds from them. Jilzy Christensen attended the TPNA meeting on Monday (3/11/24) night. TPNA approved the MOU. CHNA needs to approve then it will be signed.
  - Follow up question to Will Antinetti to see if they've made any progress with SBP. No current update but Eric Guerra's office has a meeting with SBP on 3/14 and will add this to their agenda.
  - Amount of money that SBP is holding needs to be reviewed by the Treasure (Kathy B.)
  - *Neighbor Question: Who from CHNA will work with TPNA?*
    - The Treasurer will work with TPNA to provide documentation prior to funding being requested.
- Greg motioned to approve the MOU as written. Kathy H. seconded. Motion passed with no Nay's or Abstention.

## Committee Updates

- Park
  - Met with the Aquatics supervisor and discussed the pool, pool hours, signage, shade around the immediate pool area (fenced in area), grass
    - The grass will be part of the regular maintenance.
    - Fence to be painted.
    - There's a age limit of 7 years old.
    - There might be tables with umbrella holes that can be added in the pool area. Tables would be bolted down.
    - Looking to host an opening day event.
  - Mulch Fest – Saturday, March 23 9-11am
    - Need 20 volunteers
    - Bagels from Forgotten Bakery to be provided
  - Park Mural
    - Effort being led by Kathy H.
    - There is a lot of preliminary work that needs to occur before we're able to have an artist paint the mural.
      - Fundraising, seeking an artist, approval from the city, etc
    - *CHNA Question: What kind of help/support would you like from the association?*
      - Kathy H. has provided a list to the Parks committee of what she needs support with
        - The list will be reviewed at the next Parks meeting then brought back to CHNA

- Processes with the city, would like help with this
- Garden Tour
  - May 5<sup>th</sup>, 10am-3pm
  - Still figuring out ticket prices, \$10 last year
  - There are about 14 homes slated to be on the tour
    - Garde Tour Committee walked around the neighborhood to scope out yards and invite people to participate
  - Over 200 people attended last year's tour and included people from outside of the neighborhood (Rancho Murieta, Tracy, etc)
  - Emilio Perez (or other person on committee) will attend CHNA meetings to report back
- National Night Out
  - Steve and Kathy Bicker have led/served on the NNO committee for the past 8+ years.
    - They need to step back this year due to personal reasons and not having the availability.
    - Looking to share their knowledge with the next person(s) who can take on NNO.
  - Asking CHNA to put out a call to the neighborhood on social media to help recruit a new person(s) for the committee
- Mercy Housing
  - Jim Keddy is set to meet with Eric Guerra and should have more information to share by the next CHNA meeting
  - First residents are scheduled to move in during May
- T-Shirt
  - T-Shirts and Tank Tops are now available for purchase, \$20 per shirt, sizes Small – XXL for both
  - Available to sell at CHNA meetings and events
- Porchfest
  - October 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Committee is starting to gather for planning
    - Looking to centralize more around the park
- Finance/Treasury
  - Bill came in for Wix (website) and was paid in January
    - Receipt needs to be given Kathy B.
  - CHNA's account balance: \$2,164.49
    - This money can be used to frontload purchases.
  - Discussion to add Jilzy Christensen as a Co-Treasurer
    - Ian motioned to add Jilzy as Co-Treasurer, Greg seconded. Motion passed with no Nay's or Abstention.
  - *Neighbor Question: Who can go to SMUD (or any other vendor) to request funding?*

- The committees or CHNA can request funding directly. Committees need to attend monthly meetings to keep CHNA abreast of their event/project.
- *Question from Neighbor: Is there a process to request funds?*
  - The ask would be brought up during a CHNA meeting to be approved.
    - Garden Tour requested funding
      - 2023 expenses: programs (~\$500), post cards for advertising at local businesses (~\$950), tote bags (~\$400)
      - 2024 expenses: printing costs
      - Greg motioned to approve up to \$1000 for the Garden Tour, Ian seconded. Motion passed with no Nay's or Abstention.
- Stockton Boulevard Partnership
  - Need to verify amount of money SBP is holding for CHNA
- Communications
  - Reminder that the CHNA monthly meetings have been moved to the second Thursday of the month beginning with the April meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>

***Candace won a t-shirt for wearing the most green!***

**Meeting Adjourned 8pm**