



Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association (CHNA) Meeting Wednesday June 8th, 2022 6:30-8:00 PM at Colonial Park

(Bring a chair if you wish to be comfortable)

CHNA Agenda:

- Welcome/Introductions/Leader Introductions (5 mins)
- Police Update (5 mins)
- Colonial Heights Library Update - Diego L. Diaz (5 mins)
- District 6 - Councilmember Eric Guerra Update (5 mins)
- District 5 - Councilmember Jay Schenirer Update (5 mins)
- Flag Day Update (Saturday June 11th 10AM to 2 PM, Colonial Park)
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- Committee Updates (15 mins)
Colonial Park, Finance / Treasury, Communications, T-Shirt,
Mercy Housing
- General Discussion (20 mins) – Bring your topics of discussion

Meeting minutes and agendas are available on the CHNA website:

<https://www.colonial-heights.org/copy-of-minutes>

CHNA Monthly meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM.
Check Events on our website for the location

Email: colonialheightsneighborhood@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.colonial-heights.org/>

NextDoor: <https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/colonialheightsca--sacramento--ca/>



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Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 8th 2022

LOCATION: Colonial Park Shade Structure

ATTENDEES: Kathy Bicker; Susan Tripp; Greg Ruszovan; Linda Berlin; SPD Sgt. Phil Burnham; Sarah Kerber; Mark Harrington; Regina Temple; Marsh Wildman; Diego L. Diaz - Library; Hilary Coy D6; Jim Keddy; Terry Reinsimar, Kathy Hayes

POLICE UPDATE - Sgt. Phil Burnham:

- 9 to 10 officers work for Sgt. Burnham on the swing shift that covers a very large area but focuses on the Stockton Blvd and Alhambra corridors. They are constantly busy and "expect things to pick up" with the summer season.

- Colonial Heights is a "great neighborhood, not a lot of calls."
There has been one reported burglary in the past 45 days.

- "If you see something, say something." If you are a victim, Sgt. Burnham encourages you to "push for prosecution" or the DA will likely not press charges and the perpetrator is likely to continue to offend.

- Homeless citizens: SPD makes referrals to Community Engagement Teams that offer a variety of services. Officers do follow up with those given referrals. The success rate seems to be improving.

- All calls to SPD are prioritized to the perceived level of need. At busy times they may not be able to respond immediately but will call back for follow up when time allows.

- There is a dedicated team for side shows which focuses on Stockton Blvd. and the Power Inn warehouse areas. SPD monitors social media sites used by these groups. Officers make judicious use of the vehicle codes to ticket and sometimes confiscate vehicles.

- Shot spotters have been in use for 5 years or longer and can tell the difference between gunshots and fireworks. Some neighborhoods have stopped reporting gunshots/fireworks. Please continue to report in order to build cases.

- Don't leave valuable items in your vehicle. Lock them in your trunk but do not do this where you park- thieves are on the lookout for people who put items in the trunk. "Take, Lock, Hide."

- Sgt. Burnham email: pburnham@pd.cityofsacramento.org

LIBRARY UPDATE - Diego L. Diaz

- The Summer Lunch program begins on June 14th. It is a free program for 18 and under and runs Tues - Friday from noon to 1PM until August.

No registration needed. There are similar programs at MLK and Southgate libraries.

- The Summer Program has begun for adults and children There are prizes for reading the first 5 books and for 25 book totals.

-Story Time is Tues - Sat 1030 to 11AM

Explore and Play is Wednesdays from 1030 to 11:30AM

The Community Room should be available soon. Use policy has not been finalized.

D6 UPDATE: No representation

D5 UPDATE: - Hilary Coy

- D5 will be representing Colonial Heights until December when C.H. will move into District 6

- This is Hilary's last meeting with CHNA. She will become a 911 operator.

- Seed Grants applications opened up on June 1st. Up to \$1,000 grants are available. QUESTIONS call 916-808-7005 or contact JEscobar@cityofsacramento.org

- Events can be placed on the D5 Newsletter. Please give a 1 week notice but at least a minimum of 2 days.

- Parks is hiring for youth jobs.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

FLAG DAY UPDATES: - Saturday, June 11th from 10am to 2pm.

- Still need volunteers. Decorating begins by 9am. Volunteer for other activities by 9:30am

- Jay Schenirer (D5) and Eric Guerra (D6) plan to attend.

- D6 is supplying 40 chairs, tables and 2 trash cans.

PARK COMMITTEE:

- A walking audit, led by Civic Thread, took place on Saturday, June 4th. It focused on the safety and walkability of the 21st Ave Parkway in regards to getting to the green strip, the library and to the business corridor. Civic Thread will compile observations and suggestions provided by neighbors and share them with the community

- 4 speed bumps were installed on the north side of 21st Ave west of 65th street. This was a result of a petition process from nearby neighbors. More speed bumps would require more petitions.

- There will be future meetings to discuss ideas for usage of the green strip. A walking path with native plants has been a frequent suggestion. A potential model for this vision is the One Mile Loop around the perimeter of the Dept. of Justice building at 4949 Broadway that was finished last summer. If you get the opportunity, please check out this walking experience.

- The Colonial Wading Pool is scheduled to open on Friday, June 17th.

The schedule is Tuesdays to Sundays from 1-5pm. Closed Mondays. ALERT:

Aquatics has money to hire lifeguards but is having trouble finding applicants. Lifeguards must be present when the pool is open. Aquatics may not be able to adhere to the schedule. The pool is free and children through age 7 and no taller than 48 inches are eligible to use the pool. All must be accompanied by an adult.

FINANCE & TREASURY COMMITTEES:

- No change.

- The Flag Day Committee has been self-funding via donations.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE:

- Can use help with social media and the CHNA website.

- Looking at setting up another ListServ and going back to emails and email blasts.

T-SHIRT COMMITTEE:

- The "original shirts" will be available at the Flag Day Celebration.

NNO COMMITTEE:

- Planning has started. NNO is on Tuesday, August 2nd this year.

- Jim Keddy volunteered to have his band, Rooster, play at this event.

They have all the equipment needed to play live music.

MERCY HOUSING COMMITTEE - Jim Keddy

- Continues to have a frustrating relationship with City staff regarding stopping the opening up of the dead end section of 54th street to traffic and instead adding left turn egress to Stockton Blvd. Mercy Housing initially pushed for Stockton Blvd. left turns to/from the project - the problems lie with the City.

- A letter was sent to Howard Chan, City Manager, and other City officials repeating this request and explaining the negative consequences the 54th Street opening will have on Colonial Heights and on 22nd Ave. in particular.

- At some point in the future when the remaining lots around the Goodwill store are bought and developed a road may be pushed through the area with full access to Stockton Blvd.