

Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2021

Wednesday May 12th, 2021 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Colonial Park

Please follow COVID-19 protocols: Be Safe, Use a Mask and Social Distancing

- Welcome/Introductions/Leader Intros (5 mins)
- Police Update (10 mins)
- Library Update (5 mins)
- District 5 - Jay Schenirer (10 min)
- Committee Updates (15 mins)

Finance, Communications, Park, National Night Out, T-Shirt, Safety and Security, Welcome

- Review of CHNA Goals and Priorities for 2021 (5 min)
- 7:30 to 7:45 (15 min) Kevin W. McCarty - Capital Compliance Management representing a proposed cannabis related project at 3701 Stockton Boulevard.

Upcoming Events:

May thru August Colonial Heights Adult Kickball League, Thursday Nights 6 PM and 7PM

August 4th National Night Out 6 PM to 9 PM Colonial Park

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

December Colonial Heights Holiday Party TBD

Introductions: Everyone shared who they are and where they live.

Police Update: Bike patrols are working Stockton Blvd on Saturdays, noon to 6 pm. They are helpful because they can get behind buildings and stop sketchy activities from occurring.

Friendly reminder to not leave windows open in the house and vehicles when you are present. There has been an increase in break-ins now that the weather is nice.

Violent crimes are up by 50% from last year. Police have been getting gang units out and confiscating guns. This year the police have confiscated the most guns than any other year. Localized gang problems are what have driven the increase in violent crime. The shots fired detector has helped police.

Traffic: 4 more motor officers are being trained and will be on the streets in summer. Two motor officers will be assigned to each sector of Sacramento. However, East Sacramento has the biggest sector. We are the largest patrol sector but do not get extra motor officers because of that. Feedback to the department helps target sections for speed. The city is working to get temporary speed bumps. If areas are getting lots of speeders, they can bring out the speed bumps and use them and see if that reduces the problem.

54th/21st Alley- Creeper looking into windows in the alley. Neighbors believe it is a local person. The police recommend reporting each time there is an issue. A neighbor mentioned frustration with the online report system, and the police recommend calling in and having an officer come out. The neighbors spoke with the cop and explained what is going on.

Library: The library is open for browsing and computer use. There is a 2 hour limit. There are virtual programs, but no in person programs at this time. Visit the website for programs. Summer reading program begins soon!

Jay: The city has money and the budget is better than expected. The city will be getting 20 million dollars from the federal government. They will launch into how they spend the money after they do the city budget in June.

State budget has a surplus and there will be 12 million to fight homelessness. Right now homelessness is not a budget issue but rather a site issue. The city is still looking at sites for shelters, small spaces with beds, and park and stays. The city is looking at many different options to move people off the streets.

Summer programs will be open this summer but they may be delayed. That was one of the big things the city wants to spend money on, is making sure the youth have programs to help with their social emotional being. In fact, our waiting pool should open in June for use.

Aggie Square is chugging along. There have been 2 lawsuits, 1 has been settled and the other is in the works of being settled.

NNO: August 3rd at the park. We will be back to BBQing at the park! Kathy, Steve and Greg will need volunteers, please let them know if you will be free to help. Pencil in the event!

Communications: In the process of reforming the committee. He is trying to recruit new members. Greg asked the people in attendance how they heard about the meeting. Many people heard about the event through Facebook and Nextdoor.

Mercy housing: 220 unit will start being developed on Stockton Blvd, where Jon's furniture store was. A concern is traffic. There will be an opening on 22nd, so there is a concern for traffic on 21st. Other concerns are privacy and parking. Contact Greg if you wish to be on the mailing list for the project. There are meetings via Zoom with neighbors concerned about the project.

Safety: There was a fire in Tahoe Park last week. Chris is going to reach out to the fire department to see if they would conduct a neighborhood meeting on how to fireproof your house.

Park: Saturday June 26th there will be a mulch party at the park. The thought is to mulch the trees, to help retain water and stop the gardeners from weed wacking the tree bases. Yesterday Mark met with Kurt, who is a city park supervisor. The city will not give keys to the neighborhood due to issues in the past with the door being left unlocked. However, if a permit is submitted then the city will open the restrooms.

Parts of the basketball cement will need to be replaced in the next few years.

Kevin McCarty- canvas infusion bakery. He is seeking to get a permit to open a business in our neighborhood, on Stockton Blvd. Kevin is currently doing community outreach. There will be a public hearing and notice will be given to the neighborhood, if you wish to attend or send a message to the court. The building is split in half. The rear half is a cannabis infusion space already but the company is looking to expand the building. The front would be a retail space, not cannabis space. They are thinking of making it a small café/coffee and small local grocery store. The cannabis is only sold to dispensaries, not for public access. The two businesses will be separate. There was a poll to see if anyone was concerned about the business, no neighbors were concerned.