



Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting
Wednesday July 13th, 2022 6:30-8:00 PM
Colonial Park (19th Ave and 54th Street)

(Please practice all COVID-19 safety protocols. Masks highly recommended)

Agenda:

- Welcome/Introductions/Leader Introductions (5 mins)
 - Police Update (5 mins)
 - Colonial Heights Library Update - Diego L. Diaz (5 mins)
 - District 5 - Councilmember Jay Schenirer Update (5 mins)
 - SMUD 2030 Clean Energy Vision (10 min)
 - Speed Lump Discussion: *Let's talk about 55th Street, 21st Ave, and anywhere else in CH. Our neighborhood group "Slow Down 55" will present. (15 min)*
 - National Night Out Planning Discussion (NNO is Tuesday Aug. 2) (10 min)
 - Flag Day Celebration Post Event Report (5 min)
 - Committee Updates (15 mins)
Colonial Park, Finance / Treasury, Communications, T-Shirt, Mercy Housing
 - General Discussion – Bring your topics of discussion
- CHNA Monthly meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. Check Events on our website for the location
- Meeting minutes and agendas are available on the CHNA website:
<https://www.colonial-heights.org/copy-of-minutes>

Email: colonialheightsneighborhood@gmail.com

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



NextDoor:

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



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LOCATION: Colonial Park shade structure.

ATTENDEES: Mark Harrington; Terry Reinsimar; Sarah Kerber; Melanie Pinto Garcia; Kathy Bicker; Steve Bicker; Diego Gonzalez; Kathy Hayes; Jasleen Escobar (D5); Gomaliel Ortiz (SMUD); Ashleigh Adams (SMUD Community Engage Representative); Lisa Musilli Johnson; Annamarie Smith; Ronald Deal; Susan Tripp; Lorena Mejia; Andrea Runge; Steven King; Xander Marquez (CH Library); Marsh Wildman; Regina Temple; Linda Berlin; Greg Ruzsovan

POLICE UPDATE: no representation present

COLONIAL HEIGHTS LIBRARY UPDATE:
Xander Marquez

-Xander is the new CH Branch Supervisor. He has 10 years in the Sac. Library system.

-The library is now doing a community engagement survey to see what is important to the community and how to better serve the community. The survey can be found on the library website and will be available until the end of July.

DISTRICT 5 UPDATE: Jasleen Escobar
-At the end of December, CH will move into D6.
-Seed Grants are still available - probably until the end of this year.
-D5 will have a presence at NNO.
-Jasleen will ask Hilary Coy to send any updates on the Mercy Housing project via email to CHNA.
-Jasleen volunteered to help arrange a meeting with CH neighbors interested in traffic issues/speed bumps with City officials. This would be separate from CHNA meetings to allow more time for discussion.
-Jasleen will look at having a movie night in Colonial Park this year - but the odds seem to be against this happening.

SMUD 2030 Clean Energy Vision: Ashleigh Adams

- Ashleigh is the Community Engagement Representative for CH.
- Sacramento air is among the most polluted cities in the nation and childhood asthma rates here are high.
- SMUD's goal is to be carbon free by 2030 and make Sacramento a clean power city with a 5 point plan:
 1. Retire or retool existing power plants. New technology promises to capture carbon that would normally be released to the atmosphere by power plants.
 2. Expand solar, wind, geo-thermal and hydropower.
 3. Pilot new programs. SMUD will have a new fleet of electric vehicles. Working on storage technology. There is a new battery storage facility in South Sac. Virtual power plants - Roof solar & EV's can send electricity back to the grid.
 4. Work to keep rates affordable. Low rates 12am-6am to charge electric vehicles
 5. Must include everyone's participation

- SMUD will be present at NNO.
- SMUD has a website: CleanPowerCity.org and is on multiple social media sites
- Dave Tamayo is the SMUD Director (Ward 6) for CH.

SPEED LUMP/TRAFFIC DISCUSSION:

Annamarie Smith & Lisa Musilli Johnson for 55th St, Steve King for 21st Ave.

-Annmarie & Lisa discussed traffic on 55th St from 14th Ave to SF Blvd.

-The speed limit of 25MPH is not being observed. Driving on that section has become dangerous. There is a bad curve. Frequent near collisions. And constant hazards to morning and evening drivers, pedestrians and cyclists that frequent the Family Matters Daycare and to those who are commuting to work and school.

-Vehicles have begun using 55th St. to avoid 14th Ave to get to Stockton Blvd.

-Neighbors need to collect 10 signatures from residents who live on 55th St to begin the speed lump process.

-The City is saying the 55th St section is too short to meet the requirements for speed lumps. Annamarie says the City mismeasured and the distance is 880 feet (well above the requirement).

-At some point there will be a 24 hour traffic study.

-Jasleen from D5 has volunteered to arrange meetings with neighbors and City officials.

-Annamarie and Lisa will also look at having conversations about traffic when SPD is present at CHNA monthly meetings and at NNO.

-The Stockton Blvd corridor includes 2 blocks east and west of Stockton Blvd. Unfortunately, 55th St is 1 block outside the corridor.

-Steven King has a similar story for 21st Ave traffic. He has 8 signatures for a

petition and needs just 2 more. 21st Ave has speed bumps at the east end and he is very hopeful the petition will be approved. If the traffic study agrees then the street will be put on a speed bump waiting list. It could be a long wait

-The meeting attendees voted to endorse the traffic mitigation efforts of our neighbors.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PLANNING

DISCUSSING: Steve and Kathy Bicker

-Will be able to use some supplies left over from the Flag Day Celebration

-Still working on a live band - looks very likely to happen.

-Will have a raffle again this year -need to contact local merchants.

-Will have games for kids.

-Money has come up short for this event.

D5 approved the seed grant but only for \$250 instead of the usual \$500. Took up donations from attendees who also approved by voice vote using bridge funds for NNO out of the treasury.

-Jasleen will look at getting a bounce house for NNO.

-Will need a volunteer to cook

-Also need volunteers to set up, person the tables and clean up afterwards. A volunteer list was passed around.

FLAG DAY CELEBRATION POST EVENT

REPORT: Susan Tripp

-Low attendance

-Discussed ways to improve attendance.

Diversify. Expand range of interest. Add flags from other groups/nations. Add a neighborhood picnic day.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE: Greg

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-Still needs help

-The Instagram account is being used regularly by the CH Photography Club.

Hope to have some of the members at NNO.

PARK COMMITTEE: Mark Harrington

-We will have a Colonial Park Cleanup on Saturday, July 30th from 9am-11am to get the park ready for NNO.

-There was a night of vandalism in the park in June with lots of graffiti and one of the metal soccer goals was torn apart. Park staff felt it was beyond repair and planned to junk it but it was too large to fit in their truck - they planned to come back later in the day and haul it off. In the meantime, neighbor Marsh Wildman took a look at the damaged goal and was able to repair it.

Thank you Marsh!

-The park improvement request for planting trees for Colonial Park has been approved. 7 trees will be planted on Saturday, October 8th from 9am-1pm. Will need about a dozen volunteers to help plant the trees. The holes will actually be dug on Friday with an auger and the loose soil will be put back in the holes for the Saturday planting. The digging should be relatively easy.

-Gioia Fonda is an art instructor at Sac City College. She has an art class this Spring that she would like to use to paint murals in Colonial Park. This is in early planning stages. CHNA (and likely Parks) would need to approve the murals.