

January 26, 2017 CHNA Monthly Meeting
Colonial Heights Library

Attendees: Rose, Kathy, Steve, Jenna, Terrie (Tahoe Park), Barbara, Pastor Bob, Bob Ralls, Janice, Victoria, Mark, Jenna, Juli, Marvell, Terry Johnson, Officer Robert Harrison, Officer Jeff Kuhlmann, Officer Jesus Trejo, Alicia Doktor, Josh, Maria, Jim, Pam, Rosette, Sarah, Johnny, Toni, & 3 others

Materials shared at the meeting:

- Agenda
- Meeting Minutes from October 2016
- Department Directory - will be emailed out

Introductions and sharing by each person on: What Are You Looking Forward to?

- We welcomed over 40 families into the neighborhood this past year
- Looking forward to...better weather, more people signed up with Friends of Colonial Heights Library, wildflowers
- Had welcome cards passed around for residents to sign for new neighbors

Police Department Updates - Officer Jeff Kuhlmann

- Officer Jeff has replaced our previous officer. Their beat covers Colonial Heights and Oak Park. Used to be in Alkali Flats. Transferred from day shift and now working swing shift - Monday-Thursday, 3pm to midnight, Monday thru Thursday.
- Officer Kuhlmann shared his business card/contact info:
 - Office phone number: (916) 264-5471, jkuhlmann@pd.cityofsacramento.org. 5770 Freeport Blvd, Suite 100, 95822
- Questions / comments from neighbors:
 - Victoria reported that there's basketball playing until 9-10pm at night.
 - There was a discussion on the cameras installed at the park - cameras cover both playgrounds. Mark informed the officers about the cameras and asked if there's a way to monitor them by the police. Officer Kuhlmann was not aware of the camera. The city failed to tell the police. As far as CHNA knows, it doesn't seem to be monitored by anyone.
 - Police: these cameras are currently mainly used for detectives - to find out more information after an incident. If we add footage viewing ability in the car, it can get very pricey.
 - Recommendation by Officer Kuhlmann: Email Sergeant Marnie Stigerts.
 - Mark has contacted Marnie, and understands that they can view the camera's actions. But there isn't any proactive viewing of the camera footage.
 - One of many park issues: people overdose on drugs overnight at the park.
 - Officer coverage: 1.2-1.3 officers per 1,000 people

- Question from Pastor Bob of Wesley Church: if we put cameras up, is it possible to allow police to view the cameras, get added to a list of camera locations in case police need to review footage?
 - Currently there is no list of camera locations. If police need to get footage they will usually walk the area around where a crime took place and look for cameras.

Library Updates - Alicia Doktor

- 2016 Library Metrics:
 - Ran 119 programs, 5, 567 people attended
 - Circulated ~ 69,669 items
 - 998 new customers, so close to 1000!
 - ~24,669 total customers
- Starting free community kitchen classes - take place right here in the library. The classes are part of a series. Attendees are encouraged to attend the whole series.
 - Next round starting Friday, February 10, 10am-12pm. First hour is about budgeting, etc. Second hour is demo.
- Report re After Hours WiFi Usage - Alicia Doktor
 - Update: Only 11 unique users between 10pm - 6am
- Best way to support the library:
 - \$20 family friend of the library membership - \$10 goes to system-wide program toward the greater Friends of the Library, \$10 goes to local library
 - Friends of the Family has helped support things like the Yisrael Family and new beekeeping classes at the library
- Thanks to the Explore and More Program!! So grateful to have the program, special shout out to Tom! :)
 - The Library can cover liability issues for the program.

Craft Fair

- CHNA recognized Pastor Bob and Wesley Church for letting us use their hall for the Craft Fest held in December. The recognition came in the form of verbal praise and a gift (personalized 'thank you' framed photo) to Pastor Bob and the Church.
- The Creative Craft Fest event raised \$600 - \$300 will go to Wesley Church and \$300 to CHNA.

Animal Control

- Johnny: has been twice attacked and bit by dogs.
- CHNA talked to the City and they suggested that Animal Control come to talk at our meeting. They couldn't make it to our January meeting and will try to come to our February meeting.
- Neighbors shared how they use protective measures against the potentiality of an attacking dog:
 - Maria bought an air horn at the Dollar Tree and has had to use it 2x now. Per her experience, it works very well.
 - Others carry pepper spray to protect their own dogs.

- Community members can call Animal Control to complain if they know where the dog resides. After enough complaints, Animal Control can cite the residents who own the dog.

Explore and More After School Program

- Program is still running and in its 9th semester!
- Questions from the attendees:
 - How many attend?
 - Anywhere from 6-25 kids attend...with big events, it goes up to 35 kids
 - Are the kids who attend regulars?
 - About 4-6 or so come weekly and the rest of the kids attend more irregularly
- There was confirmation from Alicia Doktor that the library's insurance would cover any liabilities from the after school program. (There's been no issue up to now, but we all wanted that clarified so that CHNA doesn't have to buy Directors and Officers insurance, which is approximately a minimum of \$1200/year.)
- There's only one adult volunteer, so if anyone wants to volunteer to do more specific programming (outside of what the program offers), they can reach out to Rosette Nguyen - rosettenguyen@yahoo.com or 916.548.5697.

Bylaws Committee and Communications Committee

- Rosette explained what CHNA leaders have been doing in these two committees.
- The Bylaws Committee is working to draft bylaws and have them reviewed/revised/approved by CHNA. The goal of the bylaws committee is to help CHNA become more organized. This work was started in 2016 with input from CHNA leaders, specifically Shirley, Rosette, Jamee, and Sandra. There hasn't been much work done on it, especially as of late.
 - Sarah and Kathy will join Rosette on the Bylaws Committee
 - Rosette to reach out to Sarah and Kathy to bring them up to speed and share with them the latest draft.
- The Communications Committee is working to draft communications guidelines. This is for communication within CHNA as well as communication guidelines for external events, marketing and advertising. This work was started in 2016 with input from CHNA leaders, specifically Rosette, Rose, Jamee, and Shirley.
 - Pam and Jenna will join Rosette, Rose, and Jamee on Communications Committee. Barbara might join too.
 - Rosette to reach out to all interested people and bring them up to speed and share the latest communications guidelines.

Park Committee

- Update from Mark: Looks like the City will put concrete over the shade structure area and turn off the water (behind the roll-out doors) and electricity. All exterior lights on the shade structure will go down as well. It's been difficult getting attention from the Parks Department

- Terry: what about contacting Chris Conlin, the head of the Parks Department?
 - Mark replied that he would try that suggestion.
- February 20th is the issuance date - however it is possible they can do the work before then.
- Mark and Sarah still leading the Park Committee. Others interested in being part of the committee: Steve, Victoria, Janice
- Sarah: recommends that people just walk around on their own to see what's going on in the neighborhood

Priorities

The City has asked neighborhoods to share with them the top three priorities for this year. CHNA leaders would also like to survey neighbors.

The attendees brainstormed the priorities - list below captures the priorities.

1. Safety for residents to walk around the neighborhood (ex: no unleashed dogs around)
2. Clean and safe park
3. Better communications with District 5 representatives
4. More community events
5. More classes
 1. On various topics (e.g., how to use GPS)
6. More formal parenting network
7. More park patrol
8. Need to revamp code enforcement department
9. Speeding
10. More outreach for the homeless - Navigators for the homeless - get support out here for them - have someone available
11. Not a priority but a note: More opportunities to buy CH t-shirts

The attendees want to vote on the priorities via an online method to ensure those not present at the meeting can vote. Rosette will write up the survey and send it out through our three online channels: email (Google listserv), Facebook, and NextDoor.

Other Items:

- UCD Health system will demolish one of their buildings and build a new one. This is one on V Street. There won't be a huge impact on CHNA residents - this is an FYI item.
- Licensing feral cats - have your own cats chipped. If you have the feral cats fixed, just make sure that it's known that they are feral.
- Softball field - the City would like to limit organized play to kids 12 years and under. The main challenge is when someone from outside the neighborhood comes and occupies the entire park for the whole summer without a reservation. This has happened before, and we all need to pitch in to document and communicate this out to both the groups not reserving the park but also the city.

- Question re PG&E work: Are they going to redo the streets?
 - Apparently yes, we shall see....