

Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting

March 28, 2019

Colonial Heights Library

Introductions:

Prompt: Share a spring project.

Attendees: Cam, Anya, Kathy, Steve, Rick, Terry, Danielle, Bob, Dana, Adrian, Jenna, Katie, Wayne, Anna Marie, Brittany, KC, Sandy, Nichole, Eric, Sue, Renee

Committee Updates:

Kickball: Start date is May 9th and runs until August 15th. This is an adult league and the purpose is to have fun and meet neighbors. The league will consist of six teams. On Thursday nights there will be games from 5-7, four teams will play each week. Two teams will be on a by each week. Sac City Brews may start a team, Tahoe Park may form a team, and KC may captain a team. Dana is getting a quote for team t-shirts. The league will be self referred. The goal is to have as many Colonial Heights residents participate. Next steps are to finalize the schedule and rules, fill teams, finalize t-shirt logo, have a kick around prior to the start date, and put together a council. On the fourth of July the park will be paid for so it can become a community game. Jay's office paid for all our supplies. Jay is bringing hot dogs and fire trucks to the first game. The cost of the league will be close to 1,200-1,500. We need to find companies to donate to get the league free or close to it. If a company donates 250 dollars or less they do not need a receipt but may use it as a tax ride off. Please contact Cam if you have a business who is willing to donate.

501-3C: Should the neighborhood association have a 501-3C? In the past there has not been a need to create a tax associated neighborhood association, but there are benefits to this. If we had this tax system we could have ads on our website to make money. If the neighborhood had a 501-3C there would need to be a board. There is considerably more work if a 501-3C is opened due to taxes etc. Should we look at surrounding neighborhoods and make a 501-3C with a combination of neighborhoods? Do the benefits of having one outweigh the costs? How do other neighborhoods do financing? There is a lot to research. This discussion has been tabled for another meeting, however, a committee was formed.

T-shirt design: The t-shirts will be sold at the Easter event and kickball. After conducting the survey, most people were excited for the trolley palm. So far there are 20 pre-orders, with possibly using Zen Threads to create the shirts. We need 500 dollars to pre order. There is also a website where you can select different t-shirts and does not need a pre-amount but it is run by a corporation. If we went through Zen-Threads it would be local. If we sold 50 t-shirts we could put 500 dollars into a community event. Some people have requested v-necks or different cuts, but the price goes up depending on the shirt. Adrian is thinking of doing a digital ordering system. The problem is we do not have a bank account and one is needed for the digital ordering. The financing is a tricky thing. Adrian has talked to a variety of people to figure out how to do this. The Stockton Partnership has said they would willing to be a fiscal agent to hold our money but we could not use it for digital orders. The only way the association could open a bank account is if we had a 501-3C. Since the t-shirts will make money for the community that becomes a tax problem if it is not placed in a bank account. Could this just be a cash project? Dana and Adrian will handle the financing jointly. T-shirt committee is asking for the association will give 500 dollars upfront and it will be paid back as sales come in. At the end of the meeting the association voted and approved the 500 dollar upfront cost of the t-shirts.

Events

Easter carnival: The event is held on Easter Sunday, rain or shine. This event is completely based off of donations. It would be great to have dyed and filled egg donations, volunteers, prizes and brunch items. This year there will be a photo booth. This year there will be people to man the stations (art stations, games etc) but it would be great to have more volunteers. Please contact KC if you are willing to volunteer or donate. A list of needs will be placed on the neighborhood website. The goal is to get 75 prizes donated. There is a park clean up on the Saturday before. (day before Easter)

Old Public House Theater: A cannabis lounge has taken the place of the Old Public Theater House. The events are cannabis tasting on Tuesdays and Sundays. It is called the 11-30 club and they have a website if you are interested in learning more about the lounge. Everytime there is an event there are 7-9 security officers. Wayne, the owner, is working with the city to figure out parking. Neighbors are worried about people being impaired, driving, and just hanging out. This is also creating traffic in the neighborhood. Are people buying weed there? Is it illegal? If you see something suspicious notify the police and Jays office. Should there be a committee to see what is going on? There are 5 people interested in creating a committee.

National Night Out: Kathy and Steve are still looking for volunteers, please contact them if you are interested. It is on August 6th.

Garden Tour: May 18th, Rose needs more gardens for the tours.