



**Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association (CHNA)  
Wednesday January 12, 2021 6:30-8pm via Zoom virtual  
meeting.**

**CHNA Agenda:**

- Welcome/Introductions/Leader Introductions (5 mins)
- Police Update (5 mins)
- District 5-Jay Schenirer Update (5 mins)
- District 6 – Eric Guerra Update and discussion of transition (10 min)
- Mercy Housing Project Committee Update (10 mins)- We will hear an update on the progress with the Affordable Housing Project going in on the south end of Colonial Heights.
- Priorities and Goals for 2022
- Committee Updates (10 mins): Parks, Finance, Communications, T-Shirt, Safety and Security, Welcome
- General Discussion (20 mins) – Bring your topics of discussion

**Upcoming Events:**



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# Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Present: SPD: Brent Kaneyuki, D5: Jay Schenirer & Allison Joe, D6 Eric Guerra & Ka Sondra Soto, Neighbors: Greg Ruzsovan, Chris Jones, Kathy Bicker & Susan, Aaron Cheesman, Jim Keddy, Mark Harrington

Welcome/Intro: Shared fun things over the holidays.

Police Update: 1/15/22 will be a change of shift with all new officers assigned to our area. Officer Kaneyuki is leaving our district (started here 12/30). There is a grant that will be used to hire 15 additional officers. Fatal collisions and Homicides (58) are up in the City over the past year.

Jay Schenirer lost 8 neighborhoods he represented in District 5. He will be leaving office at the end of this year. He represented C.H. for 11 years and enjoyed working with our neighborhood - from installing street sign toppers to movie nights and Colonial Park improvements. He "warmly handed off" the longstanding Colonial Park restroom issue to Eric Guerra. Jay will do whatever he can to help his old neighborhoods until he leaves office.

Mercy Housing Project: per Aaron Cheesman: Main goal is to keep the 54th street egress closed. There will be a meeting on January 22nd at 10AM at 54th St/22nd Ave. Food provided. Please bring folding chairs. Attendees: Marcus Adams (Senior City Planner), Stephen Dawes (Regional Director for Mercy Housing), Eric Guerra (D6 Council), Eric will try to get a traffic investigator from Public Works to attend.

Eric recently drove down 22nd ave. and commented how narrow the street is. He is still hoping a way will be found to create a Left/Right egress on Stockton Bl. and is looking at a way of finding funding for this.

Priorities and Goals:

Discussed traffic issues on 21st Ave and SF Blvd. How to slow traffic. D6 recently had a meeting to discuss crosswalks on 14th Ave. Would like info on busiest traffic times for 53rd and 55th Street intersections.

Discussed creating a 21st Ave. Parkway. I believe Eric said he obtained a \$50,000 grant to re envision the parkway, which totals 15 acres from Stockton Bl to the railroad tracks.

The Parkway needs to be transferred from Public Works to City Parks. Many possibilities for this strip: A pocket park at the widest part (the former terminus for the trolley), walking/jogging paths, traffic amenities, a place for neighborhood events and possibilities of closing off traffic for events.

Eric will have more information about this later this month.

Colonial Park Updates:

The project of phased planting of trees in the park (to make up for the 8 mature trees lost in the last few years) will continue through the D6 Park Commissioner, Victoria Vasquez (who happens to be a 58th St. neighbor) the handoff will happen at a meeting next week. The tree planting season ends on April 1.

Art in the Park - the Park Committee is working with Don Gensler (Art in Public Places, Project Manager) and Ray Costantino (Park Planning, Design and Development Manager). Hoping to start with metal doors for the restrooms designed by a local artist. Problem is funding, funding, funding.

Susan discussed having a Flag Day (June 14) event in the park involving neighborhood children. Eric suggested checking with VFW Post 67. There is a 3x5 American Flag in the park storage room. It was flown over the US Capitol and given to Colonial Heights by Congressman Matsui. It has not been used for years.

Movie in the Park - Eric will look at helping with this. Movies in D6 parks have rotated through its many parks. Not clear if he is aware CH has its own (neighbor provided) screen and sound system.

Next CHNA meeting is Feb 9th at 6:30 pm. An indoor or outdoor meeting is TBD. There is concern about an outdoor meeting due to the pandemic status at that time. On the other hand zoom meetings have been poorly attended and social distancing with masks may provide adequate safety to attendees.