



**Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association (CHNA)  
Aug. 11th, 2021 6:30-8pm at Colonial Park  
Please follow COVID-19 protocols**

**CHNA Agenda:**

- Welcome/Introductions/Leader Introductions (5 mins)
- Police Update (5 mins)
- Library Update (5 mins)
- District 5-Jay Schenirer Update (5 mins)
- • Councilmember Eric Guerra (5 mins)
- Mercy Housing Project Committee Formation Discussion and Vote for Approval (10 mins)- We will be discussing the progress in dealing with the Affordable Housing Project going in on the south end of Colonial Heights, and the southern neighbors will be seeking the help of CHNA.
- Park Committee Update on Art in the Park, Ed Fletcher (10 mins)-We will be discussing how the park committee will pursue a more formal public art plan.
- National Night Out Re-cap (10 mins)- *National Night Out* is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.
- Other Committee Updates (5 mins)
  - Finance, Communications, T-Shirt, Safety and Security, Welcome
- General Discussion (10 mins) – Bring your topics of discussion

**Upcoming Events:**

**August 12-** Thursday 6PM and 7PM – Championship games

**August 21st, Saturday** - Colonial Park Mulch Party 2.0- 8AM-11AM, Colonial Park

**September 18th, Saturday-** Annual Yard and Craft Sale -8AM to 3PM Neighborhood Wide

**December TBD** - Colonial Heights Holiday Party



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# CHNA Monthly Meeting Minutes:

## Wednesday August 11, 2021

### Police update:

- Chief of police is retiring at the end of the year
- East Area is getting a new captain – Greg Hallstead
- Concerns about speeding –
  - Motor team does a circuit around the city.
- Concerns about side shows and questions about how to lower speed limit in the neighborhood on 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - We had speed clocks –
  - Set speed limits based on 85% of what people drive on the street so makes it hard to lower the speed limit.

### Councilmember Schenirer

- 8 hours of council meeting yesterday
- Two things that are important – dept of community response update:
  - Started this to help the police not spend time on things that others can do and are trained for.
    - Bridget Dean is the head of the dept.
  - We are down to 1-3 days for response time for encampments.
  - Ramping up that we have 4 teams that are out all the time.
  - We are building capacity to deal with the issue
- We voted on 20 sites for homelessness – the sites can be tents or tiny homes or actual structures
  - We cannot move people unless they have somewhere to go (Boise decision) and connect them with services
- Locations:
  - RT Station at Florin and Franklin
  - Agreement with Caltrans to go under the free way
- \$100 million dollars to do this
- Most is state/federal dollars - there's no general fund money
- Working closely with the county- we got \$112 million and county got over \$300 million
- People will come in and we have brought whole communities in.
- If you look at WX structure - will be finished august 20<sup>th</sup> and open in September
- 4 emcampments near there –
  - We know there are times when there is an encampment that will come in together and we will get this area cleaned up
- Mayor and I are optimistic, we are also negotiating a large campus.
- Questions about 63<sup>rd</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> – these are private sites these will be negotiated with property owners
- 5700 units hope to turn them over every 5 months
- Recognized that some of the council districts did not offer much towards addressing homelessness.
- Work well with eric Guerra and will speak with him about attending
- Neighbors expressed concerns about increased traffic from Mercy Housing – Schenirer said that this will add an addition 50 ins and outs a day.

### Action Items:

- Neighbors brought up that the BBQ is rotting and Councilmember Schenirer asked that we get with his staff and he will purchase a new one.
- Neighbors invited him to the 22<sup>nd</sup> block party on August 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Jay announced that the city may not be allowing face to face meetings.

#### **Library Update:**

- Library representative is expecting to attend our meetings next month.
- Summer reading program ends next week families can claim prizes until the end of the month
- Families have logged 8000 + books
- Summer lunch program ended last year with over 3000 meals served
- Thursdays august 19<sup>th</sup> – library will be at jackdavis park with activities for all ages

#### **Mercy Housing Update:**

- Brief overview of the project
  - Mercy housing is building a 200 unit affordable housing in Johns Furniture
  - We discussed the project last meeting. The project will impact neighbors on 22<sup>nd</sup> because of traffic
- We wanted to form a committee that would address the housing issues – and bring them under the association
- Discussed Scope of committee
- Committees will bring issues/updates to monthly meeting. Decisions that need to be made would be brought to the association.
- Block party – to see 22<sup>nd</sup> avenue and how narrow it is
- Project leads – will they be attending? Regular monthly meetings?
  - If the Principle lead cannot attend then you can have someone come on your behalf
  - Aaron Cheesman has been doing a lot of the heavy lifting
- Will the letter just list concerns or will it be an opposition to the project?
  - Presented many of our concerns/issues through zoom meeting.
  - We have been holding off on direct communications.
  - we are not opposing the project – we are asking that the impacts on the neighborhood be mitigated.
  - If you add 700 people this will impact traffic and the park and the facilities and schools etc.
- Large degree of autonomy – a letter that invites someone – this would be okay, but position letter would be voted on.
- Approving the block party etc.

#### **Motion: Approve the creation of a Mercy Housing Committee under CHNA**

**Vote:** moved by Greg – ayes have it, no opposed

Interim leaders would be Jim and Aaron

#### **Park & Art in the park:**

- Trying to get a meeting with head of the parks design. We can meet in the park.
- The lanterns were stolen from the park.
- We did a phoenix art project to create wings at national night out. It looked like a butterfly.

#### **National Night Out:**

- Went well - very pleased with the bands and the hot dogs
- Expenses - \$798 this includes backpacks school supplies ice etc
- We brought in \$121 dollars and district 5 will give us \$500 seed grant.
- Tshirts funds will go back into the general fund
- The band was an expense – we haven't had to deal with.
- We have bottled water and hot dogs and chips etc.
- About 180 attendees

- Neighbors brought up that it would be easier to fundraise with the ability to accept credit cards for raffle tickets and tshirt purchases
- Feedback from neighbors:
  - The band was wonderful. We have a lot a bands in our neighborhood wonder if this can be donated to us in the future?
  - A few neighbors also shared/emailed in their thoughts: that given recent events, they felt there was a strong police and parole presence which made them uncomfortable.
  - Neighbors suggested that other neighborhood groups be included at next years event to increase inclusivity.

**Finance Update:**

- Tshirts \$600 waiting for the \$500 from seed grant
- 24 new tshirts to sell – we sold 11 tshirts

**Communications update:**

- Website in maintenance mode - can use more volunteers.
- People who feel comfortable with social media/next door. Expanding Instagram

**Welcome committee:**

- Share if you have new neighbors so that we make sure we get a welcome package to them

**Open discussion:**

- Interested in doing a crop swap – set up a day a week and swap those out.
  - Bring the next crop swap at the neighborhood meeting.
- Presentations such as: Bee keeping, candle making etc.
  - Survey on our colonial heights page.
- Potentially shift our meetings to a zoom/park hybrid meeting going forward to give more options for people to attend.