



**Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting
Thursday, July 11, 2024 6:30 – 8:30
Colonial Heights Library (4799 Stockton Blvd)**

Welcome/Introductions

- Ice Breaker: Favorite ice cream flavor
- Neighbors present: Greg Ruzzovan, Jilzy Christensen, Julia Robinson, Steve Bicker, Kathy Bicker, Linda B., Terry R., Stephanie N., Kathy H., Ian T., Marsh W., Johnny F., Shirley D., Mike D, Megan B., Tish M., Melissa M., Faith M., Mansor M.
- Government officials present:
 - Local Police
 - Philip Norton (Councilmember Eric Guerra's Office)
 - Jocelyn Navarro (Mayor's Office)

Police, Library, Government Representatives Update

- Police Updates
 - Recent spike in crime, typically seen when it get hotter out
 - Homicides, vehicular manslaughter
 - Local police are trying to reduce crime in the "hot spot" areas
 - Homelessness
 - Incident Management Team (IMT) still providing wrap around services
 - 311 is the most appropriate place to report things for the typical issue (911 when crime is occurring)
 - *Questions from the neighbors*
 - How is staffing going?
 - A recent academy class graduated with 20 members
 - Takes 18 months from hire to being out on the street
- Philip Norton on behalf of Councilmember Eric Guerra
 - New pedestrian signal on Stockton Blvd and 12th Ave
 - Sponsoring the National Night Out event by providing the park/event permit and keeping the wading pool open longer
 - Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association's next Food Truck event is on Friday, June 26th at Tahoe Park
- Jocelyn Navarro on behalf of the Mayor's Office
 - Mayor's Office is sponsoring Park Fest by providing the event permit

- Upcoming engagements with the Mayor (engagesac.org/events)
 - Office Hours with Mayor Steinberg and Councilmember Mai Vang
 - Saturday, July 20th, 11am – 12pm, Café La Vies (8775 Center Pkwy, Suite E300, Sacramento, CA 95823)
 - Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Steinberg and Councilmember Mai Vang
 - Saturday, July 27th, 10 – 11am at Luther Burbank High School (3500 Florin Rd, Sacramento, CA 95823)

Committee Updates

- Colonial Park
 - Primary objective is to add art in the park
 - A lot of things are happening between now and September
 - Murals being added to the park with the grant from the City and contracted to Creative Core for implementation.
 - The Pavilion will have 2 gallery style murals on the West side of the structure. The artwork can be changed out over time (~4x4 ft frame will remain on wall, inside art will be changeable).
 - One mural to be completed by the city, the other will be an art project at the National Night Out event
 - Once completed (hoping by mid-September), the City wants to do a celebration event to showcase the work and collaboration
 - Another mural will be on the East side of the Pavilion, facing the play structure
 - The CARE girl will be refreshed
 - Exterior of the pool pump house
 - Geometric design incorporating targets for soccer play off the wall. Also adding collage of neighborhood themed icons.
 - Native plant garden
 - Located in between the Pavilion and play structure
 - Bringing in educational opportunities and awareness of native plants, as well as refreshing an underutilized space in the park
 - Wading Pool Opening Day Recap
 - CHNA provided popsicles and gift bags for attendees, City of Sacramento Aquatics also provided gift bags
 - ~30 kids and parents attended during the “opening day” celebration
 - The new table that CHNA requested was put under the shade structure without an umbrella (requested to have an umbrella and

- be placed in a different area). The table has since been moved and has an umbrella.
 - After seeing the parents utilizing the table on opening day, the Parks Committee might ask for a second table to go under the shade structure.
 - Thought for the future is to write letters to the City to campaign to keep the pool as a wading pool if the City tries to turn it into a splash pad.
- Upcoming Park Events
 - Park clean up: August 3
 - Park art unveiling: Mid-Sept
- National Night Out
 - Tuesday of August (August 6, 2024, 6-8pm), 14th National Night Out event
 - Greg Ruszovan (NNO Committee Lead) provided preliminary budget, available upon request
 - Raffle will occur towards the end of the event
 - Already secured a number of gift cards to local businesses
 - Looking for more donations, donated by either a business or individual (for raffle donations: contact Jilzy Christensen or email colonialheightsneighborhood@gmail.com)
 - Eric Guerra's office is covering the permit for the event and cost to keep the pool open later in the evening
 - The Igors (local, neighborhood band) will be performing for the event
 - Activities include bounce house, neighborhood art, games for kids face painting, raffle prizes
 - Ask to the neighborhood – volunteers to help with planning and day of help
 - Set up/clean up
 - Adults to run the bounce house
 - Person to BBQ the hotdogs
 - Facepainting (Sarah K has offered but looking for a second person)
 - Potluck
 - Ideas for kid activities (suggestion: large bubble wands)
 - If you'd like to volunteer, contact Greg Ruszovan or email colonialheightsneighborhood@gmail.com
- Mercy Housing
 - Opening July 15-20th
 - Once occupied, the City will open 54th St for traffic
 - Parking permits – City to start reviewing but not implementing
 - 1.6 parking spaces per unit
 - *Questions from neighbors*
 - Any impact on 23rd St?
 - No studies completed

- Finance/Treasury
 - Garden Tour submitted their final budget, waiting on sponsorship money from SMUD
 - One expense in June for website maintenance
 - June Starting Balance: \$1,876.60; June Ending Balance: \$2,904.34
- T-Shirt
 - T-Shirts and Tank Tops are available for purchase, \$20 per shirt, sizes Small – XXL for both
 - Shirts are available at all CHNA meetings and neighbor events
 - Need to sell 1 more to break even on cost
- Garden Tour
 - *Update provided by Jilzy Christensen*
 - Committee has submitted their final budget to CHNA
 - SMUD has reported that the check has been sent to TPNA
 - Jilzy to send the final budget to TPNA (following requirements of the MOU)
- Bird Watching
 - Club is taking a hiatus while the weather is hot and also while it's hard to locate the birds, meetings to resume in the future
- Colonial Library Garden Club
 - Club taking a summer break, meetings to resume in the future
- Parkfest
 - October 5th
 - Sponsored by the Mayor's office
 - Band interest form will shared out soon, already have commitment from one neighborhood band
- Bike Club (CHBC)
 - Bike Commuting 101 Seminar: July 16th, 6:30pm, location can be found on the [CHNA Facebook](#) events' page
 - Learn how to be a safer, more confident cyclist!
 - Topics: the right gear, the safest routes, street etiquette
 - Community Ride: July 21st, 9am, Colonial Park
 - Bring a helmet and meet at Colonial Park then ride to the American River Parkway with a stop over at The Mill for coffee and return back to Colonial Park
 - This ride is showcasing a safe and less busy route to the American River Parkway
 - Bikes are available if you don't have one, contact CHBC or CHNA for more information
- Communications
 - New Facebook group dedicated to all things CHNA – [Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association \(Sacramento\)](#)

- If anyone has any questions about upcoming events or wants to volunteer, they can email colonialheightsneighborhood@gmail.com
- If anyone is interested in the leadership team, contact CHNA for more information
- Guidelines Committee
 - Resurrecting the Guidelines Committee to review and update the guidelines as necessary
 - The current guidelines were adopted May 2018 and partially do not reflect the current status of CHNA (i.e. monthly meeting date, current committees, etc)
 - Committee consists of leaders: Jilzy Christensen, Julia Robinson, & Sarah Kerber
 - Anyone is welcome to join the committee – contact colonialheightsneighborhood@gmail.com for more information

Aggie Square Community Representative Election – Jilzy Christensen

- For context of the Aggie Square Community Partnership (ASCP) and review of the CHNA representative selection process, please review the [June 2024 meeting minutes](#) or the [Aggie Square Community Partnership CHNA Representative Nominations](#) blog post.
- There was only one person who nominated themselves to be the Colonial Heights representative to the ASCP.
 - **Julia Robinson** was voted by the members present at the CHNA meeting with a simple “All in favor”, raised hand vote to be Colonial Heights representative to the ASCP.
- If you have any ideas for Julia to bring forth to ASCP, contact colonialheightsneighborhood@gmail.com

General Discussion

Making San Francisco Blvd a Historic Landmark – Shirley Daffin

- San Francisco Blvd is over 100 years old
- The palm trees are always at risk for neglect
- In 2012, the Beautification Committee had trees replaced due to disease
 - Worked with Urban Forest Department where it was determined that SF Blvd could be eligible as a historic cultural landscape site
- Earlier in 2024, 6 trees were cut down by SMUD because they were a fire risk and risk for power outages
 - Request to the Urban Forest Director to replace the trees was denied and also not guaranteed that more trees would not be cut down in the future
- Due to the above, Shirley and KC Schuft reached out to the Preservation Sacramento for assistance
 - William Burg (President) is confident that the documentation created in 2012 is sufficient to dedicate SF Blvd as a landmark

- It's since been determined that the documentation is not sufficient and needs to be redone under current formatting/requirements
- Goal/Ask: For neighbors to support making SF Blvd a landmark
 - Writing letters, sign petition (although it holds no weight), attend meetings
 - Provide any pictures or experience within the neighborhood/Blvd
 - August 10: Preservation Commission Roundtable at Community Shop Class
 - August 14: Preservation Commission meeting at City Hall at 5:30pm to possibly nominate SF Blvd
- *Questions from neighbors*
 - Who is leading this initiative?
 - Shirley Daffin & KC Schuft
 - What is being asked of CHNA?
 - Asking for support
 - A letter on behalf of the association
 - Shirley said they would template a letter for neighbors to sign
 - Is it just the street being deemed historic or are the houses included in the designation? (Concern over the implications of including houses in designation)
 - At this time, just the street for the designation

Meeting Adjourned 8:15pm with Ice Cream Social afterwards