

2017-07-27 CHNA Minutes

Colonial Park - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Attendees: Jay Schenirer, Officer James Harrington, Steve Bicker, Kathy Bicker, Rose Cabral, Pastor Bob, Mark Harrington, Maria Ruiz, Marsh Wildman, Regina, Rosette Nguyen, Amber Villalobos

1. Police Dept Update (Lieutenant James Harrington)

1. Grew up near Fruitridge on 63rd Street (along with his mom; his parents went to Hiram Johnson; his mom went to Mark Twain). Have been working here for 15 years. Spent vast majority of time working in this area. He's one of the watch commanders. He's assigned the most eastern part of the city - from River Park to Elder Creek.
2. The POP (problem-oriented policing) program is back but smaller than before. We have two POP officers south of 50 and east of 99. POP is trying to get officers solve long-term problems. POP and JFN (Justice for Neighbors) work very closely together. The POP officers are those who work with JFN to help solve the issues.
3. Question from neighbor: I called JFN and the lady was on vacation and I haven't gotten a response. What do I do now?
 1. Answer: Call Jay's office and also Officer Harrington
4. The new Chief of Police, Daniel Hahn, grew up just 1/2 mile from Colonial Heights.
5. Question from neighbor: How long is the footage kept of the camera at Colonial Park?
 1. Answer: Jay and Lieutenant Harrington said they'll find out for us.
6. Question: my house is getting a lot of visitors (20 minute-visits). What do we do?
 1. Answer: Just send Lieutenant Harrington the address of the house, so he can find the long-term solution to the problem.

1. Library Update (Rose Cabral for Alicia Doktor)

1. Library just got a new Youth Librarian replacing Stephanie, who moved to LA. They're working with Sac Public Library administration and Palladin to keep people away from the property during non-business hours. They have to work with a group of people to do that.
2. If neighbors see people around the north area of the library during business and non-business hours, contact the non-emergency police number.
3. They have a lot of upcoming events. Doris Matsui will be coming on August 5th. Check the library website for this and other upcoming events.

2. Jay Schenirer Updates/Q&A

1. City is looking at the Greenbriar Motel. It's currently rented up. It was a JFN case. The owners have been there 44 years and have to sell. They are very nice people and couldn't fix it. It's for sale, and the City is looking to buy it. Possibly change it to something like Mercy - affordable housing. Sale price is \$2.5M but they won't sell it for that amount.

2. Eric Guerra and Jay have been working together and talking to the police and even the feds about the prostitution along Stockton Blvd. - It's not just prostitution, but it's also sex trafficking. Not just arrest the johns but also help the prostitutes.
 3. The city owns lots along 9th and 10th and Stockton - there are a few lots. The City will catalyze that part of the neighborhood to have student housing.
3. Committee Updates
 1. National Night Out - Tuesday, August 1, 6-9pm (Kathy Bicker)
 1. NNO = an evening when neighborhood comes together and gets to know one another as well as get to know the police, city officials, etc. of the area
 2. Got HUB grant and some donations
 3. Three Target stores will be helping us with food, donations, and volunteers.
 4. There'll be hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, ice cream, and potluck food.
 5. We need volunteers to help at the association table.
 6. There'll be games, face painting, bounce house, photo booth, and possibly a re-dedication to Shirley Johnson. We'll see if we can make this happen.
 7. This Saturday, there will be a park clean-up in preparation for the event at 9am.
 2. Park (Mark Harrington)
 1. The electrical outlet is on the purple building. It's not hot yet, but it will be soon. There'll be added electricity
 2. The project manager will have one more meeting with the city and the neighborhood. The holes in the ground will be filled up. The poles will be painted. The iron gate will be attached to the pool area. The T wall attached to the bathroom was removed.
 3. The \$15K has been eaten up for extra work.
 1. Jay says that they'll find more money to cover this.
 4. The project manager, Kevin, said there may be more picnic tables from the city "boneyard." The tables will be bolted down.
 5. There has been a big difference since the walls have been torn down. There doesn't seem to be any problems so far. But it does seem to get dirty, but it will be easier to clean up.
 6. One of our trees got run over by the city. How do we get more trees?
 1. Jay says that the easiest way is to ask the Tree Foundation.
 7. Urban Watering is not allowed to come into the city parks and water the trees.
 8. Jay wants to push out better services to the neighborhood within the bureaucracy that exists.
 9. Tahoe Park plants trees every few years. They mulch them every year. Maybe we can also do this on our own.
 3. Explore and More and Angelica's After School Program
 1. Explore and More starts its 13th semester in the Fall thanks to a \$500 grant from the City of Sac
 4. Garden Tour
 1. Rose brought the Garden Tour budget

2. Will this be something that's done annually?
 1. Yes, annually.
4. River City Porch Fest - Sunday, September 17, 12pm on (Rose Cabral)
 1. Blake is working with the city on permits, bathrooms. They are applying for a creative economy grant for \$25K.
5. Street Lights
 1. This issue came up through NextDoor in the last few days, and the person who brought it up couldn't make it tonight. But it's a good time to bring this up.
 2. The biggest issue is power. The street lighting we have now is overhead power. To convert it to underground power would require a lot of infrastructure change.
 3. We are actually paying a yearly fee for the lighting that was voted on.
 4. How about solar lighting?
 1. It can be pretty good (per Marsh).
 5. Who would like to be part of that committee?
 1. Mark, maybe Tracy (who started the discussion on NextDoor)
 2. Jay will make a few calls to see where we should start.
1. Carrying out a neighborhood project
 1. This is a reminder that if residents want to see a project started and completed (like street lighting), our neighborhood association has had committee-based projects. Residents need to help form a committee with a leader to carry out needs assessment and thorough due diligence work to propose and implement a project.
2. Creative Economy Grant
 1. Residents have a few more days to apply for a creative economy grant. It's up to \$25K per grant. Total of \$500K. The idea is to get things going in the neighborhood. Want to catalyze economic in the neighborhoods beyond downtown. It'll be very competitive - most, if not all, of the info sessions have had over 100 attendees.
 2. Focus is community place-making - can be done through farm to fork movements, urban technology, art placements, art pop-ups, temporary activation (like activating vacant buildings) and more.
 3. Jay says that this will most likely come around again as an offering, because there's
 4. Any ideas?
 1. Something like Chalk It Up around here
 2. Maybe a place for the community to meet (like in the old Public Theater House)
3. Other updates:
 1. There's a new restaurant where Louie's used to be - it's now a sushi restaurant. So no 7/11 store but a sushi restaurant.
 2. Pastor Bob - joined a leadership team about 9-10 churches about how can they serve and engage the community. South Sac Coalition.
 1. One of the things is a gospel choir. They'll reach out to the high schools, since the schools are often under-funded.

1. If anyone is interested in singing, join the choir. First gig is at women's' march in September.
 2. There's also an ESL group
 3. Fix-It Café - every 3rd Saturday
 4. Compassion Village - building tiny homes for the homeless. It's a coalition of churches to build the homes and mentor the people who live there. The churches commit to 4 years of mentoring. They're looking at two sites in South Sac and one in Natomas for the future.
 5. Pastor Bob and the Wesley Church are excited to continually engage with the community.
3. The mosque next to the church had a great family event for the end of Ramadan - Eid celebration.
 4. Friends of the Library had family game night.
 5. Rosested (thrift store, coffee, live music, has Hawaiian shaved ice) - where 59th dead ends in Broadway.