

Colonial Heights Neighborhood Meeting Notes
May 25, 2017 – Public House Theater

Attendees: Larry, Sheryl, KC, Angelica, Mark, Greg, Linda, Blake, Nicole, Jacklyn, Ashley, Steve, Kathy, Wendy, Hecter, Rose, Mike, Mark, Estella, Captain Beezley

Police update

Captain Beezley gave an update regarding crime in our area. Reviewed an incident that happened on Wednesday evening regarding shots fired. There were incidents at 4 separate residences. One person showed up at a hospital with a suspicious wound and story. May be related to double homicide of brothers that happened on Fruitridge earlier this month. Funerals for the victims are being held this Friday.

There has been an increase in marijuana cultivation in vacant homes. Most of the legal cultivation is located on Power Inn. There have been 100 robberies and 5 homicides this year related to marijuana including one death off 65th. There are 500 illegal grow houses in Sacramento. There is currently no narcotics department, no team so these cultivation incidents need to go through civil penalties process and Justice For Neighbors. Hoping that some department funding will go towards creating a tip hotline and team to focus on large scale illegal grows.

A reminder with warmer weather coming, don't leave things in your car, including empty laptop bags. Opportunity thefts increase in summer. Make sure your yard is well lit. Put valuables out of sight. Make it hard for criminals to think you are a target.

Focusing on getting more Police observation devices (POD) cameras. 50 out now with 30 more coming. They include a license plate reader that records license plate and accesses database to cross check felonies and stolen cars.

Idea to create a pin map showing where neighborhood residential cameras are so police can use when investigating an incident.

Suggestion by neighbor to use Facebook Live while out for a walk. In case a suspicious person is captured on camera or an incident occurs it will be recorded and shareable.

Homeless update – optimistic about the city getting \$30M, however plans aren't final yet. Captain Beezley runs homeless impact team for city. Receiving additional \$900K and hope to add 15 more beds to current facility, create cleaning crew to clean up messes left behind.

Also discussed plans to create a program similar to one in [Richmond, California](#). The program provides teenage boys suspected of violent crimes the opportunity to turn their lives around with the help of mentors, support and cash incentives. The program saw a 40% drop in homicides its first year. Read the CNN article here: <http://www.cnn.com/2016/05/19/health/cash-for-criminals-richmond-california/>

A neighbor brought up a concern that the alley weeds are growing tall again. It was requested that neighbors call 311 and ask for weed abatement. Your homework....call 311!

Thanks to Captain Beezley for attending our meeting.

Sacramento PorchFest – Blake Villa

Blake Villa from Sacramento PorchFest spoke about an event he is coordinating. The event consists of a one day concert, hosted by numerous bands on porch and driveways of residents in Colonial Heights, Tahoe Park, and Oak Park. The event is currently looking for hosts to have a band on their porch or yard.

Hosts are liable for their own property. There will be a map of event locations created so participants can bike or walk to each event. Realtors will be invited to hold open houses during the event. The group has applied to be a 501c3 nonprofit. Previously worked with a festival in Napa. Has already approached the city council and they suggested that PorchFest reach out and talk to neighborhood associations. Plan to have donation stations where people can donate musical equipment during event.

The city has requested that every address be placed on one large noise permit. The bands can be acoustic or plugged. If they have amplified sound they will need to plug into the host home.

Restrooms, port-o-potties, security and street closures will be provided by event.

A question was asked about how we approve this as a neighborhood association. Suggestion to vote today as tentative and then announce through social media channels and have another discussion at June meeting to answer additional questions and take final vote.

Greg made a motion to vote as tentative approval for CHNA for Sac PorchFest. Steve seconded the motion.

More info here: <https://strictlysacramento.wixsite.com/porchfest2017>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SacramentoPorchFest/>

Action: Share info with neighborhood via social channels/website/email. Invite PorchFest organizers to June meeting for questions and final vote.

Colonial Park Project – Angelica Davis

Angelica presented a proposal to revive the CARE program Shirley Johnson managed for many years. The previous program included an after school and summer program that mentored youth, provided opportunities for responsibility, field trips and a safe place to play. Youth would clean up the park, volunteer, pass out flyers, hold car washes for fundraisers and have games and competitions. Older youth were paid to work at the program. This instilled a sense of responsibility and ownership for the park. Shirley was able to get many things once the ball was rolling...this included the shade structure, wading pool, and library. The park program provided a safe place for kids to go for a few hours a day.

The previous program ran Monday-Friday 4-8PM and weekends from 11AM-4PM. During the summer the program ran all day and participants also went on field trips.

It was suggested that Angelica coordinate with Explore & More and develop a start up plan proposal. Councilmember Schenirer has expressed interest in the program and possibly hiring a few people to run it. The pilot program vision is to start small by holding the program on weekends to coordinate with the open pool hours.

Angelica has developed a GoFundMe page to begin raising funds for the initiative. She also discussed the opportunity to apply for a Shine SMUD program grant.

A neighbor asked how many kids are in Colonial Heights. Mark from the welcoming committee answered that he has met many new neighbors who have children. More data collection will be done.

A question was asked about who can participate in the program, whether it would only be kids in our neighborhood. The previous program had kids who participated from nearby neighborhoods. All youth would be welcome.

A question was asked about adult supervision and having an adult present. These details will be researched.

Volunteers will be needed to get the program up and running and to keep the program going. A suggestion was to make a flyer and ask for volunteers from the neighborhood.

Neighbors strongly encouraged Angelica to pursue this idea and collaborate with neighbors to get the details figured out to get the program going.

Action: Angelica will meet with Rosette to discuss the Explore & More program and Alicia at the library to discuss collaboration opportunities, best practices, and to develop a plan. Angelica will come to the June meeting to present the plan.

Committee updates:

Garden Tour

Charming Garden Tour was a success! There were 100 participants and the event was in the black this year, raising \$133. There were many positive comments throughout the tour about the beautiful gardens. Special thanks to all of the garden hosts, volunteers, UC Master Gardeners and attendees. Look for a survey to be sent out in the next week regarding the tour. Leftover tour program tour guides are available if you would like a copy.

National Night Out

National Night Out is coming up soon. Greg has done a wonderful job coordinating the previous years and would like someone else to take over this year. Most of the work involved is coordinating and organizing. Materials and information from previous years will be shared. Greg mentioned asking Jamee and Josh if they would like to help coordinate the event. Steve also offered to help with the event. Event will be held the first Tuesday in August, the date this year is August 1st.

Guidelines committee

Due to disorder in the leaders group, including the loss of several crucial voices it was determined to be important to create guidelines. Guidelines would help the association be more transparent and provide a clear picture of how the group operates. A guidelines committee was formed. The guidelines committee held two meetings and has developed a draft of how the current association operates. From the draft the committee has begun to create a guidelines document that can be referred to when operating the association. The committee has struggled due to several key members deciding to no longer participate. The committee would like more volunteers who can review the guidelines from a different perspective, provide input and help complete the guidelines. Please consider being part of the

guidelines committee. Reach out to Greg, Rosette or Rose if you would like to participate. Also the leaders group can use more leaders, if you would like to take on an event planning role, communication role or serve in another volunteer capacity, we would love to have you!

Park committee

Members of the park committee met with city staff to discuss the park shade structure modifications that were voted on two years ago. A detailed explanation was sent to the city at that time, funds were approved and work was supposed to start, however it appears there was some miscommunication between city departments, then the wet weather began and the city had to wait for the park to dry out.

During the meeting the park committee discussed the plan with city officials and agreed to leave roof and four posts – run electrical conduit up to run light – electrical box on wall. Kudos to Sarah for speaking construction lingo! Plan is to follow CEPTED recommendations, including removing T wall in front of the restrooms and newer secured doors on restrooms.

Mark attended the Tahoe Park Town Hall and spoke with Dennis Day about the \$3M pot of money for parks from last year. Dennis said the funds were all used up and some were spent at Tahoe Park.

Park committee has consistently met with and discussed this issue with city departments and our city council office. Big kudos to everyone who has worked on this project. Thank you for your diligence and persistence.

Additional comments:

Positive neighborhood (and nearby!) news:

The former R 2nd chance thrift store was featured in a news story. The owner gifted the store to a teenage employee. The store is now called Fonzie's Thrift and the previous owner has a coffee shop in the alley called Rosested. Watch the video here:

<http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2017/05/23/sacramento-teen-broadway-thrift-shop/>

New neighborhood communication:

The neighborhood association is always looking for ways to ensure neighbors get meeting information and updates. There's a new way to connect and get reminders about neighborhood meetings. Sign up for Remind, a service that will send a text message to your phone with important CHNA meeting info and updates. Join by visiting: <http://remind.com/join/chna916>

Next meeting June 22nd from 6:30-8PM at the Public House Theater.

Suggested speakers for next meeting – Carl Simpson from code enforcement