



**Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, October 11, 2023
6:30 – 7:15**

Welcome/Introductions

- Neighbors in Attendance: 8
- Government officials present: Mayor's Office (David Augusto), Vice Mayor's Office (Will Antinetti & Johnny Wong)

Government Representatives

- Mayor's Office
 - Thanked Colonial Heights for letting the Mayor's office support Porch Fest
 - Incident Management Team
 - Brian Pedro (Incident Manager) is the new Director for the Department of Community Resources (DCR)
 - First director of DCR in about a year
 - There are now weekly updates
 - The most current report was shared (printed)
 - Neighbor requested to review particular figures within the printed report
 - Was alarmed at the lack of available space for homeless people when there are so many
 - Reminded by both the Mayor's & Vice Mayor's office that, the spaces she was referring to was before Measure O was in place.
 - The process is being expedited to have more availability of space
 - Called out the 2150 pending calls and questioned what that meant
 - Response was that this could have been during the injunction when there was nothing the City could do in regards to moving the encampments
- Vice Mayor's Office
 - Johnny is their current intern and is helping with constituent communication & has also been hired on as an employee (start date soon)

21st Avenue Parkway Discussion

- There was a meet and greet meeting on October 3rd, 2023
 - Showcased the 2 proposals
- Based on neighborhood feedback, they are now working to fill the gaps in the proposal as identified by the neighbors who attended the meeting
- Eric Guerra, personally, does not want to pull out the grass and would like to put in a park or change the infrastructure
 - In order to do this, the City would need to reduce turf somewhere else in the city first

Sumiko Hong, Community Engagement Manager, Aggie Square

- Not present at meeting

Porch Fest Committee Report Out

- Committee felt that the event was a success (at least 175 for the final performance at the park, many people trickled in and out during the day so hard to have a true count)
- Positive feedback from neighbors
- Sold out of t-shirts and took additional orders for another print run
- No incidents occurred
- Evaluating making this a yearly event
- Neighbor in attendance at meeting said he forgot Porch Fest was happening but attended anyways, came to the CHNA monthly meeting (for the first time) to see what else they did for the community

Committee Updates

- Parks
 - Clint (who oversees the park from the City) had good things to report about the park – it's clean, not vandalized, etc
 - Mural at the park
 - Committee is starting to work with Ryan Dominguez and is in the initial conversations of how to accomplish this
 - Mayor's team offered to help navigate the process
- Finance
 - Current balance: \$2,079.44
- Communications
 - Not present
- T-Shirts
 - Have not been ordered yet
 - Kathy to connect with Sarah

General Discussion

- October 21st, 9am-11am: Tree Mulching at the park on, also replacing one tree
- Trash cans disappearing in the park
 - This was addressed in the Parks Committee meeting with Clint
 - Will talked about the Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment program and that they could help to replace the missing trash cans
 - Will sent an email to the Parks Commissioner before the meeting ended to address this concern
 - Trash cans possibly could have been taken by the City during the clean up on Sunday after Porch Fest
- Next meeting is November 2023