



Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association (CHNA) Meeting Wednesday April 13th, 2022 6:30-8:00 PM at Colonial Park

CHNA Agenda:

- Welcome/Introductions/Leader Introductions (5 mins)
- Police Update (5 mins)
- Colonial Heights Library Update - Diego L. Diaz (5 mins)
- District 6 - Councilmember Eric Guerra Update (5 mins)
- City of Sacramento Youth, Parks & Community Enrichment Commission - Victoria Vasquez (10 min)
- Review of Mercy Housing Zoom Meeting of April 13th at 5:30 – 6:30 PM: [the Zoom link](#)

- Committee Updates (15 mins)
 - Parks, Finance, Communications, T-Shirt, Safety and Security, Welcome

- Discussion of a statement to the Sacramento City Council making recommendations for action regarding “the negative impacts of upzoning in the 2040 General Plan as well as in State legislation affecting local land use”. (10 min)

- General Discussion (20 mins) – Bring your topics of discussion

Meeting minutes and agendas are available on the CHNA website:
<https://www.colonial-heights.org/copy-of-minutes>

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Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 13th, 2022 6:30-8:00 PM at Colonial Park, 19th Ave and 54th Street

LOCATION: Colonial Park shade structure. 6:30-8:00pm.

ATTENDEES: Mark Harrington, Kathy & Steve Bicker, Victoria Vasquez, Diego L. Diaz, Susan Tripp, Sarah Kerber, Walter Slates, Terry Reinsimak, Aaron Cheesman, Greg Ruzovan, Marsh Wildman

POLICE UPDATE: No representative present. Need to work on contacting current SPD representative.

DISTRICT 6 UPDATE: No representative present. Eric Guerra did attend the Mercy Housing zoom meeting tonight (see below).

LIBRARY UPDATE: Per Diego:

Outdoor Family Storytime takes place on Tuesday and Saturday from 10:30-11:00am (this is a correction to last month's CHNA notes)

Explore in Place is on Wednesday from 10:30-11:30

The Community Room hopefully will be open by June and booking will take place for reservations for the room

Day National Park passes are now available and can be put on hold

Current Library Hours: Tues - Sat, 10am - 6pm

SACRAMENTO YOUTH, PARKS & COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMISSION:

Victoria Vasquez

Victoria is the District 6 representative on the Parks Commission. She "may or may not" represent Colonial Park due to current fuzziness/confusion about Sacramento City Council District representation. Earlier this year the City Council approved new geographical boundaries for council districts. At that time the existing council members were moved into the new districts. Now some citizens are contesting this move claiming they did not vote for their new council member.

Colonial Heights was moved from District 5 to District 6. Victoria plans to represent Colonial Park until this is cleared up. There is a chance that Colonial Park representation may return to Joe Flores or even both Joe and Victoria will represent the park.

Parks now has a new Maintenance Director and soon a new Volunteer Coordinator. They have yet to find a new Arborist.

Irrigation in Colonial Park has been a problem for years. Parks now reports all of the problems are fixed.

Within 2 weeks a new tree plan for the park will be drawn out. A tree planting is scheduled for Saturday, October 8th. That date is fixed and cannot be changed. The new trees will likely be 15 gallon trees. Each one will require 1.5 volunteers to plant. Victoria can help to arrange volunteers for this event.

She is willing to meet with the CHNA Park Committee to talk about a wish list for the park - including some painting and repair.

Victoria will work on replacing a broken wooden picnic table near the BBQ.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Finance: \$1,151.29 in the treasury. No Change

T-shirts - No Change

Communication Committee: Can still use help.

Flag Day Committee per Susan Tripp. This event is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th from 10am - 2pm in Colonial Park. There will be multiple kid-oriented activities. District 6 will contribute \$200.

Mercy Housing (See below)

There was a zoom Mercy Housing Meeting tonight from 5:30 to 6:30 with representation from Colonial Heights neighbors, Mercy Housing, District 6 (Eric Guerra was present and plans to help CH even though it is currently unclear if he represents our neighborhood) and City staff.

This is an affordable housing project of about 200 units, 700 people and 300 cars that went through a special permitting process that was able to avoid the usual traffic studies, especially of the very narrow 22nd ave.

Unfortunately, both Mercy Housing and the City seem set on opening the current dead end at the south end of 54th Street for egress from the housing project. Whenever neighbors objected and offered alternatives there was a constant we can't do that response that was similar to two prior in-person meetings with Mercy and the City. The City did offer to add speed bumps to 54th St and issue parking permits. No progress (and maybe no attempts?) on contacting the owners of the Goodwill property to work on using the traffic light at that property as a Stockton Bl egress from the Mercy Housing Project (currently there are no plans for left turns on Stockton Bl. into or out of the project).

Mercy Housing has a June 6th deadline to break ground on this project.

2040 GENERAL PLAN: This needs to be discussed at a future meeting. Will look for someone with knowledge of the plan to give a presentation. Among other things the plan would allow for splitting of residential properties to add ADU's (additional dwelling units)/granny flats. There are questions about height limits, whether current infrastructure can support more housing and other aspects of the plan.

PORCH FEST: There is a lot of enthusiasm in the neighborhood for a music event. Planning is still in the early stages. Sarah is familiar with the Midtown Porch Fest and will try to find an organizer from that event to provide information/guidance to CH neighbors still hoping to get a CH Porch Fest up and running this year.

Plan is to flyer the neighborhood prior to the May meeting.

Steve Bicker volunteered to facilitate the May meeting.