

Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association  
January 25, 2018  
Colonial Heights Library – 4799 Stockton Blvd

Attendees: Rose, Mark, Jan, Greg, Rosette, Jay, Ryan, Steve, Kathy, Val James (owner of Toucha Class), Barbara, Tamika, Abraham (IMBA), Josh, Jamee, KC, Sarah

- Welcome! Kudos!
  - Thank you to Mark, KC, and Toucha Class for organizing the Holiday Party
  - Thank you to Holiday Decorating winners!
    - All winners get gift certificates to Bacon and Butter, Rosested, and IMBA
  - Rose thanked CHNA leaders as well
- Councilmember Schenirer's Updates (Jay)
  - Lighting Options
    - Scenario 1: 32 new ornamental street lights (\$450,000 project cost) (Remove existing SMUD lights and install new ornamental street lights on San Francisco between Stockton & 57th St)
    - Scenario 2: 12 new ornamental street lights (\$280,000 project cost) (Retain existing SMUD lights and fill in missing areas with new ornamental street lights)
    - Scenario 3: 9 new SMUD lights (\$135,000 project cost) (Retain existing SMUD lights and fill in missing areas with new SMUD lights)
    - All of the above assume a Mello Roos and residents would have to pay for it
    - Scenario 4 - new bulbs that are much brighter (the City would most likely be able to cover that)
    - Next Steps
      - Have a separate meeting for those on San Francisco Blvd., especially near the entrance at Stockton Blvd, where it's dark
      - Can also have someone from SMUD/lighting could come and answer questions
      - If we can get a committee together, they can meet with city folks during the daytime (in CH) to get the first round of questions answered
      - Get 2-3 people interested
    - Need to understand how CPTED falls into this
    - Past experience (Barbara S): for those who wanted lights, 50% of the population plus one resident would have to vote for this.
    - Past experience
      - In CH, Greg was able to count the number of lights that were added. It costs about \$25/year.
  - Painting Shade Structure
    - We should organize a city work day. The City would pay for all the materials
    - Give the City a month's notice for the work day
  - Community Clean Up Day
    - City can bring out materials for this.
  - Honoring Shirley Johnson and Pat Calloway
    - Pat Calloway
      - Resolution
      - Need 2 weeks' notice
    - Shirley Johnson
      - Some ideas that other areas have done

- Plaque at the park
  - Changing the little league sign to commemorate someone else (monument sign @ \$5K)
  - Could rename the park (a bit political)
  - Street topper (name on street sign) on top of the street near the park
- Rosette to email out to everyone lighting information and ask if there are any interested people in forming a committee
- Guidelines Discussion (Greg)
  - Greg presented through a high-level summary of the CHNA interim guidelines
  - The guidelines committee was formed because of a lack of transparency, communication issues (amongst neighbors but also with external parties like the city)
  - There was a separate committee for communications, and these two committees were combined
  - Leaders were asked to come up with a Grievance Committee
    - Grievance should be brought up at the CHNA
    - Grievance should be brought up with the person who did the offense
    - Proposed options for resolution of grievances
      - Brining on a volunteer, professional mediator
      - Hiring a professional mediator
      - Volunteer mediator or group who is formally trained
    - Other
      - OPNA brought in other neighborhood association leaders. OPNA has a code of civility that makes people accountable (when they sign up for the board)
      - Would be good to bring the issues up with a mediator outside the board
      - Reminder to stay within our mission; things outside our mission should not need to be followed up on
      - Need to have a mediator process in place before grievances come in
      - Need to have communications in place for the different types of grievances
  - Conflicts of Interest
    - Not currently defined, but Greg drafted a statement.
  - Membership or Leadership Requirements
    - OPNA/Tamika experience
      - For Oak Park, need to be inclusive of the entire community - we say "if you live, work, or play in our neighborhood" - could be a community center employee
    - There are different levels of interest and involvement (Sarah)
    - What does membership mean? What does it mean to be a member?
      - In Midtown, everyone could be a member. If you didn't live there or have a non-resident, then you couldn't be a leader. But you could be a leader if you are a home owner, business owner, or renter, you could be a leader. (Barbara)
      - She doesn't live here. She wants to be a member but she doesn't expect to be a leader as she doesn't reside here.
      - We need to have more people attend the monthly meetings.
    - Leadership
      - Oak Park: You have to attend 3 meetings and live, work, or play in Oak Park to be a leader.
        - Our Vice President (who lives in Stockton) had brought in a specific area of expertise even if he lived/lives in Stockton
        - You want people who are involved.

- We have a 4-page application to be on the board.
- The current board look at the applications and criteria and vote them in. We put together a slate and we go to our general meeting. These are the people who applied.
- Members vote on the slate (not individual members). Members don't pay, but they vote there at the meeting. And the following month, we choose the new officers.
- Selection of leaders is done very informally - like at a dinner at someone else's house.
- Our goal is to connect with people and work with each other.
- About 50-100 people at our meetings.
- Jan's experience: There was a home owner (but not resident) on our board and he brought incredible talents to the board. I don't want to exclude incredible talent.

- 2018 goals

- Didn't get time for this

- Committee Updates

- Didn't get time for this

- Future Speakers & Meeting Guests

- The meeting attendees requested to have Bina and Michael Minnick come at a later time because of all the other things that we need to discuss.

Upcoming Events:

- February 22 6:30-8PM Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association
- March 22 6:30-8PM Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association
- April 1 TBA Easter Carnival and Bunny Brunch
- April 26 6:30-8PM Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association