



Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting
Thursday, June 13, 2024 6:30 – 8:30
Colonial Park (5315 19th Ave)

Welcome/Introductions

- Ice Breaker: Favorite popsicle flavor
- Neighbors present: Sarah Kerber, Jilzy Christensen, Mark Harrington, Greg Ruzovan, Sinead C., Willie W., Tony J., Mike D., Emmett B., Elaine V., Erica J., KC S., Khaled Z., Amy F., Johnny F., Herman B., Regina T., Patricia C., Emilio P., Linda B., Ian T.
- Government officials present:
 - Philip Norton (Councilmember Eric Guerra's Office)

Police, Library, Government Representatives Update

- Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen's Office (not present but sent update ahead of time)
 - [Young Assemblymembers Program](#) coming up in July available for high school students
 - [Youth Job Fair](#) on June 28th
- Supervisor Phil Serna
 - No update from office
 - Donated \$1,500 to CHNA to help support website maintenance, flyers, and CHNA events
 - *Question to neighbors: How can we thank Supervisor Serna?*
 - Big thank you card and have neighbors sign at next meeting
- Philip Norton on behalf of Councilmember Eric Guerra
 - City passed their budget on Tuesday night
 - \$66M deficit, no layoffs, little to no reduction in services
 - Point In Time Count
 - 29% reduction in homelessness in the County (compared to 2022)
 - 41% decline in unsheltered homelessness (compared to 2022)
 - Decrease in unsheltered homelessness can be attributed to the coordinated response to connecting people with resources and increase in shelters
 - Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association's next Food Truck event is on Friday, June 28th at Tahoe Park
 - 21st Ave Median

- The median is currently under the Public Works department not Parks
- Public Works decreased the mowing on medians to once a month, reevaluated and will mow twice per month starting in July
- *Neighbor Discussion*
 - Parking – eliminating free parking on Sundays and Holidays on meters, not bringing more meters in
 - SHRA – any updates on the audit at the last housing meeting? No updates from Eric Guerra’s office

Colonial Park Improvements Discussion – Colonial Heights Parks Committee

- Colonial Park was selected as one of the parks under a new grant for parks improvement. Budget is \$10,000 for projects and materials.
- The City and Parks Committee met to determine and set priorities for the park improvements. The City recognizes that Colonial Heights is an engaged neighborhood and wants to include the neighborhood in the process and implementation of the improvements.
- Proposed [neighbor’s vote on item]
 - Large new mural on southside of Park restroom (confirmed project)
 - Native garden in planter island South of Park restroom (confirmed project)
 - Native garden between South playground entrances (confirmed project)
 - Bench/table replacements on the NE corner of the basketball court (confirmed project)
 - Repainting the play areas at the basketball court (18 votes)
 - Trash receptacle replacements around basketball court (18 votes)
 - Changeable mural at the restrooms (16 votes)
 - Second BBQ station to expand the number of concurrent gatherings (12 votes)
 - Second mural on the exterior wall of the pool pump house (10 votes)
 - Table additions under the restroom structure (8 votes)
 - Bike repair station (7 votes)
 - Third mural on the irrigation pump box North side of park (3 votes)
 - Walking path around park
 - BBQ refurbishments (2 votes)
 - Independent of this funding project: Repainting the hopscotch between the restroom building and the pool (15 votes)

National Night Out Discussion – Greg Ruszovan

- National Night Out is on the first Tuesday of August (August 6, 2024, 6-8pm)
- 2024 will be Colonial Heights 14th National Night Out event
- Activities include BBQ, games, music, bounce house, face painting, raffle prizes
- Looking for volunteers to help with planning and day of help

- If you'd like to volunteer, contact Greg Ruszovan or email colonialheightsneighborhood@gmail.com

Aggie Square Community Partnership – Sarah Kerber

- CHNA has been invited to select a representative to serve on the Aggie Square Community Partnership (ASCP)
- ASCP is a group that will set priorities and make recommendations for the allocation of the Aggie Square Community Fund. The ASCP will establish criteria and set priorities for the community fund. Initial priorities are youth opportunities; workforce development and training; place-making and public art; & entrepreneurial support.
 - For the first three years, Wexford will provide \$150,000 per year, the amount that results from fully leased buildings. In subsequent years, the funding will be based on actual leasing.
- ASCP will have 11 members.
 - One member from each of the five Neighborhood Associations near Aggie Square (Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association, Elmhurst Neighborhood Association, Oak Park Neighborhood Association, South Oak Park Community Association, Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association)
 - One youth member selected by participating neighborhood association representatives
 - Five institutional members: UC Davis, UC Davis Health, Wexford, Aggie Square private industry tenant, & education representative (i.e. Sacramento City Unified School District, Los Rios Community College District, etc.)
 - Each member will serve a three-year term to ensure consistency during the early formation of ASCP.
- Each neighborhood gets to select their own process to select their representative
 - June's CHNA meeting: presenting the criteria of the CHNA representative to the ASCP
 - July's CHNA: selecting the CHNA representative to the ASCP
- CHNA has adopted the following selection criteria for our representative to the ASCP which can be found on the [CHNA website](#)
 - Must live in Colonial Heights Neighborhood.
 - Must join the CHNA Leadership, attend at least half of the monthly CHNA meetings, and provide timely updates on ASCP actions.
 - Must participate in the CHNA in-person selection process in July 2024.
 - Must not have any personal or financial conflicts of interest.
 - Must be willing to serve 3-year ASCP term and attend required meetings and actively engage in associated communications or expectations of the role.
 - Must represent the CHNA community in a professional and trustworthy manner.

- Self-nomination applications will be accepted through June 30th. Voting will occur in-person at the July 11th CHNA meeting via ranked choice paper ballots. Candidates will each get 3-5 minutes (depending on number of candidates) to present why they should be selected.
- *Questions from Neighbors*
 - Why is this an unpaid position?
 - Once formed, the ASCP can determine if they want to compensate themselves for being on the board. The funding for this will come out the money allocated for the grants.
 - What went into requiring the ASCP representative to join the leadership team?
 - This is a high-profile position who will be representing and acting on behalf of the neighborhood association. Because of this high level of delegated authority, the representative will be part of the CHNA leadership team so they can effectively report out on actions and bring feedback from the association to their role.
 - How were the requirements for the selection criteria developed?
 - At the May CHNA meeting, Aggie Square and Wexford presented the opportunity for CHNA to join ASCP. Aggie Square originally asked for a person to be selected by June so that the ASCP could have their first meeting in Q3 2024. Aggie Square compromised to allow CHNA select a representative at the July CHNA meeting to allow time for CHNA to develop the scope of the representative and the selection process. CHNA members voted to give authority to the CHNA Leadership team to meet outside of the monthly neighborhood meetings to develop the scope of the ASCP position so that CHNA was not holding up Aggie Square or neighboring associations with their selection process. CHNA members were welcomed to join the CHNA leadership team to develop the scope and selection process.

Committee Updates

- Mercy Housing
 - No updates
- Garden Tour
 - Over 230 tickets were sold, exceeding expectations
 - Survey went out to hosts and participants
 - Host survey
 - 80% gave 5 Stars, 20% gave 4 Stars
 - Feedback: liked being provided lunch, the support from the committee, pre-tour for hosts (suggestion to maybe have a potluck tied with it)
 - Participant Survey

- Feedback on the 2-tier program cost: if buying a digital program, have a one page printed map so that you don't have to constantly be on your phone
 - Committee looking to improve on their outreach for next year
 - Budget update: will provide final budget soon and will be contributing money back into the association (amount TBD)
- T-Shirt
 - T-Shirts and Tank Tops are available for purchase, \$20 per shirt, sizes Small – XXL for both
 - Shirts are available at all CHNA meetings and neighbor events
 - Need to sell 6 more to break even on cost
- Finance/Treasury
 - Obtained the \$1,500 donation from Supervisor Phil Serna via the Stockton Boulevard Partnership
 - More income forthcoming – Garden Tour and SMUD
 - No expenses in May
 - May Starting Balance: \$376.60; May Ending Balance: \$1,876.60
- Bird Watching
 - Neighbors have been enjoying getting together to walk around the neighborhood and find birds
 - Will likely take a break as temperatures are warming up and birds are harder to find through the trees – will communicate when future events will take place
- Colonial Library Garden Club
 - Next meeting: Saturday, June 15th, 11am-12pm
- Bike Club
 - Bike Commuting 101 Seminar: June 25th, 6:30pm, location TBD
 - Learn how to be a safer, more confident cyclist!
 - Topics: the right gear, the safest routes, street etiquette
 - Community Ride: July 7th, 9am, Colonial Park
 - Meet at Colonial Park, ride to the American River Parkway, stop over at The Mill for coffee, and return back to Colonial Park
 - This ride is showcasing a safe and less busy route to the American River Parkway
- Parkfest
 - October 5th
 - Have gathered an online presence under new name (Sac Parkfest) email, Instagram, and website and will be building these channels out over the next few weeks
 - Sponsored by the Mayor's office
 - SMUD sponsorship is split between Parkfest and National Night Out – Greg announced that Parkfest can have the SMUD sponsorship funding as he will tap into the elected officials for funding National Night Out

- Parks
 - The committee is always open to anyone who would like to participate
 - Next meeting is Friday, June 14th 10:30am at Colonial Park
 - Pool's opening day is Saturday, June 15th at 1pm – CHNA & Parks Committee will be there with goodie bags and popsicles
- Communications
 - If anyone has any questions about upcoming events or wants to volunteer, they can email colonialheightsneighborhood@gmail.com
 - July's monthly meeting will be back at the Colonial Library, July 11th 6:30-8pm

Meeting Adjourned 8:00pm