

Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting Minutes  
June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021



**Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association  
June 9th, 2021 6:30-8pm  
at Colonial Park  
Please follow COVID-19 protocols!  
Be Safe, Use a Mask and Social Distancing**

CHNA Items (30 minutes Total)

- Welcome/Introductions/Leader Introductions
- Police Update
- Library Update
- District 5-Jay Schenirer Update
- Committee Updates

Finance, Communications, Park, National Night Out, T-Shirt, Safety and Security, Welcome

- 7:00 - 7:30 Home and Fire Safety with Questions and Answers - Fire Department
- 7:30 - 8:00 Illegal Fireworks Mitigation Plan with Questions and Answers - Lee Miller

**Upcoming Events:**

**May thru August, Thursday Nights 6 PM and 7PM** - Colonial Heights Adult Kickball League,

**June 19th, Saturday** - Wading Pool Opening Day, Colonial Park, 1-5pm

**June 26th, Saturday** - Colonial Park Mulch Party 9am-noon, Colonial Park

**August 3rd, Tuesday** - National Night Out 6 PM to 9 PM Colonial Park

**September 18th, Saturday** Annual Yard and Craft Sale 8 AM to 3 PM Neighborhood Wide

**December TBD** - Colonial Heights Holiday Party

### **Police Update**

Sgt Griggs - new to Sac PD and neighborhood

Traffic remains a hot topic – Call 911 or non-emergency number for racing cars

Sac PD putting together a new motor team

99 closed, extra officers watching traffic patterns and adjusting as needed

Safety – Sgt unaware of previous issues with alley issues b/w 54<sup>th</sup> and 55<sup>th</sup>

Fireworks

**Library Update** - No updates

### **Jay Schenirer Update**

Electrification Ordinance (requires all-electric construction for new low-rise developments beginning in 2023, and then encompassing mid- and high-rise developments starting in 2026) passed 6/1/2021

City Budget – 1.3 billion, finalized by June 15, calls for increase in police spending, focus on unhoused population (looking at housing sites – Cal Expo, boys ranch), law enforcement alternatives, investing in young people and youth programs

After council recess they will address federal funding \$112 Million (half now, half later)

Continue to address unhoused population and support local businesses in efforts to recover from COVID

### **Committee Update**

Finance                      no change in bank account

Communication            creating CHNA own FB page  
new sign-in sheets w name, any info to share

Parks                         wading pool open June 19<sup>th</sup> 1-5 pm  
mulching party on June 26, 9-12 pm

National Night Out

Need help with getting volunteers, posting to social media, music, raffle donations

NNO Meeting - June 22, 6 pm at Greg's house

Mercy Housing still moving forward as planned

T-shirts – KC leading design discussion, shirts will be at NNO

Safety and Security – no official update, continue to report problem areas to police

Welcome Committee – no updates, Chelsea is caught up with welcoming new neighbors

**Fire Department** - Jason Lee, Fire Marshall Sac Fire Department plus two officers

Illegal Fireworks – 2020 was a difficult year, many complaints all year, more enforcement tools this year

May 25<sup>th</sup> voted and approved new ordinance, goes into effect 6/24. It allows for enforcement of codes on home owner/occupant/party hosts/etc. City can send fire and/or police investigators to calls as well as code enforcement officers.

Additional officers on patrol in hot spots based on calls

Another major component will limit fireworks from 11 pm – 9 am, NO fireworks 11-9 from June 28 - July 4, illegal all other times anyway, coincides with city noise ordinances. As with all code enforcement, there is an appeals process.

Step 1 – issue fine, 20 days to appeal, could have it waived if there was a mistake OR 2) community service (for youth, juveniles)

Step 3 – fee amount goes to city hearing officer, could be reduced or eliminated

Year round program – funds allocated from state and city, pushing the message of effects and associated penalties with use of illegal fireworks, mailers ( in 4 languages) to every household in city started last month, should be in next water bill, robust social media campaign started last week, FB and Twitter, other PSAs and messaging, bus lines – adverts the program about fines on 10 major bus lines, billboards

Call non-emergency PD and use Nail Em app - someone maybe closer to stop by

Expecting same amount of calls as last year –no major displays on books yet, Elk Grove will have a fireworks show, nothing at Cal Expo, West Sac no show at Raley Field, can't enforce fireworks ordinance in the county unless adopt similar ordinance as city.

Total # of officers available on 7/4 – 10-12 plus city code enforcement, overall 16 vehicle

Could have false positives since app is anonymous

Possible to tie in with shot spotter? To compile additional data – yes

Are vehicles marked? – some yes but discreet

Looking at Craigslist and social media sales – internet investigators looking for leads pushing sales of illegal fireworks

Keeping homes safe during fire season –

- Streets w mature trees, clean out gutters

- Have defensible space from combustible materials

- Have hose out, fire extinguisher (1 extinguisher on each floor, 1 in garage)

Cooking on stoves is #1 cause of house fires

Check electrical wiring, don't overloading circuits (#2 cause)

Fire deaths – older folks = smoking, fall asleep

Have working smoke alarms, maintain every 6 months, upgrade to newer ones that have better batteries or can link to phone apps, 10 year batteries now available

Pick a focal point to meet, find primary and secondary exits, multiple routes

Decorate with safe materials inside/outside home, avoid highly flammable materials

Be aware of your space at all times (EDITH)

Stay active and get word out to community

Info on homeless encampment fires? Not much can be done to move folks legally (COVID), trying to promote shelters, tiny homes, parks, mental health and addiction issues also exist, higher rate of indigent caused fires (are they accidental or actual arson? Cooking or other? – both) also use fire to retaliate against each other, thousands of people that live along river parkway (6,500?)

Sheep and goats to eat vegetation ordinance passed in 2019 pre COVID, critical protection for levees and parkways...COVID prevented moving forward with that, now have tools in place now need resources

### **Lee Miller and Marianne Gonzales with Residents Against Illegal Fireworks (RAIF)**

Use "Nail 'em" App to document incidents, citizens and neighbors can anonymously report, creates heat map.

Site visit not required when there are photos/videos submitted and a citation is mailed to home

Sliding scale for penalties, using vs selling, imminent life safety or other criminal activity

Links available with tutorials and instructions on how to download and install,

Heat maps created on the fly to see problems areas and allocate resources

That info can be saved and used in the 365 days a year program plus following years

Point and shoot picture, GPS coordinates come up, can add name or be anonymous

Monthly newsletter available – Other areas have coordinated efforts, Rancho, Folsom, Citrus Heights have all passed same ordinance