

Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting

June 25, 2020

Colonial Park

Intro: State name and something exciting you have done this summer. KC, Steve, Kathy, Chris, Katelyn, Greg, Jason (Police Captain), Hillary (Jay's district rep), Jay Schenirer, Steven, and Anya

Police Update: Crime in area is good/low. Police understand fireworks are a huge issue right now. There is an email fireworks@pd.cityofsacramento.org If you know someone who is selling or shooting off illegal fireworks, report them via this email, Sac Pd will investigate. Be as descriptive as possible in your emails to Sac Pd. The fire department is checking legal fire sales and making sure the legal stands are not selling illegal fireworks. The city just allocated money to be used to help with the firework issue. Follow our police captain on Twitter for firework education and information @bassttcaptain

There is a lot of gang activity. The shots fire systems are detecting a lot of shots fired. There have been 66 shootings in the past 60 days(or was this 30 days). The gang activity is allegedly over song lyrics between two rival gangs in South Sacramento.

Jay Update: Passed bare bones budget in March. Obviously Covid-19 has taken a financial toll on the city, but they have been able to use measure u funds to help. The city has also done a hiring freeze. Sacramento also got federal funds (89 million dollars) to help the city financially. There is a debate on whether to use the funds to help people today, like rent relief, or to put the money into small businesses who can then hire people in the future. So far the city has used about 35 million of the federal funding.

Police reform: Mayor put a proposal together so that calls that are not crime would go to a different department, like social services. There would be a city social service department that works with homelessness and mental health. The city is looking to take 5 million dollars out of police funding to support the new department. There would not be new money used, but rather allocate money differently. The city is looking at police reforms.

Homelessness: 800 people off of streets and into hotels. The city is working on homeless shelters. Homelessness is still a city priority.

Firework issues: KC is supporting a petition started two years ago by another person in Sacramento to ban personal fireworks for future years. This would stop the sell of legal personal fireworks. Fireworks are only legal from June 28th to July 4th. A recommendation is to add a fee to fireworks sold and the money could go to enforcing regulating illegal fireworks. The fine for lighting off fireworks is \$1000-\$1500 and the fine for storage of fireworks is upward of \$25,000. A good question: Is it effective to fund abatement of illegal fireworks? Could it be

helpful to post the fines for storing fireworks and setting off illegal fireworks? Should there be a flyer next year with firework information? Should a flyer go out to the city?

Yard and Craft Sale Update: KC put out a poll on Facebook on whether there should be a Yard and Craft sale this year. There was a lot of support to have the yard sale and some people that said they are not sure if it will be safe. The date is saved but there will be more information as things get closer.

Communications: No big updates. The committee has been communicating via social media. Website is not functioning as of now. Uncertain of why or how to get it active again. Greg has offered to help. A newsletter has not been sent out since Covid.

National Night Out: Attentively the date has been moved to October 6th. There will be more information as it gets closer. Please contact Steve and Kathy Bicker if you'd like to help organize.

Park Update: The city recently contacted the committee about repainting the basketball court. The repainting would include not only painting the court outlines but also hopscotch, 4 square and chutes and ladders. The goal is to get the basketball court repainted soon. At this time there is no update on the bathrooms; however, it looks like there is not funding through the city.

T-shirt Update: The now defunct T-shirt committee turned over the leftover t-shirts to CHNA. KC has been successful at selling the leftovers via Facebook and Nextdoor. The shirts are the design with a Colonial Heights map, as well as the neighborhood approved design. There are still a few shirts leftover, please contact KC if you are interested. Future orders will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next meeting is tentatively planned for the 4th Thursday in August.