

Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association
September 28, 2017
Colonial Heights Library Community Room

Attendees: Ryan Hawkes, Kathy Bicker, Steve Bicker, Terrie, Greg, Pat, Mark Harrington, Cheryl Pinto, Larry, Allison, Marian, Punky, Valerie, Rick, Rex, Thom, Barbara, Janell, Sharon

Police update

Lieutenant Harrington gave an update on crime and safety in our neighborhood. Gave an update on the murder 64th street south of Fruitridge. Made a point to put out a [press release](#) and send to Nextdoor to clarify that the incident was not gang related.

Police have had some successes with proactive work in the past few weeks, made a traffic stop and recovered stolen gun. A neighbor reported that police officers found bikes that were stolen and returned them to the owner.

A neighbor asked about trash that is dumped. Report trash getting dumped to 311 via phone or the app. Neighbor asked about a driver that runs stop signs consistently at the same time every day. Info was given to police to follow up.

The police department is hiring. If anyone knows of anyone interested in law enforcement there is a great training program. Currently the force is short 100 officers. Good news is the salary is now comparable to our neighboring counties. Contact Lieutenant Harrington to schedule a ride along if you would like to learn more about the police force.

A neighbor is attracting undesirables in part of the neighborhood and a formal neighborhood watch is being formed to mitigate this. The neighbor asked if Lieutenant Harrington would be able to attend. He or another officer is happy to be engaged and involved.

Question was asked about how to get info regarding drug houses to police. Information can be sent to our neighborhood association and will be forwarded to the appropriate officer/department.

Photos were passed around regarding a rosemary vandal caught on camera. If you can identify the vandal and would be willing to sign an affidavit please contact the neighborhood association.

Library update

Alicia has taken another position so our previous librarian Thom was visiting our meeting. He passed around the [library calendar](#) for October. Co-op kitchen program is back on Friday mornings. This Saturday there will be a mandala art studio Saturday. Explore & More is back and on Thursday October 26th the after school program will host pumpkin carving. If you know of any youth that would like volunteer hours, send them to the library! All library programs are FREE!

Question about computer learning classes? The library does not offer specific computer learning classes, however <https://www.lynda.com/> is a website where you can learn many skills online. Librarians would be happy to help neighbors get started with using Lynda.

Committee Updates

River City Porchfest – Inaugural event held Sunday, September 17th from 12-6PM where bands play on porches throughout Sacramento in Colonial Heights and Tahoe Park. The event was enjoyable when bands were there, however many bands cancelled or did not show. Schedule included three bands per location, however most locations only had one band show.

Overall feedback is that is a great idea! The implementation was poor, almost complete lack of communication, no port-o-potties, many bands cancelled. Neighbors discussed possibly doing our own Porchfest event so we can coordinate and communicate it better. Question was asked about if we should respond to Blake Villa (event organizer) regarding event? Porch hosts will communicate with him individually to discuss their experience with Porchfest.

Formed a committee to look into Colonial Heights doing our own Porchfest: Allison, Greg, Rosette. If you are interested in joining please contact one of these people or the neighborhood association and we will connect you.

Yard and Craft sale – Great day, best part was neighbors getting to know one another and meeting new neighbors. Fun things for sale. KC could not attend the meeting, however her update was: 6th annual yard & craft sale was great! 40 homes signed up to be on the map and an estimated 15-20 additional homes participated. Lots of shoppers through the neighborhood and neighbors getting to know each other. I promoted the heck out of it on social media (as did many from what I saw), I paid for FB advertisements, and posted it to various yard sale FB groups. Overall pretty successful sale this year!

Park update - There has been a change in park staff. A new staff member, Raymond, everybody will love this Raymond. Ron also helps clean up the park so if you see him say hi! The shade structure is still not painted. The city is waiting on bids to start work. If that doesn't work neighbors may need to have a paint party. One of our neighbors may have experience painting outside buildings. Another neighbor, Janell from Rosested, volunteered to purchase 5 gallons of paint for us, we just need to tell her what color to get.

Lighting – Informal survey has been sent on Nextdoor. If people respond positively and want to help out then there would be a more formal survey and meeting to discuss further. Neighbors commented that the survey does not provide the appropriate response fields. Ideally the survey will be posted to several channels so those not on Nextdoor can still participate. Lighting conversation first came up due to almost Pedestrian/car collisions. Jess will check regarding responsibility of lighting in the interior lanes of San Francisco Blvd. Read more about San Francisco Blvd in the Journal of Urban Design August 2010 issue: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/135748000112954>

The library is working to increase lighting and make other CEPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) improvements. Grass on the triangle strip with the water pump will be replaced with lava rock. Fencing is being improved. Bushes removed. Working to make the library a safer and more secure place.

Guidelines – A committee was formed to establish guidelines for our neighborhood so neighbors would have a clearer picture of what our neighborhood association does and roles and responsibilities. The guidelines committee created a draft of the guidelines and has been at a standstill for the past few

months. If you are interested in getting involved, reviewing the guidelines and helping the committee please reach out to the neighborhood association to be connected.

Traffic intersection – Discussion about traffic intersection at 14th avenue and 58th Street. In the past two weeks there have been four traffic accidents. Two have been hit and run incidents. A neighbor who lives at the intersection is interested in looking at options to improve safety at the location. If you are interested in working on this transportation, safety issue please contact the neighborhood association. The discussion also brought up the issue that 15th avenue and 55th street is hazardous and that a stop sign may help.

Thom mentioned that the library worked on getting a stop sign near their location. Thom will follow up regarding the process they went through.

Upcoming Events

Creative Craft Fest – 3rd annual Creative Craft Fest will be held again at the Wesley Social Hall on 15th Avenue. The date is being finalized and information will be sent out soon.

Holiday Party – Discussion about where the holiday party will be now that the Public House Theater has closed. Neighbors were asked for potential locations, some suggestions were: Touch a class, the new brew pub opening in Tallac Village. Will probably be held the 2nd Thursday in December.

Assemblymember McCarty - Robin Kelly-Dunton from Assemblymember McCarty's office joined our meeting to ask if neighbors had any questions or items needed from the office. She has been with the office since April. The session has just ended. Passed around sheet with highlights from budget. Passed fair chance act.

Question about the Status on SB 54? There is no press release out yet. Robin followed up with an email with the following information: Although, this bill has passed both the state Senate and Assembly, it has not been signed by Governor Brown. So, it is not officially on the books as a California State Law. I attached some links re: the legislative status of SB 54 and related news articles. If anyone has questions they can contact me at the District Office.

[SB 54 California Legislative Information](#)

[California Will soon be a 'sanctuary state' for undocumented immigrants](#) – Sacramento Bee

[CA lawmakers passed the 'sanctuary state' bill. What happens if Gov. Jerry Brown signs it?](#) – LA Times

Other Discussion

Chief Hahn Meeting - On November 6th the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association will have Chief of Police Daniel Hahn as their guest. The meeting will be held at 5959 8th avenue at 7PM and all are invited to attend.

Yard sale on 54th and San Francisco Blvd this weekend to help Bill who is moving/has moved to Florida.

Calendar of upcoming events listed on agenda. Next meeting will be held on October 26th from 6:30-8PM at the Colonial Heights Library. Please contact colonialheightsneighborhood@gmail.com with any questions or agenda item requests.