



**Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 14, 2024 6:30 – 8:00**  
**Colonial Heights Library (5799 Stockton Blvd)**

**Welcome/Introductions**

- Ice Breaker: Favorite Valentine's Day Memory
- Neighbors present: Greg Ruszovan, Jilzy Christensen, Sarah Kerber, JoAnn A., Terry R., David W., Judy W., Xi A., Kahlil O., Linda B., Martin R., Galo T., Candace P., Kathy H.
- Government officials present:
  - Councilmember Eric Guerra & Will Antinetti (staff member)
  - Representative from Mayor's Office (David Augusto)

**Police, Library, Government Representatives Update**

- Library Updates by Martin (Friends of the Library)
  - Library is offering prenatal health series (6 week program)
  - Kids programs include reading and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics)
  - Library funding is dependent on the city's budget
- Councilmember Eric Guerra & Will Antinetti
  - Speed reduction on 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue (lowered by 5 mph)
  - Vision Zero – Traffic safety philosophy that rejects the notion that traffic crashes are simply “accidents,” but instead preventable incidents that can and must be systematically addressed.
    - Goal is to reduce vehicle fatality around schools
    - Colonial Heights: West Campus and Mark Twain Elementary
  - Splitting Police District 6
    - They are hiring more motor cops which will allow them to post in more problematic areas for faster response time
  - Incident Management Team
    - Starting either 2/14/24 or in next few days, they will be working up the boulevard for compliance (i.e. encampments that are road hazards, sidewalk violations, trash pick up, etc)
      - Have already spent time providing resources to people
  - *Neighbor question regarding the light on San Francisco*
    - It's out of Guerra's office and is now with the property owner

- Mayor's Office
  - Update on the sign in park
    - Sign was fixed – not the correct sign
    - Maintenance is coming back out and will add the correct sign to their list of duties

## **Who are Our Government Representatives?**

- Presentation by Sarah Kerber explaining local to national elections occurring in 2024
- Presentation attached

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Sarah Kerber presented results of the 2024 Colonial Heights Neighborhood Event Survey
  - In order to make events happen (and be successful), we need volunteers to organize and run the event. CHNA will help guide as needed.
  - Volunteer sign up sheets for events list on the survey were available for neighbors.
- Discussion around past neighborhood events
  - Spay and neuter clinics used to occur at the library
  - Friends of the Library used to host pancake breakfasts but stopped due to funding
    - Eric Guerra's office to look into this and ways to bring it back

## **Committee Updates**

- T-Shirt
  - T-Shirts and Tank Tops are now available for purchase, \$20 per shirt
- Garden Tour
  - Have begun planning and reaching out to neighbors to include in event
- Park
  - No update due to lack of time in meeting
- Finance/Treasury
  - No update due to no representative present at meeting
  - Sarah attended Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association's (TPNA) meeting on February 12, 2024 to discuss having TPNA being a fiscal sponsor for CHNA
    - Sarah requested support from CHNA to continue forward, CHNA agreed
    - Sarah is meeting with representatives from TPNA on Sunday at 11am at Sac City Brews, anyone interested in attending this meeting can do so
- Mercy Housing, National Night Out
  - No update due to no representative present at meeting

## New Committee Presentation and Approval Vote

- Two new committees were presented at the January 2024 meeting: Bird Watching and Colonial Library Garden
  - Sarah Kerber motioned to approve both committees. Jilzy Christensen seconded the motion.
  - Vote passed with no Nay's or Abstention

## Aggie Square Presentation

- Sumiko Hong, Community Engagement Manager at UC Davis
- Phase 1: 6 structures, 1 million square feet of labs, classrooms, office space, and residential units (190 units for students, faculty, staff)
  - First two buildings slated to open beginning of 2025
  - 8 story classroom tower
  - 7 story glass building – high tech labs, makerspace, cancer research, biomedical engineering
- UCD raise \$1B of new research funding
- 60% is leased by university researchers and 40% leased by private researchers
- *Questions from neighbors*
  - How will Aggie Square affect our neighborhood?
    - There's a 1,500 vehicle parking garage that will support the 4,000-5,000 staff. Also encouraging public transportation with full subsidies and bus service from Elk Grove to Aggie Square.
  - Who are the students?
    - Most will be Quarter at Aggie Square (undergraduates) and the rest will be existing students (MDs, PAs, etc)
  - How will this affect employment in the area?
    - Aggie Square has a Community Benefit Partnership Agreement with the City that encompasses 4 areas of focus. Has brought in new apprentices and has exceeded the number of employees agreed upon to bring to the area.
- Communications
  - Monthly newsletter
  - Quarterly Community Engagement Meetings (February, May, August, November)
    - February 29, 2024 5:30 – 7pm at the Oak Park Community Center
      - Public Art Process and Request for Proposals
  - Monthly Walking Tour – February 24, 2024 at 10am

### **General Discussion with vote to move CHNA Monthly Meeting day**

- CHNA proposed moving the monthly meeting day due to other events in the neighborhood that conflict with the CHNA meetings
  - Mainly driven by the change in the kickball league from Thursday to Wednesday (based on City's park schedule). Many neighbors participate in the kickball league, including Leaders of CHNA.
  - Sarah Kerber motioned to move the CHNA monthly meeting day from the second Wednesday of the month to the second Thursday of the month beginning with the April meeting. Kathy H. seconded the motion.
    - Vote passed with no Nay's or Abstention

**Meeting Adjourned 8pm**