

Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2017
Stockton Blvd Partnership – location moved due to heat wave

Attendees: Kaitlyn, Chris, Pat, Kathy, Steve, Josh, Blake and Ashley from River City Porchfest, Beltroy from Toucha Class, Val from Toucha Class, Sarah, Greg, Mark, Rose, KC, Jim, Allison, Janell

Police update

No police update, however Rosette is attending the D-5 community meeting to discuss recent crime and will report back. Meeting participants decided to table the crime and safety agenda item until the next meeting at the library, perhaps in the fall. Rosette texted in updating the group remotely from the D-5 meeting stating that Captain Beezley is reporting that crime stats in general are better today than in the past in the greater Oak Park area, in all other categories other than business burglaries.

Library update

Check out the June library event calendar, lots of great events happening, including programming from the [Yisrael Family Urban Farm](#).

Rose gave an update on the So-Delicious \$2000 grant that the neighborhood gifted to the library in 2016. The grant funds are being spent to create library kitchen cooking kits, including cooking kits for specialty items that can be checked out, example is a sushi making kit. Remaining funds may be used to help fund Explore & More.

The Friends of the Colonial Heights Library are looking for new/additional board members and volunteers to help with their book sales. Those who want to help out can contact Heather Hutcheson at colonialheightsfriends@yahoo.com.

Schenirer office update

Shade structure demo will begin on Monday!

Explore and More

After 37 weeks of programming this academic year, we finished our 12th semester running Explore and More in mid-June, and collected surveys from participants. The most common survey response in terms of improvement is the need for new games, toys, and art supplies. The City of Sacramento has granted us another \$500 for the next academic year - that amount over 37 weeks covers just the basic snacks (that comes out to \$13.51 per week), so you can see why participants asked for new supplies. The Friends of Colonial Heights Library's treasurer is still determining if their 501(c)3 organization will continue to be our fiscal intermediary. The program starts back up again in early September.

Update: Friends of the Colonial Heights Library has since accepted to be the fiscal agent for Explore and More.

Park Watch

Steve gave an update on the park watch committee. They have started round the park watch – have contacted people around the park and Steve gets contacted by people about all of the happenings at the park, including when people are loitering in the park. Keep up the reporting. 😊

SMUD Shine grant program

Rose gave an update on the SMUD shine grant program, however the deadline is approaching and at this time it doesn't appear we will have time to submit a grant.

River City Porch Fest

Porch Fest organizer, Blake, spoke to give a follow up to his May presentation on the River City Porch fest. Currently has 50 bands signed up to play for the September 17th Porchfest, looking for people to host bands. Open to suggestions of ideas for fundraising groups. Based on festival held in Napa the last day of July with 100 bands and 50-60 porches. The Napa event gets 10,000 people. Will have donation stations set up in each neighborhood to donate musical equipment and monetary donations.

Oak Park is no longer involved however Blake likes the idea of having Colonial Heights and Tahoe Park because 14th avenue is shared boundary. Will have printed and online map.

Would like to get churches, schools, and musical programs involved throughout the area. Event will run from 12-6PM and coordinator will provide water, food and bathrooms. Bands are not paid. Working for exposure. Allowing bands to sell merchandise and cds. Currently have 15 hosts in Tahoe Park. 15 in Colonial Heights. Centralized around park. Toucha class has large parking lot.

Currently have three months until the event. Have idea and structure and previous experience working on the one in napa. Bands will include a diverse range: Americana, celtic, hip hop, spoken word. Bands are sending sample of their music for review before being accepted into the event. Will match genre with hosts.

Q: Will there be restrooms?

A: Will have restrooms in the right spots and include maps to park restrooms.

Q: Will you be obtaining a permit from city?

A: Working on getting a noise permit....talked to city and they know intent of event. Once there is a scope it will be easier to obtain permit. Noise permit will have all residents on one permit.

Q: What obligations will host have?

A: Plug for amplified music. Music fest will pay for sound permit. Toucha class already has a sound permit. Public Theater has permit for sound. Liability is on festival. Will obtain general liability insurance.

Q: When you state that the event will depend on interest, whose interest is that?

A: Interest depends on how many hosts have. The more interest there is, the more bands we will have. Currently do not have enough hosts.

Q: What is cutoff date for obtaining enough hosts?

A: We are going to do event. I am coming here as a formality. I am not asking for permission. Came to this meeting because went to city council and they said to talk to neighbors. Currently have bands. Looking for 15 hosts in Colonial Heights. On 55th avenue have 4-5 hosts already confirmed, including brother who lives on 55th. Vision for event is in 5 years. Would like to close gaps for funding for programs that aren't being funded properly.

Q: Where do you live?

A: Live in Arden area. Born and raised in Sacramento.

Q: What are you looking for from us as a neighborhood?

A: Help advertise to find more hosts.

Q: Why is Oak Park no longer included?

A: Size wise would not be well attended or a good event. They were more stand offish about event.

Q: What is intention of event? To draw people from outside neighborhood?

A: Ideally the neighborhood could sustain the event by itself.

Neighborhood Association options:

Option 1: Oppose

Option 2: Endorse – part of a team – help promote and tie in to neighborhood association event

Option 3: Neutral with no official endorsement

Need to determine our next step. There is not much more organization between the last presentation and this time. River City Porchfest is waiting for us and we are waiting for them.

Event may be a good follow up to SummerFest held last year, there is a potential for a band in the park and a band at Toucha Class,

Motion: Steve makes a motion to take neutral stance (option 3) and open up posting on social media to find hosts

Second: KC seconds the motion.

Motion passes.

ACTION: Blake will send info about social media to Rose for distribution and will come to the July meeting to give an update on the event.

KC will be sending a survey out to poll the neighborhood regarding changing the yard sale date.

ACTION: KC will connect with Rose or Rosette to create surveymonkey

Porchfest Facebook

page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/659380484240217/permalink/788445901333674/>

Porchfest website: <https://strictlysacramento.wixsite.com/rivercityporchfest/host-sign-up>

Toucha Class Permit Renewal

Welcome to our guests Val and Beltroy, thank you for coming. Review topic, permit renewal letter received by a neighbor who expressed concerns.

Val gave an overview: Entertainment license renewal done every two years, includes county, building permit, plumbing, inspectors inspecting property and business. Entertainment meeting held every three months. Currently not considered a problem spot. Permit renewal letters are sent to everyone within 100 feet. Val has been the owner for three years. It is a bar/restaurant/social club that has been operating since 1979. Average age – over 35 years

Neighbors pointed out that it was previously [Frasinetti's](#) restaurant. Neighbors gave some neighborhood history about the location.

Greg read portions of a letter submitted by a neighbor on San Francisco Blvd. Neighbors shared that the previous owner Elgin took care of neighborhood and paid attention to what was going on. However now parking is narrow and difficult and there is usually clean up needed the morning after events. Complaints include: Parking in residential neighborhood, garbage, property damage, noise disturbances, property damage, urinating, sex in public.

Val replied that they are doing their best to combat the challenges. The Entertainment police require two security, and the club provides three. They have added lighting to parking lot. They make sure they clear out parking lot. They try to send someone to clean up trash. The biggest nights – karaoke Wednesday and comedy on Sunday hours are 2PM-2AM. In regards to the paraphernalia, there is a lot of riff raff on Stockton Blvd.

Suggestion: Call club regarding parking situation and they will try to address immediately. Call club regarding security as well. Number is 916-451-1786

Solution requests:

Provide additional private parking spots

Provide full time security to patrol neighborhood

Provide periodic reviews of impact to the neighborhood

Val response: Not always the club, some things are beyond their control

Suggestion: Treat residential streets same as parking lot because patrons/customers are using it

Suggestion: Create special permits for streets near restaurant.

Suggestion Extend security walks further down San Francisco Blvd and surrounding streets including Roemer, 50th street, 51st and 52nd

Beltroy stated there was previously a good relationship between Chanthou, Andy and Beltroy.

Val will make a continued effort to send someone to pick up trash on both sides of San Francisco Blvd – have been doing on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights.

Val mentioned that he previously spoke with police about parking permit and are ok with changing permit to limit parking to only residents on SF Blvd.

Q: Has there been a decrease in parked cars due to more people using ride share services?

A: Somewhat.

Q: Where are your security guards stationed?

A: At the door, occasionally walk down and patrol the street

Q: Do entertainment police offer any programs to help businesses?

A: No, focused on midtown mainly.

Q: How will the neighborhood provide future feedback?

A: KC offered to be point of contact for complaints and to communicate them to Val and Beltroy.

We hope to see Toucha Class at future meetings to give updates on events.

Sacramento Neighborhood Coalition – Budget Metrics Letter

Rose gave an overview of the Sacramento Neighborhood Coalition proposed budget letter. The letter was written after attending the city budget meetings and finding out that there are currently no city metrics. The letter asks the city to provide metrics for various city services to determine how well the city is accomplishing goals in the various neighborhoods. The metrics will be used to help neighborhoods determine where funds should be distributed in future budget years based on what the metrics show. The letter will be signed by neighborhoods throughout Sacramento and covers several council districts.

Motion: Greg moves to have the Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association sign the letter. Edits or changes can be made by sending updates to Rose.

Steve seconds motion.

Charming Garden Tour

Garden tour budget update. Garden tour raised \$133. Rose proposed to give all funds to library Read & Feed garden instead of splitting the profits between the neighborhood association and the library. All present at the meeting agreed with the proposal.

Question about who manages CHNA funds – who manages? Who takes care of? We are currently in need of a treasurer, because our previous one has stepped down from the position. At this time separate events handle their individual expenses.

National Neighborhood Night Out

National Neighborhood Night Out will be held August 1st from 5-8PM. Kathy and Greg have begun planning the event. The bounce house is confirmed. The event is registered on the official NNO website. Kathy has requested promotional materials from city and they will be ready one week ahead of time. Will need volunteers to help out day of event and get donations prior to event for door prizes. Allison is a fundraiser and volunteered to help out. Toucha Class offered to donate a dinner at Toucha Class.

Kaitlyn and [Rosested](#) also offered to donate items. If neighbors would like to donate monetarily the funds can be given to Kathy.

Walk on items

Creative economy grants available from the City of Sacramento. Online workshop will be held Monday, June 26 from 12-1PM in person workshop will be held July 10 – 6-8PM

Kaitlyn currently walks at Tahoe Park and suggested that it would be great to create a trail around Colonial Park. She was interested in finding out the process for creating one.

Neighbors responded that this is a great idea and has in fact been discussed before. Our Councilmember previously did research on what a trail would cost and the previous quote was \$23K. There are still approximately \$15K available for park use and the park committee will be reviewing the kinds of things that the funds can be spent on and bringing several options to the neighborhood association for discussion.

ACTION: Add topic to next month agenda discussing options for park funding and an update on how much funding is still available.

*Locations for July and August CHNA meetings are TBD. The library community room has been reserved for September, October and November.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 27th from 6:30-8PM – Location TBD