

Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association – April meeting minutes
4/26/2018

Attendees: Rosette, Greg, Ryan, Pastor Bob, Mark, Jan, Steve, Kathy, Barbara, Matthew, Terry, Kaitlyn, Chris, Katie, Allison, Anya, Jay S., Rose

1. **Moment of silence** for Joey Cabral who was killed by a hit and run driver.

2. **Introductions** – Memory of Joe/Spring memory
 - Joe was a real neighbor, knock on your door and chat, true definition of a neighbor
 - Spring - Air conditioned rooms and ice cold Arnold palmers
 - Calla lilies
 - Lived next door, understood him and he understood me, rock band every Friday night music rehearsals,
 - Get rid of seed pods and pollen
 - Flowers are blooming
 - Enjoyed morning visits before church, talks with Joe
 - Full of interesting people – gentle knocks on the door, neighbors, homeless but remained a neighbor, always contributed to the flavor of the neighborhood
 - Used to hang out with “the general”, neighbor Dick, brought stuffed blue elephant, helped with decorations
 - Cheerful, the other welcoming guy in the neighborhood
 - Grass is green again
 - Favorite time of year – 43 years, garden always something happening
 - Dog on hikes, planting flowers

3. **Library update** – Dia de los ninos – day of the child, day of the book, snacks from different cultures, May the 4th be with you at the library, Fed up teens talk session to discuss books Chicana culture, STEM for families mug cakes in microwave, local author talk, prom donations including suits approx. 43, pancake breakfast was a big hit

4. **Police update** – Officer Wilhite
 - 15th Ave - someone ran away from officer and was taken into custody but had thrown away whatever he had. As soon as owner passes away, the bank will take possession of the house. Officer Wilhite knows occupants by name.
 - The other 15th Ave location - there hasn't been any recent activity. The Police have been driving by and keeping watch.
 - 15th Ave/52nd - Child called and said there was someone in his backyard. There was an adult who did run from the house.

- House on 54th (near corner of 21st and 54th) - the flippers turned the house and there's been a series of break-ins. People stole staging stuff from the house. There's been a lot of activity in that house.
- House on fire on 54th - that house will have to be refurbished. Will be vacant again. Vacant houses are a big target for people to come in and break in.
- Parking issue - 15th Ave & 55th
 - Is there any way to get the city to put a sign about no parking
 - Can also call in and enter in 311 entry.
 - Keep calling the police and the city (District 5 office)
- Stabbing on 56th and SF Blvd
 - Friends drinking and stabbing each other (neither wants to prosecute each other)
- Increase in transient issue
 - Nationwide problem - Sac is in a much better place than other large metropolitan areas. Our population has increased 85% over the last two years. Have about 3K homeless people.
 - Increase is because of acceptability. We're working more and more to get them off the street.
 - Transient issue = #1 complaint in the county of Sacramento

5. Guidelines update – Ryan

Reviewed comments and updates that were sent to Ryan. Comments:

- Boundaries - need to clarify borders
 - Technically, the west side of 58th is in CH
 - On Wikipedia and the City of Sac, CH covers the west side of 58th (per district boundaries too)
 - The meeting attendees voted to include the west side of 58th street as part of CH
- "Play" is vague term
 - Maybe "play" is "volunteer"
- Re diversity, there was the question if age includes children. To make things less confusing, the meeting attendees voted to delete "This includes..."
- Park Committee
 - Strike "Watch" from "Park Watch Committee"
 - Mark to send Ryan the Park Committee wording
- Insufficient number of participants - too vague
 - But it might need to be vague to not constrain ourselves
 - Writing bylaws will help set parameters, so "sufficient" should be fine for now
- Member and leader definitions
 - Ryan asked for comments from everyone.

- Ryan suggests that there is a traditional list of roles and responsibilities.
- The meeting attendees voted to have the language read: "membership includes business owners, property owners, renters, volunteers and others with vested interest in the community. Any member can be a leader."

Next Steps

- Ryan will make a final draft at the next meeting and highlight changes made.
- Meeting attendees will vote at the next meeting to approve the guidelines.
- Vote and take comments on why they vote not on any additional changes.

6. **15th Avenue Update** - Steve, Kathy

- Landlord is not interested in helping out
- It wasn't a situation where parties wanted to come together to get to a solution
- Pastor Bob can open up the church for any neighbors who would like to meet
- Steve will help organize a neighborhood watch meeting

7. **City Updates** – Councilmember Schenirer

- May 19 Keep Stockton Blvd Clean event
- Homelessness
 - \$64M Whole Person care grant (case management mainly) + \$44M in mental health awareness + 1000 tiny homes (have an RFP out on the street)
 - Hope to see a visible difference by the summer
 - 6 teams of navigators out May 1
 - Have enrolled 357 people enrolled
 - 50% of the people who have enrolled are not in the city's records at all (some have lived along the river for 30 or so years)
- Where does the Sutter money go?
 - Sutter focused on housing.
- Where do the 1000 tiny homes go?
 - We have 4000 vacant lots. Trying to figure out how to incentivize people to build on those lots
 - Also 2000 government-owned lots too
- Are there boundaries as to where navigators work?
 - Hope to focus on the city
- If you see an encampment, call the D5 office to see if they can send out navigators. And make sure to call 311 every time to actually have it on record.

8. **Painting party update** – Mark gave an update on the painting of the structure in the park. Thank you Mark for all of your hard work. More dates are needed to complete the painting.

9. **Community Land Trust Update** - Katie V

1. Person who owns the home leases the land from the community. Helps control pricing.
2. People can partially sell or donate the land to the CLT. It's community-governed.
3. Community Launch Party - June 9, Oak Park Food Bank, 1-3pm

10. **Upcoming Events**

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| May 4 th | Green burial for Joe Cabral - Westwood Hills - 11:30am Pastor Bob will officiate. |
| May 5 th | Celebration of life memorial service at 5:30pm (sharing), plant a fig tree and dine @ 6:30 and then have a vigil at around 7:30. |
| May 19 th | Colonial Heights Charming Garden Tour from 10AM-4PM |
| June 29 th | Movie in the park – Jumanji 2017 - Colonial Park at dusk |

11. **Topics for next meeting**

- National Night Out
- Three priorities for the year