

PONA Meeting
February 17th, 2011, 7PM
Advent Lutheran Church
5901 San Juan Ave.



Welcome

1. PONA news - Jon Paul Burke

- A. April 23 Meet and Greet BBQ - The day before Easter and we will have an Easter egg hunt for children. It will be at Brooktree Park by the playground. Side Dishes welcome, Grill Tenders needed, Egg Hiders and Hunters wanted. Free Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips, Drinks and Fixings. This event is in place of our Regular Monthly meeting.
- B. REACH Report - We do not have the funding to send anyone to NUSA. They are looking to have some fund raising events to help send people to the event. This year the event is in Alaska and we would like to have sent our Vice President, Jeff Cameron.
- C. Area 11 has been doing great. They meet on Wednesdays the night before we meet. They sent out fliers and many people attended.
- D. Ronda Rivera of the Cities Human Resources Dept. on NA Funding - (Neighborhood Improvement funding). Part of her job is to help with the funding for neighborhood improvement projects. By April if other neighborhoods have not used their funds we can request to use theirs. In the past the Community Garden has requested funds for specific items. DVIC can also use them. We cannot just give them funds, but we can fund their requested needs & projects. Dave stated that we will be using 1200 of our 1500 money. Sunrise Park District may have to contribute half to our bulletin board project. Rick stated that the park district is already involved.
- E. Jeff Cameron - He spoke about the "pick up your poop" signs he is creating for the park. There has also been another dispenser that has been put up at the Amberwick entrance. There are a lot of people using the park, both with and without animals. One neighbor brought up the issue that some people are putting their dogs on a leash and tying them to a tree. This is an issue especially if a child walks up to a strange dog and could get hurt. Mary looked up the law and it is illegal to tether a dog to a tree, or another structure.
- F. Neighborhood Survey Results – Jon Paul passed out a survey last month and asked if you haven't filled one out you can still do it. Those who filled them out described cracked asphalt that was breaking up, potholes burned out street lights, speeders and suspected criminal activity. Jon Paul called in some of the street lights that were out and knows of one that already has been repaired. The survey results were turned over to Mary Poole of General Services and Sgt. Alex Turcotte of the CHPD for review and to take appropriate action where possible.



11. 2011-1012 PONA Board Nominations - Jon and Jeff Cameron
 - A. Step Up to the Plate - Jeff asked for nominations for Vice President, Secretary and Director. At the March meeting Jeff needs to introduce his nominations in March and then there is 60 days before the association votes.

III. Keynote Speaker: Mayor Jeannie Bruin- she serves on the city council and has been involved in the city for a number of years.

Mayor Bruins acknowledged that Park Oaks has had a steady group attending it's meetings and that our input is always considered when the City Council makes decisions.

Jeannie stated that today she attended a celebration! The Police Dept. had a swearing in ceremony for its Officers and celebrated its 5th year as the Citrus Heights Police Dept. The mayor administered the oath of office to the Officers and was very impressed with their professionalism and how good they looked in their dress uniforms. Even our own Rick Doyle was all dressed up. Roseville and Folsom Police Dept. patrolled our City while this ceremony was happening.

Jeannie sits on the Police Athletic League board. PAL helps kids of all ages remain active and on the straight path. The PAL board had to turn away 40 kids because there were so many kids and/or parents who wanted to take part in the program. They hope to keep expanding the program and its activities. She mentioned that on the 3rd Thursday of every month Fuddruckers donates part of its proceeds to PAL and says "if you're out and about and hungry on the third Thurs. stop in and help support PAL". The community has shown a lot of support for PAL.

Challenge for the city - the impact of the STATE Budget. One item Jerry Brown wants to eliminate is Redevelopment Agencies. All cities in CA have redevelopment issues. This agency gets money from property taxes. By eliminating this agency CH will not get these local funds. These funds can be used to reduce blight and promote renewed development and have been around for 30plus years. The City has taken a stand on this issue and wants the money to come to CH. We have some plans for that money and will not be able to complete them without those funds.

Last year we had an increase in sales tax. We are also having more businesses come into our area. MBP sports, Panera Bread, 7-11, Wise Buys, an Urgent Care Facility, ITT educational facility. Old Navy is moving into Birdcage and Sprouts Grocery into Old Navy and Eddie Bours old location. There is a lot of positive growth coming to CH.

Community Center - It was opened on January 25, 2010. We had over 800 bookings last year. We had over 36,000 people using the facility. We saved \$10,000 on our electric bill and got a \$39,000 rebate check from SMUD. It is a "Gold Lead" building. We are booked every Sat. this year through November.

March 5th - the Farmers' Market will start again in the Sunrise Mall Parking Lot. They are a true non-profit and they exist to teach financial training to young people.

The Capitals (tennis matches) will be coming back to Sunrise Mall this summer. They are coming to us instead of Roseville as they were unable to sell enough seats out there. A plan to hold other events in the temporary stadium put together for the Capitals is being looked into. It costs a lot to set up why not get more use out of it before it's taken down.

There are no plans yet for the building that Big Lots and the Western Store left empty.

The Allied Waste contract was renewed and our rate will be going down. The rates are frozen for two years and then the rates will start to go down. By the end of seven years we will be paying less than we are paying now. These rates are set. Bidders had 30 days to make offers. Only two companies came back with offers. The other companies only met the terms of Allied and nothing more so there was no reason to change providers. We have 3 types of hazardous waste pick up. Used Oil, household batteries which must have the contacts taped and put in a 1 quart plastic bag and placed on the top of your recycle bin and sharps pick up (diabetic needles) which must be called into AW and they will come out to pick them up.

California American Water Company meeting - the Mayor attended as one-third of the people in CH are serviced by them. It is private company. The PUC had a public meeting and many people attended. She spoke as the mayor of CH and talked about the decreased revenue flow that the public is experiencing. How our city is trying to do things more efficiently to save money and maintain services and staff and to avoid raising Taxes and Fees. Half of Cal Amer. Water's proposed rate increases are for personnel pay increases, pensions and administrative infrastructure. A final decision has not yet been made. Contact her by going to the city web site.

IV. Member comments/questions:

Q: Are we thinking of having a "Crash tax"? A: Mayor Bruins "We are not having a crash tax in our city".

Q: Lots of us are being asked about living in our city. How are we able to stay in the grey"? A: We don't spend more than we earn.

One neighbor thanked the mayor for her help in getting work done on the fence in their area behind Mercy San Juan Hospital.

The council was commended for being able to work together. They don't always agree, but they respect each other and work toward the well being of the city of Citrus Heights.

V. Citrus Heights Police Department Presentation - Rick Doyle -We have police officers who we have adopted. Sergeant Alex Turcotte received the chief's award for helping in the Panhandling Ordinance for the city, creating a new police dept. website, and being in charge of a 911 dangerous call which because of his leadership both the suspect and officers were able to end the ordeal safely for all.

A. POP Officers Q&A There was a lot of citizens recognized today at the Officers awards and the Sergeant really likes where he is. Every year things get better. He doesn't feel like it was all his doing, but a community behind him that made the difference.

B. Crime report - Patrol has been doing "hips" high impact patrol. They go to different areas that have been having thefts between calls to keep robbery down.

H&R Block plus REACH referral slips. For each new client using H&R Block who turns in a REACH referral slip when they get their taxes done H&R. Block will donate \$25 to REACH.

At the next months PONA meeting the CHPD Canine team will put on a Special Demonstration with their Talented Dogs

VI. Door Prize awarded.

Adjournment

President: Jon Paul Burke, Vice-President; Jeff Cameron, Treasurer: Dave Shelton, Secretary: Joan Whittaker, Directors at Large: Bruce Hackbart and Rick Doyle

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