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CHASEN Citrus Heights Area Seven-Eight-Nine
7800 Wonder St. (Corner of Antelope & Wonder St)
MINUTES Tuesday Feb 20, 2024 at 7 PM CHASEN789@gmail.com

IN ATTENDANCE:

William Shirley, President
Diane Louise, Treasurer
Stephanie Martinez, Director
MariJane Lopez-Taff, Councilwoman and District 2 Representative
Kathy Milton, Secretary
Steve Wigginton, Information Officer
First Time Attendees were welcomed and introduced.

Approximate Community Residents: 30-35

Recap January Pizza Party: January CHASEN Community meeting was kicked off with Pizza, Games and Visiting. The community was invited to attend the January meeting to have fun with the only intended business to be conducted; getting to know neighbors and new folks in attendance. Overall, it was successful although attendance wasn't as high as expected.

Treasurer Report: Checking \$2,386.25 Savings \$498.37

UPDATES- OLD & NEW BUSINESS:

- a. District 2 Rep and Council Woman MariJane Lopez-Taff gave an update on City Council's recent meeting in which she entered a decree recognizing Black History Month, also item #8 ReBid on Complete Streets Project as bids received were over budget. And Item #11 Cannabis Dispensaries being considered in CH. Some in attendance asked questions and expressed concerns regarding the potential for more loitering and crime. It was asked if feedback from other cities have been considered to which she stated additional discovery from other councils/cities will be gathered and considered including possible location advisory. Also noted was the number of in favor community comments received were from individuals representing dispensaries in other areas. Additionally noted, the Education committee report has been postponed to March 14 for report on CH forming its own school district. She also announced Sacramento County District Attorney Ken Ho will be at the City Council meeting on Marth 4th at 6:00pm.
- b. CHASEN Revised By Laws were distributed, no community comments were received. Approval by showing of hands in attendance and none opposed, motion made and seconded to accept and approved as revised. Motion was carried.
- c. Report on Citrus Heights Complete Streets Phase I: A workshop was presented by the city at Sunrise Tech on Feb 1st. Very few residents attended and when asked, most report they were not aware of the event.
- d. Woodside TK-8 Update & PTO Announcement, Kat reported the new monthly coffee and donuts at Woodside school, Just Brew It, the last Friday of the month is a time for meeting with Principal Wahl and VP Johnson and open to all interested folks. Ciara Compton PTO VP made a presentation to ask for volunteers to provide safe crossing for students on two corners near the school; Villa Oak and Wintergreen and at Oak Dale. These streets are not school

owned and cannot be covered by SJUSD staff and is not a paid position by the city. Volunteers are needed 30 minutes each for mornings and afternoons. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

GUEST PRESENTER CHPD Chief Alex Turcotte and Lt Wells with Dog in training, L.E. attended. Chief Turcotte gave an introduction and recap of his experience with CH; he is the 3rd Police Chief and has been in this position for 3 years. He shared the foremost complaint in California is regarding homelessness. Also citing the changes in legislation to reduce charges and consequences for lesser crimes have made accountability difficult for officers. Bill, President of CHASEN, commented that several of the comments he's heard from local business owners imply the officers don't seem enthused about receiving repeat calls and the callers feel they are being a nuisance. Chief Turcotte explained the officers do have to triage calls rotating from area to area, so the higher risk calls are handled first and although the officers may appear "calmer and unhurried" as the caller may be, residents must realize they too have to maintain fair and equitable standards to all population. He reminds us as property / business owners we can ask trespassers to move off our property. If they are obstructing access to walkways, sleeping, loitering or committing drug crimes or have been previously trespassed from that property it is important to report it to the police. Chief Turcotte added despite their desire to be effective and present at all times they have finite resources and as such are attempting to leverage technology for lower-level crimes to keep residents safe, such as drones which have proven effective tools in preventing injuries to officers and the public and preventing losses. SeeClickFix is an app which allows the officers to obtain timely information including the longitude and latitude of the exact location and picture proof of reported crimes. Some of the attendee comments were regarding the Beautification Crew, sometimes slow to get repeated messes left behind cleaned up, and recent store closures due to high theft and loitering which scares off customers. Adding the events at Copperwood Square and Pastor's Valero have seen improvement over the past few months.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS:

- Sacramento County District Attorney Ken Ho will be at the City Council meeting on March 4th at 6:00pm
- March CHASEN meeting speaker will be Ash Feeney, Citrus Heights City Manager
- March 11th @ 4:30 pm The Community Pot Luck. Location: Citrus Heights Community Center
- April we will have a service project with Sunrise Parks & Rec @ C-BAR-C Park
- May 5th Grand Opening Ceremony for the New Bike Trail

LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT JOIN SUPPORT WITH US FOR A SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY:

Bruins Legal Doc Prep	Narenj Mediterranean	Target
Corey's Cards & Games	Grocery	Togo's Greenback Square
Country Waffle	Primo's Auto Insurance	Tony's Liquor & Deli
DeMattei Reals Estate	Starbucks Cooperwood	Walmart
Half Price Books	Square	
Leatherby's Family Creamery	Kathy Morris	THANK YOU!
	John Barth Orelle Ct	