

Tahoe Park

neighborhood association

Community Newsletter • Spring 2017

From the President

Dear Neighbors,

Now that spring has finally arrived, let me take this opportunity to bring you up to date with all that TPNA has been doing and what we're working on in the near future.

A measure to change the Broadway-Stockton Blvd. Special Planning District (SPD) to allow for the sale for offsite consumption of alcohol in smaller stores was on the agenda of the December City Council meeting. Earlier that day, a letter was delivered to the Planning Department and City Council members indicating strong opposition to changing the SPD, which many believe has helped improve the quality of life in neighborhoods surrounding the Broadway/Stockton corridor. The letter was signed by presidents of TPNA; Oak Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA); South Oak Park Community Association (SOPCA); Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association (CHNA); Fruitridge Manor Neighborhood Association (FMNA); and more than 16 other community organizations, including Legal Services of Northern California, which was instrumental in outreach and support. Dozens of residents sent emails and testified at two Planning Commission hearings and at the Council meeting as well. TPNA's Land Use Committee (LUC) followed and reported on every twist and turn in the matter.

The City Council's 4-3 vote left the SPD in place, a victory for all our neighborhoods. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in this process. TPNA has and will remain diligent in bringing issues to the community. As I write this, our LUC, with the full support of TPNA, is working to urge the Planning Department to consistently enforce Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) placed on the recently constructed rent-by-the-bed facility, The Foundation, as well as The Crossings, now under construction.

The Sac MoFo trucks event began last month, and will continue through October on the fourth Friday of the month. TPNA has a table at these events. Come by and become a TPNA member, find out about current events, or just say hello. TPNA is also working on another family-friendly event in cooperation with the YMCA early this summer; more information on that as details are confirmed. In late March, more than 50 supporters purchased food and drink at Suzie Burgers, which pledged 25 percent of proceeds to TPNA in support of scholarships for Hiram Johnson seniors, the 12th consecutive year TPNA has made this commitment.

My first year has been a busy one. I recently testified before the Planning Commission in support of CHNA, which asked for more outreach from the Planning Department about a development on Stockton Blvd. I continue to attend OPNA and CHNA meetings as time allows. One of my priorities is to be supportive of other neighborhoods who have matters before the Planning Commission.

I know crime and safety issues have been of concern lately. To address these issues, I asked Capt. Beezley to attend a recent TPNA meeting. His presentation addressed many concerns and was appreciated. Last year, at my request, the City Attorney's office and Police Dept. made a presentation to the community regarding the Justice for Neighbors (JFN) program. The information was well received, and is an example of a program the community, working in concert with the police and City Attorney, can be proud of, as well as an instrument to address chronic neighborhood problems. (See article on page 2.)

At TPNA meetings, neighbors can hear about issues described above as well as meet their elected officials — all for \$10 per household. See you at an upcoming meeting!

*Terrie Barron, President, Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association,
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Calendar of Events

TPNA Meeting

1st Monday of the month,
Tahoe Park Community Center;
5959 8th Ave.

Land Use Committee

2nd, 3rd, 4th Monday of Each Month;
Tahoe Park Community Center

Sacto MoFo Food Truck Events

4th Friday of the month through October
Tahoe Park

Tahoe Park Food Truck Mania is Back!

By Heather Olivares

SactoMoFo is bringing Sacramento's delicious food truck event back to Tahoe Park on the fourth Friday of each month, 5–8 p.m. Gather your friends, family, and neighbors and come out to Tahoe Park, and enjoy an evening of live music and food from a variety of food trucks. The Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA) will be at the SactoMoFo Food Truck events to provide information to the community about TPNA activities and events, accept membership applications, and raise money for the TPNA scholarship fund.

One of TPNA's missions is to provide scholarships to deserving students at Hiram Johnson High School. TPNA is able to do this through fund-raising and by generous contributions from people in the community. This year will be the 12th year of providing scholarships to Hiram Johnson students, and TPNA is hoping to raise \$5,000 for the TPNA scholarship fund. Please help us meet this goal by stopping by the TPNA booth to make a donation or purchase a raffle ticket.

TPNA scholarships

By Bill Motmans

In June, TPNA will award between four and six scholarships to deserving Hiram Johnson High School seniors who have been accepted to four-year colleges or universities in the fall. This year will mark the 12th consecutive year TPNA has made these awards, in recognition and support of young graduates and potential leaders in our community. The TPNA board has allocated \$5000 this year, each award being in the \$500-\$1000 range. Over the years, we have awarded as much as \$2000 each when we have had the resources. The \$5000 this year means we will have exceeded the \$50,000 milestone, an amount never dreamed of when the concept was first envisioned in 2006.

Already this year, Mercedes-Benz of Sacramento and realtor Pat Vogeli have made generous contributions to our fund, as they have in the past, both being among the first to contribute when TPNA initiated this effort over a decade ago.

As TPNA president Terrie Barron stated last year after handing out the awards at a ceremony in Johnson's school theater, "Every year the ceremony seems to be more inspiring than the last," and, she added, "this year promises more of the same."

TPNA appreciates and thanks the community for their generous support, without which we would not have been able to continue keeping this commitment, and growing a tradition we hope to carry on for years to come.

Justice for Neighbors

By Bill Motmans

Editor's note: This article is reprinted from the fall 2016 newsletter.

A presentation on Justice for Neighbors (JFN) was presented at TPNA's general meeting in September 2016. A packed house of more than 50 residents listened intently as Deputy City Attorney Mike Benner provided information on the program initiated by the City, the City Attorney's Office and the Sacramento Police Department. Mr. Benner was joined by Sgt. Pease, a former POP officer, and Officer Carson, who also participated and provided further information. There are three officers in the program supervised by Sgt. Pease.

The program was initiated approximately eight years ago to deal with nuisance abatement enforcement. The nuisances can include instances of criminal behavior emanating from a particular property, whereby, based on reviews for calls for service, the Police Department, in concert with the City Attorney's office will monitor problems related to a particular property and take appropriate action, usually in the form of a lawsuit or the imposition of administrative penalties against the particular property owner.

As Sgt. Pease explained, problems related to behavior at a particular property abate about 80 percent of the time once the owner of the property has been made aware there is a problem by police or the City Attorney's office. It is the other 20 percent that merit further investigation and documentation.

Numerous questions were asked of Sgt. Pease, Officer Carson, and Mr. Benner. Most of the examples given were general, such as properties with drug activity, criminal behavior by a tenant, etc., and though the questions as well as answers varied, there was one consistent theme. Neighbors must call the Police to make sure the issues are documented, as calls for service are the main criteria evaluated to determine whether JFN is a suitable remedy for the situation. Put another way, neighbors and complainants must call the Police Department, not Sgt. Pease and his officers, to complain about a problem(s). They, in turn, will look at the call logs as well as the type of behavior, and begin their evaluation process.

The JFN team meets once a month to discuss, evaluate, and determine which cases rise to the level of inclusion into the program. The good turnout for this presentation and the positive comments generated indicated the presentation was instructive as well as practical and TPNA will do some periodic follow up. Thanks to Mr. Benner, Sgt. Pease, and Officer Carson.

TPNA Land Use Committee Update

By Patrick McDaniel

During the winter, The Land Use Committee (LUC) gained two new community members, for a total of six, one of whom is currently attending the city's "Planning Academy" workshop series.

East Tahoe Park residents have been negatively affected by the ongoing problems associated with last August's opening of "The Foundation" rent-by-the-bed housing facility on Redding Ave. Parking Enforcement has issued 311 parking tickets on the west side of Redding Avenue to discourage the illegal parking in the bike lane. Security, shuttle and training for resident advisors (RAs) were a condition of approval for The Foundation the Planning Department failed to ensure were in place before opening. The LUC feels this could have alleviated some of the problems residents are now experiencing. The LUC plans to request that the adjacent "The Crossings" rent-by-the-bed facility, now under construction, be required to verify their compliance with conditions of approval before they open.

The City Planning Department also continues to fail to adequately notify neighborhood associations about development proposals prior to scheduling hearings. For instance, a KY marijuana garden supply wholesale store proposal was scheduled for a planning hearing without adequately notifying the Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association, which has concerns and would like to provide input.

The LUC has been in contact with Councilman Guerra and his chief of staff about how to move forward with the Broadway walk audit and general traffic concerns in the area. One item Council member Guerra is working on is a flashing pedestrian signal upgrade at the 60th & 14th Ave. crossing.

The LUC continues tracking the development on Fairgrounds Drive. No plans have been drawn yet but we understand that it will be similar to the residential housing project that is under construction in the same area.

District 6 News

By City Councilman Eric Guerra

Happy Spring!

As the blossoms start to bloom and spring days begin, we're in the middle of drafting another city budget. During the months of March and April, the city is conducting a series of budget presentations throughout the city seeking your input. I'll be attending these presentations seeking to hear from you about your budget priorities.

I've been fighting to increase funding for community policing, neighborhood services, more patrolling, and new police technology throughout our neighborhoods. I've also sought to use Measure U and one-time funding wisely for maintenance and improvements to clean-up our parks, and create new playgrounds and ball fields.

I'd love to hear from you about your budget priorities. Your vital input on what our priorities should be and how we can best allocate your tax dollars is essential in order to develop the best possible city budget.

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Investing in OUR Youth

We created an exciting new youth program this year by pairing city funds and state dollars to develop an engaging summer program for local high school students. In January, the City Council provided additional resources to the Summer@City Hall internship program, which will offer high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to have an internship this summer to gain valuable work experience and learn how to make a difference in our community.

A stipend and five high school credits will be included with the internship. The application process is open now and the deadline for submissions is April 28. Visit www.cityofsacramento.org/Summer-at-City-Hall or call (916) 808-6789 for more information.

Robotics to A Classroom Near You

I am proud to sponsor the First Lego

League Robotics program in Sacramento this spring. Through partnerships with local businesses and nonprofit organizations, we kick-started robotics programs at Tahoe Park, Earl Warren and Mark Twain Elementary Schools this year.

Teams of sixth graders will build Lego robots and compete against each other, helping them learn critical thinking and team-building skills. The 13-week program and competition will also provide enrichment opportunities for children to learn science, technology, engineering and math concepts while participating in a fun, competitive league. I'm looking forward to attending the first round of the competition very soon!

My goal is to make sure our city programs are paired with our schools and guide youth to think about their careers and dreams. Please let me know if you would like to join our efforts to support our youth by calling my office at (916) 808-7006.

Support your neighborhood!

Become a Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA) member today! Fill out the form below and mail in your payment, or register on the website: www.tahoe-park.org

Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City State Zip _____

Phone Number (Check One Home Work Cell) _____

E-Mail Address _____

I am especially interested in: _____

Return this form with \$10 membership and/or your donation to:
TPNA, PO BOX 162162, SACRAMENTO CA 95816-2162

Membership dues are due annually. Pay Online Via Paypal at tahoe-park.org

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TPNA meetings are held the first Monday of each month
at 7 pm at 5959 8th Ave.

All are welcome!

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**Sacramento Police
Department reminder**

Remain observant

Report suspicious activity immediately. When
in doubt, call the non-emergency reporting
number: 916-264-5471.

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