

October 19, 2016



Meeting with the County_Summary

Twainhart Hill, CANA Co-Leader and I met with County Supervisor, Dick Monteith, Stan Risen Stanislaus County CEO and several County management staff to continue the discussion regarding "issues" in our neighborhood.

1. 5150 Mental Patients and others roaming through the neighborhood near Doctor's Medical Center. The County agreed they have a stake in the "overall" care of their patients; including how that care impacts our neighborhood. We agreed to arrange a meeting that includes County Officials, the City of Modesto and Doctors Medical Center to discuss opportunities for improvement of the complete situation.

2. Discussion of the Methadone Clinic. Twainhart mentioned the issues regarding Clinic Clients becoming "fuzzy" and disoriented for 2-3 hours after their medications are administered. That's not generally a problem for those who are coming, receiving their medication, and then leaving the area; but a small number of those are making their way, by foot, to our neighborhood and crashing in the parks or on front lawns. They agreed to look into the situation. It was also discussed about a possibility of reducing the number of clients being seen there (they see both private and public patients).

3. Walgreens is a significant "attractive nuisance" and "hot spot" of vagrant and drug related activity. It is recognized that neighbors experience unpleasant encounters with a certain clientele using Walgreens. Circumstances and situations were shared to get more clarity so further work can continue to address these nuisances.

4. We understand the downtown jail is releasing inmates without making provisions to take them back to the city in which they were arrested. It appears that it is not uncommon for some of those folks to "hang around" Modesto for several days before they return home, or if they do at all. Upon release, the inmates are routinely given bus passes to get transportation back to their home base. However, they are sometimes released in the middle of the night when proper transportation is not available and some of the newly released choose to stay in the neighborhood for a period. Stan Risen mentioned the new jail and other holding facilities will be fully on line by the end of 2017 and that they will explore ways to mitigate the situation in the meantime. The new jail is out of the downtown area and when inmates are moved fully to the new facility, it will help relieve most of the nuisance created from the current downtown releases.

Both Twainhart and I agree that the meeting went very well. The County Officials acknowledged that they have a stake in the resolution of our neighborhood issues. We stressed that we are looking for help from the County, and other jurisdictions, to mitigate the negative activities of a very small proportion of the people they serve. We also stressed that fostering "Safe Neighborhoods" should be a high priority when considering programs that affect our downtown and adjoining neighborhoods.

This is our Neighborhood.

It is a community and neighborhood problem, and

The City or County can make improvements with a strong commitment from our greatest asset, our Neighbors.

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