

## **Notes from CANA meeting Monday, January 23, 2017**

Location: Emanuel Lutheran Church, 325 College Ave., Modesto, CA 95350  
Meeting began at 6 and ended at 7:30 pm Facilitated by Twainhart Hill and Sandy Clark

After a Welcome everyone introduced themselves and where they live in the CANA area.

### **Announcements Made:**

- The CANA website, [www.canamodesto.org](http://www.canamodesto.org) is being used as the main source for recording CANA information. It is being looked as a HUB where residents can access the details on activities, meetings, announcements, etc. in the neighborhood.
- To more effectively keep residents informed, two of the Steering Team members offered an idea and layout of how to track the activities and actions that are in process. It is formatted like a log and will be developed and located on the website. It will be called the Activity Tracker/Log. Look for it in another month.
- Talking with Parks & Rec about having our general meetings at the Boy Scout Club House in Enslin Park. Our meetings will need to be on Thursdays if arrangements can be made. Will keep you posted.
- The Myrtle Ave Parking Permit Zone has been approved by City Council as permanent. Material is being mailed to all residents on the 400 and 500 blocks.

### **New Program for CANA**

It was proposed that CANA partner with the City of Modesto Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Dept. and form a N.E.A.T. Team (Neighborhood Environmental Action Team), a city sponsored program. Keeping clean Graceada & Enslin parks and other areas in the CANA area will be the first focus of the team. Twenty-five people signed up. Paperwork will now need to be completed with Parks & Rec.

### **Reports**

Cameras in Graceada Park - The installation of cameras for Graceada Park is progressing. A new concrete pad has been poured for a new light post near the restrooms which will hold a camera. Electrical installation will follow depending on the rain. (There was a good Modesto Bee article on Saturday, January 28th.)

Lt. Rigo DeAlba, MPD - Rigo highlighted how MPD has been patrolling the parks, making arrests, attending to the many nuisance calls. Ideas being explored are locating the MPD K-9 training at Enslin Park and utilizing the Boy Scout Club House and creating an Agility Course for trainees In Enslin Park. MPD is working with how a security patrol/service can arrest or cite and release. This would maximize MPD's time to stay on needed emergency calls. A reunification process for those experiencing homelessness has been made possible when an MPD officer finds that this individual wants to go back home (out of the Modesto area) Rank Investigations & Protection, Inc. buys a bus ticket for them to reunite with family. Rigo will be meeting with the Engagement Homeless Team to learn more about future ways MPD could possibly assist.

Julie Scherer, CANA resident and member of the Citizen's Housing and Community Development Committee - this committee researches and explores the housing needs and neighborhood improvement projects. Approved new housing funding to help with homelessness. New sewer hook ups were approved for an area that only had septic systems. \$350,000 has been approved to help form the One-Stop Access Center for those experiencing homelessness. The low barrier shelter that is under development would allow clients to have pets, their possessions, and a partner if applicable.

### **Requests to Continue and/or Explore**

**Traffic Calming:** It was suggested to follow up on the Traffic Calming in the CANA area. A new area that is showing a challenge is on Ulrich near Roosevelt Junior High School. The City will be contacted on what the next step is.

**Regarding stolen bikes:** It was asked if a Bike Licensing Program be reinstated in the city. An idea: Have licenses available to buy when a bike is purchased.

**Next Meeting:** Working with Parks & Rec to have next meeting at the Boy Scout Club House in March. Meeting will focus on the Plans and Actions from the Safety Survey, which Councilwoman Kristi Ah You sent to our neighborhood. Check the website for the date.