



# CANA Agenda



December 12, 2019 6:00 -  
7:30 PM

Boy Scout Club House, SW corner of Enslin Park, Modesto, CA

*Come a little early for some refreshments and meet your neighbors.*

## Welcome & Introductions

*We had holiday fortune cookies and new faces! Welcome new neighbors*

## Most Notable Accomplishments for 2019:

- LAUNCHED Gala in Graceada
- Traffic Calming Committee:
  - established new signs and crosswalks for safety improvement around the schools
  - new stop signs on Griswold Avenue
- LAUNCHED Sundays in Graceada - *free* summer activities
- COMPLETED 'Phase 1' of the **Enslin Park Project Renovation** with the community plaza and playground equipment being installed
- REVAMPED WEBSITE: [www.canamodesto.org](http://www.canamodesto.org)

*It's a community effort to get this all done! We did not do it alone - special thanks to: Beard Family, City of Modesto, Boyett Petroleum, Valero, Higgenbotham Fund, Collins Electric, & Gala in Graceada*

*Will be looking into bids for Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Enslin Community Plaza*

*The construction that has happened on this corner has already positively impacted the neighborhood.*

*If you want to get involved, let us know!*

**Guest/s Speakers: Major Harold Laubach, Jr., Salvation Army, and Brad Hawn, Stanislaus Homeless Alliance.**

Brad Hawn – Chair of Stanislaus Homeless Alliance, President? Focus on Prevention, President of Modesto Neighborhoods Inc., CANA Steering Committee Member  
Synopsis on District 9 Ruling that happened last year that set the precedent for allowing camping in the park. This led to opening Beard Brook Park – which was not prepared for this kind of influx of habitation. The emergency shelter then shifted to under the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. This is called MOES (Modesto Outdoor Emergency Shelter). There was not enough shelter for everyone.

Fortunately Graceada/ Enslin has not seen the influx of homelessness that was feared.

County will start enforcing vagrancy laws (this was not done previously). Working to make sure individuals show up to their court hearing. Focus has shifted from sheltering people to offering *services*. This includes meeting with case worker early on to get a game plan to get off of the streets.

**In ONE YEAR, Stanislaus County has DOUBLED the number of available beds.**  
Working on attaining more beds.

Major Harold has worked to eliminate barriers that were preventing individuals from receiving shelter.

So many good achievements. 21 families housed in Empire.

The working model is a spoke and wheel strategy. This problem will not be solved in the shelters. Need programs. Will be following a model that Patterson is doing. Model identifies strengths and helps people change their mindset and point of view.

FOCUS ON PREVENTION – the biggest contributor to this homeless epidemic seems to be the breakdown of the family. Support system is key.

Brad encourages people to come to the homeless meetings downtown the second Wednesday of each month, 5:30 pm at City Hall (1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street) in the basement.

He is so impressed with the efforts being made. The city and county are working hard to make things happen. Setting a new standard. Things are happening fast. Money is not holding this up.

Sandy Clarke shared a link for people to help with the Kansas House. It is on the City website under the housing authority. Modesto Housing Authority.

Point in Time Count: January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Helps with HUD funding. Volunteers needed!

Also, huge kudos to Ruben Imperial ← he's doing great work too.

\*\*\*Guy screaming in Graceada Pavillion \*\*\* report to Martha.

Closing Remarks

**Thank you for attending! See you next year!**

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*Tips to Start off 2020 Right!*

1. **Sign up for Rank if you have not already done so; (209)526-2025**
2. **Enroll in the “escrip” program at O’Brien’s (paperwork at back table)**
3. **Purchase tickets or spread the word about Gala in Graceada May 9th, 2020**  
[www.galaingraceada.com](http://www.galaingraceada.com) for tickets and information.
4. **Mark your calendar for the dates of our Taco Tuesdays, follow Facebook and Instagram to get dates or check website: [www.canamodesto.org](http://www.canamodesto.org)**
5. **We will have 4 CANA meetings in 2020, stay tuned for dates!**
6. **Make sure to “like” and “follow” CANA, Sundays in Graceada, and Gala in Graceada on Instagram and Facebook to stay up to date**

Stay Connected!



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