

CANA Meeting: February 28th, 2019

Meeting Minutes

INTRODUCTIONS (30+ people in attendance)

Traffic Calming- Denise Crosby

Evaluating entire community. Starting with schools. Met with city manager, working on getting all the right people at the table. Have had meetings at Roosevelt, Fremont and Enslin. A lot of children attending our schools are being driven to school. Looking at inexpensive ways to make change – there is a group out of Berkeley that has been a great resource for this. Removing dangerous trees that obstruct sight lines. Will start expanding radius of interest. Want 15 mph around schools, ideally all of Modesto Public Schools. College Avenue is now designated “no truck” zone thanks to our traffic calming subcommittee. MID in particular. This will greatly help with the congestion around Roosevelt.

Gala in Graceada (GiG)- Julie Scherer

Spoke about the history of the event and the purpose. The event is going to be beautiful. High end finishes. It will also generate the much needed funds to continue the master plan of Graceada and Enslin parks. For 2019 there are two exciting projects that the monies will go towards:

1. Sundays in Graceada. This concept is modeled after other cities in California that have a day in the park with lots of complimentary programs. “More reasons, for more people, to come to the park on more days.” City of Modesto will have the pool open on Sundays. Studio V and Core Fitness will be offering a ‘fitness’ element each Sunday morning. And we are asking for a third element- we would like neighbors to ‘adopt’ a Sunday and sponsor a third activity, anything the sponsor would like to do. It could be as easy as passing out popsicles or organizing a full on petting zoo to be set up in Graceada park. The funds generated from GiG will take care of expenses. And CANA (through MNI) will help with insurance and permitting requirements. Volunteer sign up is ready! Already had some people sign up tonight J
2. The second project will be revitalizing the Boy Scout Clubhouse. Funds generated will dictate the scope of the project. A scaled down version will be to just create a paver plaza in front of the clubhouse. A more expanded version will include revamping the Boy Scout building. We are also hoping to launch additional programming once this project is complete. ‘Evenings in Enslin’ complete with food trucks and BYOB is on the horizon!

Volunteer help for event set up and clean up are needed. We also need volunteers during the event. If you cannot afford to attend, consider volunteering! Please contact Julie Scherer at galaingraceada@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Tickets are being sold through Eventbrite. It's We are nearly 25% sold out, make sure to secure your tickets or table- sales are picking up! We are also looking for sponsorships. If your business is interested in participating, let us know. We would like to include all community members that want to make Modesto shine. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for details and updates (@galaingraceada)

Kristi Ah You

Working hard. Lots of hours. Really excited about the potential of the development of the Tuolumne River Regional Park along the river. Hopeful that the new homeless area under the bridge will provide temporary relief for the homeless issue. Highly recommends Rank security, there are commercial options if you live close to the college area. Really excited about the Awesome Spot and Gala in Graceada.

Many things going on at the city level. She would like to hear from her community about problems and concerns- that is the only way she can know and be your voice at the city council.

Mental illness needs to be addressed at a federal level. Lots of issues. Excited about Laura's Law. Police Patrol in Graceada Park. Kristi sent a message to the Chief of Police to increase patrol in the park.

Rank Security- Steve Rank

Open to more cameras if they are donated. Influx of people after court decision to allow homeless in park. Beard Brook was selected as a designation for homeless. Renewed contract with the city to monitor the parks for four more years. Spoke about problematic people. Been patrolling CANA 7-8 years. Recommends to sign up for Rank (\$25/month) the more people, the more hours we get per week for staffing. More radios. Command center. CANA was the first neighborhood. People are interested in more cameras. Really advanced technology- can track people. We need almost 400 people to sign up to get 24/7 patrol. We have about 220 subscribers. Included in the service are vacation checks, check-in on family members (elderly, diabetics, etc.) Offers funeral security to come watch your home while you're at the wake. Call Rank Investigation and Protections, Inc. 1301 K Street, Suite G, Modesto, CA 95354, 209-526-2025 to request a subscriber application or to ask questions.

St. Stan's – Exciting updates!

We will be having a CANA take over at St Stans on March 20th, begins at 5 pm. Complimentary appetizers, \$5 pints, and a great time to meet cool neighbors over a glass of locally brewed beer. Also! St. Stan's is excited about coming into the heart of the College Neighborhood. They have acquired the silos by MJC and plan on urbanizing and modernizing this space. Get ready for lots of outdoors fun and a great destination when completing your fitness workout along the Virginia corridor! Stay tuned for updates.

Dates to Remember

March 5, Tuesday: Taco Tuesday @ Roseburg Square 5-7. Get your name tag % goes to our neighborhood schools.

March 15, Free Friday Night Futsal @ Graceada Park. Look on Facebook for details.

March 19, Tuesday: Have your neighbors over for a Pizza Night with Bob's Take & Bake in Roseburg Square. Let them know you are with CANA!

March 20, Wednesday: CANA Takeover at St. Stan's starting @ 5 PM. Meet neighbors & Friends, Select \$5 Pints, Complimentary Appetizers, 1028 11st Street, downtown.

May 19, Sunday PorchFest

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: MAY 23, THURSDAY Boy Scout Club House

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