

# CANA Neighbor Meeting Agenda

August 29, 2019 6:00 - 7:30 PM

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

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

## Welcome & Introduction ~60 Attendees

### Updates:

1. **Community Plaza & Playground Enslen Boy Scout Clubhouse** improvements. Phase 1 to be completed this year, mid-October
  - a. Breaking ground THIS upcoming Tuesday! Make sure to come by and check out the progress
  - b. Project to be completed by October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - c. Special thanks to Boyett, Valero, Beard Foundation, City of Modesto Parks and Rec Dept., CANA/Gala in Graceada and all of the Gala donors for making this happen!
2. Last **Sundays in Graceada** is this Labor Day Weekend, Sept 1st.
  - a. Make sure to come check it out. Pilates in the Park with StudioV at 9 AM!
  - b. Special thanks to all the businesses that came out to provide FREE programming to the Modesto community.

**Announcements: Taco Tuesday**, begins again October 1. This school year CANA was able to donate 114 - \$5 Student Incentive Cards from Yogurt Mill and Starbucks to Roosevelt, Enslen & Fremont schools totaling \$570 that we earned from our Taco Tuesdays.

**Bob's Take N Bake**, Remember every third Tuesday. 20% of sales goes to CANA. Let them know you are a part of CANA.

Come support CANA Fundraisers! Get Involved 😊 Let's make our neighborhood shine. Many events and fundraisers currently getting scheduled. Make sure to follow CANA on Facebook, Instagram and read neighborhood emails.

**Events also posted at: [www.canamodesto.org](http://www.canamodesto.org)**

### Guest/s:

**Jody Hayes, CEO Stanislaus County**

Lives in Modesto, has seen a negative change in the community dynamic

**49% of the unsheltered population NATIONWIDE live in California**

**Homelessness is not unique to Modesto**

Trying to focus on prevention of homelessness at this point.

Triaging the current homeless is taking up most of the time- Emergency Shelters for this population are taking the most resources and are just step one for the housing continuum.

Seriously Mentally Ill has additional funding. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ARE KEY

Affordable housing projects guarantee housing for 50 years

Stanislaus Homelessness Alliance (SHA)- Brad Hawn is Chair – thank you Brad!

Three Main issues that SHA wants to address:

1. Shelter/Housing- Increasing housing availability across the spectrum
2. Program Services – mental health/ drug treatment/ job training
3. Community Accountability – Enforcing community standards and reporting... leads back to law enforcement and social service interventions, prosecution. Jody believes that drug programs is key – give people opportunity to repair themselves

**Facilities:** September of last year 9th circuit of appeals out of Boise, ID: homeless cannot be cited for camping if there is not enough LOW BARRIER housing options. Within days of this ruling, camps set up in Graceada Park. Beard Brook was determined to be the location for homeless camps. Originally, very collegial atmosphere. This pleasant atmosphere drastically evolved. 3-4 months later the atmosphere changed. It was unsafe.

MOES was developed with tents set up under the 9th street bridge. The Tuolumne River trust approved this on a temporary basis- tuolumne park must be restored back to its original state by December 31st, 2019. Tons of money, resources (like Rank), and staffing have been spent on this concept. There have been deaths (mostly drug overdoses). All of the kids have been relocated out of MOES as of 3-4 weeks ago.

Currently, Salvation Army partnering up to expand beds at 9th and D street, 182 beds. County services will be available on-site, one stop shop. An individual, Major L, has been very helpful. LOW BARRIER. Another 50+ bed expansion.

Kansas House, is a motel that is being converted to Transitional Housing. Will help with autonomy. Lot's of security. Housing authority will be on-site. 150-200 will be helped at this location at any given time.

MOES Delta: the leftover that will not be housed by housing solutions that are currently in MOES. Having a meeting next month to assess inventory of available housing. Feel confident that there will be enough housing available.

What if the homeless camps come back to Graceada Park? Currently discussing. Assessing cost to keep problematic people in jail.

Another project brewing that will house homeless families. Looking to announce next month.

Empire Migrant Center: field workers leave after summer. County uses these facilities during the winter to house families.

7th /I : feeding and shelter, people shuffle back and forth. Private businesses have given money to improve this situation.

Scenic General Update: county was going to convert a wing for homeless people.

Defined LOW BARRIER housing: housing that accepts partners, pets (domesticated), possessions and problems. Come as you are. Can't drink or do drugs on-site.

**Loveourneighbors.org** has ways you can help and donate to make a true difference in our community.

Second Wednesday of every month in the City Chamber are the homeless meetings.

**Lt. Martha Delgado, MPD Area Commander for the Central District:**

Crime prevention team also present

Neighborhood Statistics – Reviewed, 2018 → 2019 comparison

Robberies (reported)- decreased, likely because of MOES

Assaults (felony- reported) – decreased

Commercial Burglery (reported)- increased, storage facilities increased the states

Residential Burglery (reported) – increased

Vehicle Burglery (reported) – decreased

Stolen Vehicles (reported) – increased, many of these had the keys available

Make sure to report. Use the GoModesto App for non-criminal related issues.

Make sure to actually phone in criminal related activities

Try to monitor Nextdoor app for patterns

Contact Solid waste for dumping to get quicker response

Neighbors have noticed uptick in abandoned animals

Neighbors appreciated the police vehicle by Graceada Park when there was a police monitoring vehicle. Felt like there was actually an increase in bad behavior. Unable to monitor 24/7. There to prevent major assault.

Cameras are ~\$8,000 each unit. Roosevelt and Pike parks have permanent cameras.

**Closing Remarks**

**Thank you for attending! See you at our next general meeting:**

***November 14<sup>th</sup> , 6 PM at the BSCH in Enslen Park***

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**Up-Coming Dates to Remember:**

**Sunday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> : LAST Sundays in Graceada**

**Tuesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> : Bob's Take and Bake Fundraiser – Mention CANA!!**

**Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> : Taco Tuesday from 5-7 pm @ Tacqueria in Roseburg Square**

**November 14<sup>th</sup> , 6 PM CANA Meeting at the BSCH in Enslen Park**

**\*\*\*Additional events in the works!\*\*\***

***Gala in Graceada is set for May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

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