

ROOSEVELT PARK COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM



NEWSLETTER

MEETING THURS, OCTOBER 14TH, 1999
7:00 P.M.

ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY CENTER 901 E. SANTA CLARA STREET
CHILDCARE, REFRESHMENTS, SPANISH TRANSLATION

October, 1999

GANG HOUSES NOT WELCOME

At our Oct. 14th meeting Gang Investigations Unit Sergeant Carlos Paredes will give a 30 minute presentation on what they do and how we can help rid our neighborhood of gangs. Gang members think they own our neighborhood. Let's prove them wrong. Come to the Oct. 14th meeting and find out what can be done to rid our neighborhood of this menace.

RESIDENTS IDENTIFY NUISANCES IN NEIGHBORHOOD

Eighteen Roosevelt neighborhood residents walked the streets with Police Captain Dewey Hosmer and two other officers, Councilmember Cindy Chavez and her Aide Jose Posadas on Saturday, September 11th. Residents pointed out the nuisance houses in our area. The problems created by the occupants include speeding cars, noise, drug traffic, brandishing of weapons, intimidating behavior, and loitering. Although our neighborhood residents have made the police aware of most of these problems, our members stressed how the residents of these homes are a continual problem and are negatively impacting our lives. We hope to see the resolution of these problems in the months ahead. Thanks to all who participated!

NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE NEEDS A REPRESENTATIVE

As a Roosevelt Park resident, you are eligible to represent us on a task force organized by Council Representative Cindy Chavez. She is starting this task force in October to create a neighborhood investment district. The purpose of the force is two fold: 1) To determine if the area is eligible for redevelopment funds, 2) What to do to improve the area if it does become eligible

for funds. For example, what areas to target for high and low density housing, planning issues and strategies. The project will be completed in June, 2000, with meetings held once monthly. If you can be a strong advocate for residents, think creatively, and meet monthly, please consider volunteering for this committee. Speak up at the next meeting or call our voice mail at 435-4658 and someone will call you back.

REPORT FROM THE BLIGHT TO BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

This committee currently consists of: Terilyne Ramadan, Sonia Alvarez, Julio Lucas, Rebecca Hernandez-Ross and Alice Rose Houtz. When was the last time you drove around the Northside neighborhood? Perhaps you noticed that the homes are no different from ours. What's different is that the majority of them are well maintained. It only takes a few blighted homes on a block to give the impression this is a run-down area, an area that scares other San Jose residents from visiting our local businesses and purchasing homes in our neighborhood. What does it mean to have a well maintained home? Maintaining a home means to pick up the trash, provide simple landscaping, paint the home, repair broken windows, and rake leaves. Neighbors have used the city roofing program to install new roofs at a fraction of the original cost. What does the house you live in look like? Do you need neighbors to assist you in cleaning up your property? Are you interested in the various programs the city offers? If you answered yes to these questions, please come to the next meeting. Our committee is aimed to inform people about the programs that the city provides to assist us in making repairs, cleaning up and helping to landscape.

Det Paul Grishman

North - N 14 XIV
14/14/99 1/4

Gang symbols

South - X 3 XIII
1/3 BLUE

Mexican Mafia
13 = M
Red
VNL

SEPTEMBER 9th MEETING SUMMARY

We had another good turn out for this meeting.

Diana Ferguson was thanked for organizing the Neighborhood Clean-up. Discussion included the comment that the system of signing up for the bins made it less hectic, and that next time, we need to further clarify what IS and IS NOT recyclable. We voted to do it again next year. Cristina McClelland, Rebecca Hernandez, Sonia Alvarez and Allen Conrad volunteered to organize it next year and look into additional grant sources. Diana will be an advisor.

Gary Parker was thanked for running off, collating, and distributing the newsletter to the Block Captains. The new newsletter format was approved, dates were set for the next edition and meeting.

Introductions revealed that Frances and Lester Stanley have lived here longest, for 60 years!

Volunteer interim Board Members are: Sonia Alvarez, Allen Conrad, Ted Cunningham, Norma Freitas, Briton Hefty, Michelle Kalish, and Terilyne Ramadan.

The walk-through planned for the following Saturday with Council Member Cindy Chavez was discussed, along with problem houses on San Antonio and South 20th, including whether or not they were "gang houses." Problems on Bulldog Lane were mentioned.

Minutes for the August 12th meeting, in the form of a Newsletter summary, were approved.

Rob Boyles gave a presentation of graffiti, the need for neighbors to clean up immediately, the increased penalties for offenders, and distributed over 20 clean-up kits.

The remaining time was spent with the following committee meetings: litter abatement, tree planting, and blight.

LITTER COMMITTEE CLEAN-UP

The Litter Committee held their first neighborhood pick up on Sunday, Sept. 19th. The volunteers picked up 18 bags of trash between 19th and 21st streets, and between San Fernando and Santa Clara, with heavy concentration on Santa Clara St.

The next pick up is scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 2nd.

If you'd like to volunteer and help

beautify our neighborhood, call the Roosevelt CAT voice mail at 453-4658, or come to the Oct. 14th meeting.

OCT. 14th AGENDA

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Introductions	5
Gang Investigations Unit presentation	30
Committee Reports	10
Announcements and open forum	15
Committee Meetings: Litter Abatement, Tree Planting & Blight	30

For questions or ideas call our voice mail at 453-4658.

Important Announcement

November's meeting will be held the third Thursday, November 18th, as the center is closed November 11th for Veteran's Day. Please plan to attend and vote for new board members.

For those who wish to run for the board, please submit your name at the October 14th meeting or call our voice mail at 453-4658 before October 21st. Board membership can sometimes require a four to five hour a week commitment.

Board candidates are invited to attend our Oct. 21st board meeting. At 7:00 PM Roosevelt Community Center.

Deadline for Nov. newsletter submissions is Oct. 27th.