



6:00 pm Socialize & Order Food *Optional*

6:30 pm Welcome New Attendees

6:35 pm Sacramento Police Department Update and Q&A

- Robberies in North and South Natomas are up dramatically in November. Several arrests have been made so far and more are anticipated. Youngest perpetrators are 13 and 14 years old. Property crimes are down substantially over a year ago.

7:00 pm Sump 17 / San Juan Reservoir

- The facility known as "Sump 17," adjacent to San Juan Reservoir Park near San Juan at Witter Way, has become a magnet for loitering after park closure (sundown), minors loitering after curfew (10 pm), trash, broken bottles, vandalism, gang graffiti, smoking of cigarettes (illegal in all City of Sacramento parks), alcohol consumption, drug use, and sex acts that possibly include prostitution. Three 17-year-old South Natomas residents were arrested on Shrike Circle on November 9 after entering the park after dark and other violations, including driving without a driver license and possession of marijuana.
- Keith met with Brit Irby, Neighborhood Services Division to discuss how the community might be able to participate in a site clean-up and graffiti abatement effort. Brit was successful in arranging the clean-up of broken glass (a safety hazard), cigarette butts, and other trash. A future community clean-up event may be planned sometime in early 2009 that may or may not include Sump 17 specifically.

7:10 pm Witter Ranch Park Field Lights – Petition to City

- The history and background of the field lights at Witter Ranch Park was discussed. The lights were installed in spite of neighborhood objections years ago. Some residents acted independently to work with Parks & Recreation to address issues and won some concessions, but all agreed that while they were steps in the right direction, more needed to be done.
- Witter Ranch Park is believed to be the smallest park in the city that includes field lights. The park is 9 acres but field lights are typically only installed in community parks that are at least 10 acres and include ample parking for people who do not live in the neighborhood.
- A draft of a letter to the director of Parks & Recreation was reviewed. The language was strong but the demands were modest. The consensus of those in attendance is that we redraft the letter with stronger demands, including a complete cessation of the use of the field lights and the ultimate relocation of the lights to another park that is better suited for their use.

7:25 pm Committee Development Ideas



Minutes

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- The following committees were identified for immediate formation: Crime & Safety, Outreach & Communications, and Planning & Development.
- We will seek to identify participants and committee chairs over the next few meetings.

7:50 pm **North Natomas Finance Plan Update**

- Time was short so there wasn't much opportunity to discuss in any detail. The synopsis is that a second public feedback session was held on November 15 at the Natomas Unified School District headquarters.
- City staff and councilperson Ray Tretheway tried to convince the community that the version of the North Natomas Finance Plan – specifically the Fee Program that developers pay into to fund various infrastructure and community amenity projects – is appropriate, but there was a great deal of confusion and questions not answered to the community's satisfaction.
- This situation is expected to continue to develop and the greater community may be asked to weigh in and/or appear before City Council in the weeks and months ahead.

8:00 pm **Adjourn & Socialize** *Optional*

Next Meeting

Monday, December 29, 2008 – 6:30 to 8:00 PM
Arrive at 6 PM to socialize and/or to buy food
Round Table Pizza, 3290 Arena Blvd., Suite 600