



August 12, 2024 - General Meeting
2220 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95816

- **Call to order: 7:05**
- **Consent Agenda** – Mark moved to approve items as presented, seconded by Athol
 - Acceptance of the meeting agenda
 - Approval of the previous meeting minutes
 - Monthly treasury report

- **City Update: Erica DiScala (10 min.)**

Events: A movie night is being held at Crocker Art Museum on August 15 at 7:30 p.m. to celebrate Greta Gerwig with a screening of her film, Lady Bird. The film will be screened in the outdoor courtyard against the Teel Family Pavilion and starts at sundown. Tickets are available at: [Movies Off the Wall: Lady Bird | Crocker Art Museum](#)

Movie Night is being held at Cesar Chavez on August 23rd showing “Kicking and Screaming”. More information is available at: <https://d.docs.live.net/d7450561cc1ee316/Documents/FOCM/Agendas-Minutes/move%20night%20cesar%20chavez%20event%20flyer.pdf>

On August 29th a [Youth Organizing Workshop](#) will be held from 4:30-6:00.

The City Council will be evaluating the use of military equipment by Sac PD before the end of month.

Alex asked whether there is a transition plan between Katie’s office and the new council member taking office in January and was told there was no “formal plan” yet.

The status of the American Market located at the corner of 23rd and N was discussed. The market has a handwritten sign in the window saying it was “temporarily closed” and a garbage can was placed in front of the building. Garbage is now strewn all over the sidewalk. Erica suggested we file a 311-complaint with the City. It was noted that most businesses in the area contribute to the Midtown Business Association who will clean up garbage as part of their “service”. Contact will be made with the Midtown Business Association directly to see if they can clean up garbage at American Market

Homelessness Issues: Following the orders issued by Governor Newsom regarding homelessness encampments, the Sacramento City Manager has changed some of the protocols. For example, prior practice was to provide individuals with 24-hour notice before implementing a cleanup effort. This practice has been changed to now provide campers with a 30-minute notice before removing belongings. The new protocol no longer provides outreach to individuals before clearing an encampment. Sue asked what the protocol was for dealing with “campers” in RVs on the street. Erica wasn’t clear on how that is being handled and would research this issue.

- **Old Business (10 min.)**
 - **Saturday Stoops Event** – September 15, 2024 (Jack)
Notices will be sent to the membership asking for porch volunteers and assistance with planning. Athol and Sue volunteered the use of their porches for this event.



- N Street 311 complaints update (Alex) – no information was available as of today.

- **New Business**

- **Alley Clean Up Postcard** (Alex)

A direct mail postcard has been sent to area residences as part of the grant money provided to FoCM by the City. Anna developed the mailer, and all were happy with the information provided and the professional appearance of the mailer. FoCM's website has been updated with information about the [Alley Clean-up](#) efforts and individuals can sign up to participate or receive email "invites" for future events.

- **Holiday Event Planning/Fundraising** (Alex)

Alex introduced the idea of having a Holiday Potluck in lieu of a FoCM general meeting in December. All supported the idea of having a holiday social event. It was suggested that we consider contacting the Clara to see if they could host. Further discussion and planning will follow.

The Center of Praise (COP) had carolers in front of the Church last year for Christmas. It was suggested that FoCM support their efforts. FoCM has also participated in the COP Trunk or Treat events on Halloween. A representative from FoCM will reach out to COP to identify their plans for upcoming holiday events.

Last year an impromptu Christmas Bake Sale was held as a fundraiser. There has been some discussion of securing a table at the Saturday market to hold a fundraising Bake Sale in December. Kevin is going to approach Midtown Business Association to see if they would sponsor a table for FoCM. At this point we are assessing members' interest in participating and will circulate signup sheets to get commitments on planning/baking for this event.

Final reminders/Good of the Order announcements (5 min)

- FoCM is sponsoring a square at the upcoming **Chalk it Up Event** to be held on Labor Day Weekend (8/30 - 9/1-2). There was discussion about having members present throughout the event to answer any questions about our association. It was also discussed that we are considering making "fans" with information about the organization available to hand out to attendees. FoCM has credit with Vista print that could be used for this effort.
- Crime Stat Data Portals available from Sac PD at [Open Data Portal](#) and [Community Crime Map](#)
- Annual Membership Dues are due: <https://tinyurl.com/pay-focm-dues>

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Up-coming Events

- [Midtown 2nd Saturday Art Walk](#): August 10, 2024
- Alley Clean-up – August 24, 2024 at 9:00. Meet at 22nd and Matsui Alley
- FOCM Board of Directors Meeting: August 26, 2024