

# MAXWELL PARK NCPC – Meeting on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003

## Minutes

**Present:** Jose Dorado (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jan Hetherington (Secretary), Lt Golphin (OPD), Officer Patterson (OPD), Capt Shinn (OPD), Araina Richards, (NSC-OPD), Isaac Lassiter, Alice Leon, Lita Fries, Jim Curtis, Montia Chiles, Alan Hollie, Gloria Jones, Stephen King, Nyere da Silva, Shannon Risse, Michael Risse, Joe Davis, Linda Sol, Darryl Stewart, Desley Brooks, Eddie Christian, +++  
(apologies for any miss-spellings)

**Guest:** None scheduled, but Stephen King from Mills College & Desley Brooks, District 6 Councilperson

**Absent:** Sarah Hipolito (Treasurer)

- **Jose Dorado (Chairperson) welcomed us to the meeting**

- **The Minutes** of the previous 2 meetings were approved.

- **Board Reports**

**Jose** attended Feb 20<sup>th</sup> ‘Oakland Pledge’ meeting of businesses & community. It was organized by the Yemeni Merchants’ Association, who pledged to maintain the health of the community by running their businesses responsibly. They committed to close their businesses between 12M & 7am, not sell fortified alcohol or drug paraphernalia, & work with community leaders.

He also spoke to Austin Cattermole (District Law Corps) who will attend a future meeting.

Other Board items to be addressed during the meeting.

- **Community Policing:**

**Araina Richards** distributed a new tri-fold brochure that the NSCs have put together to describe what they do.

She also mentioned an Earth Day (April 19<sup>th</sup>) project in conjunction with Cortland Creek clean-up, & said that we could also set up another project (see Clean Up committee .....

### **Officers**

Lt Golphin was asked about the proposed NSC move, & informed us that there will be a full presentation to City Council on the first Tuesday in April (April 1<sup>st</sup>) & requested that we attend. Crime stats low again. He warned that some people are getting ‘ripped off’ by so-called contractors who are getting paid & then not completing the work. It often appears to be related to Concrete pouring.

There was a question about the new loitering law & whether it could apply to people ‘hanging out’ in Hot Spot areas. It’s only applicable if drug activity is taking place.

A Yahoo email group is being set up for our Police District, & Lt Golphin asked for our NCPC email addresses.

A Traffic Safety Fair is being held on 3/14, 10am-3pm in Hearing Room 3 in City Hall – Bike/Ped safety.

Officer Patterson mentioned a boat that had been parked on Kingsland & mentioned at previous meeting. He spoke to owner & it has now gone. He is still monitoring 4-way stop signs.

**Community Policing Advisory Board** – Jim Curtis recommended that we spend our allocated NCPC money, especially if NSCs do move to CMO (City Manager’s Office). (A committee was set up to come up with items for the NCPC – Alice Leon, Shannon Risse & Alan Hollie). Jim attended the opening of the Eastmont Mall substation – declared it a wonderful space.

- **‘Unofficial’ GUEST SPEAKER – Stephen King, Public Safety at Mills College.**

Mr. King informed us that Desley Brooks took a ‘walk-about’ to check out the back gate area, safety etc. On April 9<sup>th</sup> 12N, there will be a ‘Disaster Drill’ at Mills.

- **MPNCPC Grant Money**

We have approx \$820 left. It was proposed & moved to create a committee to facilitate spending the money. Alice to solicit volunteers. Shannon Risse & Alan Hollie volunteered (Please contact her at [alice@creativemark.net](mailto:alice@creativemark.net) if you’re interested.)

- **Hotspots**

- a) El Camille – No report
- a) Modesto St – A ‘Notice of Action’ letter to go out, along with further research on status of home.
- b) Rawson – May be some changes coming up.
- c) Rawson 2 – appears to be getting more ‘active’ again – a lot of activity around the first of the month, & many cars parked around.

- **Desley Brooks’s Office**

Desley Brooks & Eddie Christian were both present & Desley addressed the following items:

- a) [www.oaklandnet.com](http://www.oaklandnet.com) is the City site, & you can get to Desley’s page by going to ‘City Officials’, City Council, then to Desley Brooks. There are also link from her page to submit complaints, questions, submit a survey etc.
- b) Mills College – she has been meeting with students, staff & the President to look at ways to engage the college in the community.
- c) Budget cuts- the council needs to look at the ramifications of cuts to City services.
- d) Walgreen’s – they are supposed to do maintenance of the easement, the back triangular piece of land, & were supposed to put up a fence at the back. There are discussions in progress to review the entrances & exits to their parking lot. Walgreen’s needs to be a good neighbor.
- e) “Whistlers” – Desley was instrumental in getting this topic addressed. A ‘Sting’ operation was put in place & several auto shops were visited by undercover cops & citations or warnings were issued. There is a State bill which will be presented to increase the fines. We can take a field trip to Sacto to voice our opinions about the obnoxiousness of the whistlers. Contact Desley Brooks’s office for details.
- f) Redistricting. Support Brooks map (see email sent out a few days ago). Bring commercial ‘anchor’ back to district 6. Also keep our NCPC in district 6 – don’t split it. Go to Desley’s page on [oaklandnet.com](http://oaklandnet.com) to see the maps.

- **COMMITTEES**

- **CORE/MPERT**

Interest in re-vitalising this group & perhaps working with Steve at Mills. Contact Alice to get info on Core trainings. Also on 4/20 there is a County training

- **'Clean Up'**

Jan has received a permit from Cal Trans for the 'Adopt A Highway' program. Please Note: this is to cover Redding from High Street to Birdsall, **NOT** the freeway. We are hoping to coordinate with 'Earth Day' to have an official project, to start the clean-up process on April 19<sup>th</sup>, & perhaps incorporate some planting too. We will get a training from Cal Trans on safety, & as part of this program we will get vests, hats etc. This could be a fun opportunity to show our neighbors & our neighborhood that we CARE about how we look, that trash & weeds aren't tolerable.

- **P.A.C. Report**

Joe reviewed the history of this project, & announced that after discussions with Desley's office & the Development staff, that it would be appropriate for MPNCPC to resign from the PAC to allow a community group that is more directly affected by this project. (Our NCPC is outside the project boundaries.) This issue was proposed to NCPC & moved. A letter was submitted to Desley. Joe expressed his enthusiasm for the project & offered to be available as transitions took place.

- **Next Meeting - Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003, at the Sherman School.**
- **Jan Hetherington, Secretary**
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