

MAXWELL PARK NCPC – Meeting on Wednesday, November 12th, 2003

Minutes

Present: Jose Dorado (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jan Hetherington (Secretary), Sarah Hipolito Steven King, Araina Richards (NSC-OPD), Arturo Sanchez (Jean Quan's Office), Jim Curtis, Montia Chiles, Lori Head, Kelly & Peter Hartlaub, Susanne Perkins, Alice Leon, Helen da Silva, Joe Davis, Linda Wood, Adam & Anne Leache, Celia Swing, Onoretta Johnson, Ashwin Sundak, PSO Kurt Madison (OPD), PSO Ben Johnson (OPD), Betsy Sergeant, Sinikee Borden, Adrian Kirk, Teri Hawkins, Moe Hackett, Rachel Levine, Pat Patterson, Paula (with apologies for any misspellings)

Guest: Pat Patterson from the Allendale Street Home Alert group.

Board Absent: None

- **Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us to the meeting.**

- **The Minutes** of the previous meeting were approved. Jan announced again that she would print up fewer copies of minutes as they are emailed out. (Save paper). Please bring your copy to the next meeting.

- The concept of our **Networking Opportunities** section of our meeting was described again. It's an opportunity for neighbors with a problem to meet others who have experienced a similar situation. One can also get committee information, meet your police officers & council members or their reps.

- **COMMITTEES**

CORE – Alice (Leon) announced that she had received 'thank you' letters from the elementary schools in Maxwell Park to whom we have given earthquake with our NCPC funding. Looking for some new members to help reactivate.

CLEAN/UP – We have a big project this coming weekend – planting along the Redding Street strip, & mulch spreading along the strip & triangle. We have 'Adopt a Highway' & 'Adopt A Spot' projects. High school kids (through Parks & Rec) will be helping us on Saturday. Maxwell Park also has the 'Maxwell Park Garden & Social Club' which meets regularly. Members will be helping on Saturday. Contact Colette Simmons at cmsimmons45@msn.com

NOTE: 'Clean Ups' are an important part of crime prevention. A well-cared for & attended neighborhood is less likely to attract vandalism & petty crime.

- **GUEST SPEAKER**

Pat Patterson from the Allendale Street 'Home Alert' Group. Pat described the steps they went through to set up their 80-household, 3 block-long group, from initially contacting immediate neighbors, to reaching out to everyone. They have fairly regular meetings, activities ranging from block parties, to Garden walks, to 'Welcome Wagons' for newcomers.

Pat prepared a great handout with the timeline of how they got started, steps they went through to get where they are now, & ideas about what works & what could use improvement. Contact Pat at 533-0680, or pmacp@aol.com for a copy.

- **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Desley Brooks – no rep

Jean Quan – Arturo Sanchez spoke for Jean’s office.

- a) The High/Virginia spot seems to be a little quieter.
- b) The ‘Homeless Guy’ is known about, but police can’t pick him & detain him under ‘mental health’ issues????***** What are other options ????
- c) The BBQ truck has been warned but has reappeared. He risks losing all his food under Health regs
- d) The Boys & Girls Club on High Street (next to the Fire Station) is scheduled to open in early January.

- **Community Policing**

Araina Richards our NSC, announced:

- a) City closings – November 26, 27, 28 December 25, 26 January 1, 2, 19
- b) We have been allocated NCPC funding of \$877, which we need to spend on items for NCPC group, Maxwell Park etc.
- c) The Police/City has Thanksgiving baskets to give to needy families. Let Araina know if you know of anyone.
- d) NSCs have taken their ‘ticket writing’ classes – now they are waiting to be ‘sworn in’.
- e) Truancy – apparently our PSA5 district has lowest truancy rates in City. W. Oakland has highest.

Problem Solving Officers Johnson & Madison distributed crime stats. There was a spike in a couple of neighborhoods. The PSO’s are now ‘specialized units’ which will be locked in to a neighborhood for 6 years. We look forward to seeing them regularly. PSO Johnson’s number is 750-4584.
You can contact him if you see the BBQ truck in operation.

- **Hotspots**

- a) El Camile – no report
- b) Sideshow – no “large” activity (though certainly more localized)
- c) New Item – Church on Madera at Walnut – no report.
- d) **Chazarus Hill, Jr.** We’re trying to get some Social Service people to come to a meeting. Awaiting info.

- **OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) We will hold officer elections next month, so please submit your interest to Jose Dorado at 567-1013, or jdorado@sbcglobal.net
- b) The Allendale district is holding ‘Burglary 101 prevention’ on Saturday, November 15
- c) Alice asked that we bring a non-perishable food item to our December meeting & she will drop them off at a food collection point.

- **Next Meeting - Wed, December 10th, 2003, at MILLS COLLEGE, 7 – 8:30pm**

- **Jan Hetherington, Secretary**

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