

# MAXWELL PARK NCPC – Meeting on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004

## Minutes

**Present:** Jose Dorado (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jan Hetherington (Secretary), Jeremy Gluskin (Treasurer), Council Member Jean Quan (District 4), Arturo Sanchez (Jean Quan's Office), Claudia Jimenez (Jean Quan's Office), Officer Madison (OPD), Officer Johnson (OPD), Araina Richards OPD–NSC), Jim Curtis, Sarah Hipolito, April Ellis, Colette Simmons, Whitney Nelson, Joe Davis, Isaac Lassiter, Alice Leon, Helen da Silva, Lynne Wilkins, Darryl Stewart, Montia Chiles, Patricia Mann, Robert Nongauza (with apologies for any misspellings)

**Guest:** Gary Thompson & Barbara L Muriera from ICPC, Alameda County.

**Board Absent:** None

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

- Minutes for December & January were approved.

- **COMMITTEES**

**CORE** – Alice Leon announced that a CORE 1 training was held, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, at Jean Quan's office, 4173 MacArthur. It was sponsored by MPNCPC & facilitated by Linda Wong. We would like to see a regular monthly CORE 1 training.

There will be a 4 hour free CPR training put on by Red Cross, at Patton College (on Coolidge), on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Alice will email the info out. Sherman school has requested a bullhorn for their safety preparedness – could come from NCPC funding

**CLEAN/UP** – A Cleanup/Weeding/Mulching/trash pickup was done on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for all who turned out. The plants are thriving, & trash is down. Planning will go ahead for the planting of drought tolerant plants for the 'Spot'. Earth Day in Oakland is April 24<sup>th</sup>, & we will be working here again. ALSO, are there other locations that we can adopt for Earth Day, & then continue ..... such as the Pierson Street/MacArthur freeway off-ramp. Contact Jan for more info, or to volunteer.

Public Works has come up with a solution to the 'No-Left' turn out of Walgreen's. They will be installing 6" high concrete blocks along the middle of the road to make it 'more uncomfortable' to turn left. The manager has also agreed to repaint the arrow to make it a right pointing direction..

- **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Desley Brooks** – no rep

**Jean Quan** – Jean addressed the following issues:

- 1) Local heroes will be honored on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>. Winners will receive \$1000 towards their projects. Our NCPC is up for an honor.
- 2) The new head of Public Works lives fairly close & is very responsive to community concerns.
- 3) Her office is looking at the whole traffic situation in Maxwell Park – speed bumps etc etc
- 4) Support the libraries – provide internet access, after school programs.
- 5) EARTH DAY – hoping for up to 20 projects in District 4. She'll do a poster of all projects.

- 6) Jean also announced that Arturo Sanchez was leaving her office to go to a new dept in the City Manager's office, where he will be working on coordinating projects around Blight properties. His replacement is Claudia Jimenez. Welcome (They arrived at end of meeting as they needed to attend several meeting this evening).

- **GUEST SPEAKERS**

- a) **Colette Simmons & April Ellis** – the Community Mural project.

Fliers were distributed & the highlights of a planned new & exciting Mural Project that will hopefully be painted on the retaining wall, next to Redding (the beautification project), opposite Walgreen's. There will be a meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at World Grounds coffee shop on MacArthur, to explore the information that could be gathered (historical), how to involve children/schools etc., bring in artists etc etc

**ED NOTE:** Meeting has been changed to Jean Quan's Laurel Office, 4173 MacArthur, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl

- b) **Gary Thompson & Barbara Loza-Muriera**, from Interagency Children's Policy Council, Alameda County

An intense presentation on the exploitation of children, particularly runaways, who are getting into prostitution, & being pimped by younger & younger men/boys. No longer 'classic' pimps – if you see 'boys' hanging on corners, or in stationary cars, on cell phones ..... could be involved in prostitution. When a kid runs away, they will be approached within 48hrs, with a view to 'hooking' them in !!! Most girls (or boys) who become prostitutes have themselves been abused. For more detailed information, contact Gary.Thompson@acgov.org.

Jose asked how we can be involved – set up forums with schools, n'hood kids .....

- **Community Policing**

**Araina Richards**, our NSC, announced that Lt Gibson would be setting up a new PSA5 Yahoo group. By getting added to the group we can receive info & 'chat' about crime issues. The group will be 'moderated' – ie emails are 'vetted'.

There was a mass towing of abandoned cars from the previous Sat through today. Over 800 cars towed (could have taken more – ran out of storage).

There was discussion about an MP house that appears to have 19 cars linked to it ..... Cars are supposed to be moved every 75 hours. Araina to look into it.

NCPC money (\$500) to be spent.

**Officer Madison** (with ref to the prostitution problem) said to watch for kids hanging out at bus stops, & cars driving by, checking them out. Call your PSO's if you're suspicious.

- **Hotspots**

- a) Modesto – Chaz Hill Jr. pled 'not guilty' at a Feb 26<sup>th</sup> pre-trial hearing. Trial probably in summer
- b) New Item – Church on Madera. No report. Remove from agenda.

- **OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) Valentine's breakfast on Sat Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 8am-12noon, at Mills Grove church, Fleming at Birdsall.
- b) Darryl Stewart, from Nate Miley's office, asked for support for an extra 1/2 cent sales tax to help cover the medically uninsured.
- c) The Mills Grove 'condo' project seems to be back in the picture.. Contact Robert for more info.

- **Next Meeting - Wed, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004, at MILLS COLLEGE, 7 – 8:30pm**

- **Jan Hetherington, Secretary**

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