

MAXWELL PARK NC – Meeting on Wednesday, Sep 8th, 2004

Minutes

Present: Jose Dorado (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jan Hetherington (Secretary), Jeremy Gluskin (Treasurer), Mica Miro (Desley Brooks' office), Richard Cowan (Jean Quan's office), Araina Richards (OPD), Kitty Nix, Officer Patterson (OPD), Sarah Hipolito, Joe Davis, Montia Chiles, Joelle Fraser, Tracy Almeida, Helen da Silva, Nommi Alouf, Judy Solis, Julie Duff, Alice Leon, Mary Washington, Martin & Susan Scolnick, Pat Patterson, Gary Busboom, Kate Phillips, Daria Schwarzschild, Jeanne Rose, Linda Sol, Mona Thaler, Trish Roque (with apologies for any misspellings)

Guests: None

Board Absent: None

- **Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us to the meeting.**
- Minutes for August were approved.
- 'Networking Opportunities' as a concept was explained. (i.e. Continue discussions after formal meeting).
- **GUEST SPEAKER** – No guest
- **N.A.T. REPORTS**

NAT1 – Traffic – Martin Scolnick

1. Sent the phone number and address of the City Traffic Engineer to members of the traffic NAT.
2. Described the requirements for speed bumps.
3. Drove around the neighborhood where Teresa (Maxwell Avenue) wanted traffic signs.
4. Concluded that it would be better for Teresa to get people on her block involved than for me and other "outsiders" to canvass the block for signatures.
5. Concluded that, especially for local traffic issues, our first priority should be to get more neighbors involved and that I should ask the existing members of the traffic NAT to get them to attend our monthly meetings.

NAT2 – Drugs/Crime - Susan Scolnick

1. We decided to get in touch with Grace Neufeld of Neighborhood Solutions, Inc. for advice on proactive actions.
2. This contact has been made and Susan will draft an outline of a flyer which will be delivered in the neighborhood indicating what actions people can take when observing suspicious activities. This flyer will be checked and edited by Ms. Neufeld before it goes back before the Maxwell Park NCPC for approval.
3. Susan will also get in touch with Araina Richards regarding offering help in extracting accurate crime statistics for our area.

NAT3 – B 'n' B - Nommi Alouf

1. A Maxwell Park sidewalk tree planting campaign is being planned. Flyers have been designed with Nommi's name as contact person, so all forms can be collected & submitted as one batch.
2. Jan is adding the Redding 'Adopt' projects to the NAT. Irrigation line was installed along Redding Street, water being supplied by Cal Trans.
3. KOB is sponsoring a 25,000 daffodil planting campaign. We need more groups to volunteer.

4. Mural project committee will meet soon.
5. Also a 'Blight' survey will be done throughout Maxwell Park for information – we will look to see if there are any items we can act upon.

NAT4 – Community Outreach - Helen da Silva

1. Discussion re our "mission" as the Community Building NAT. It was decided that Jose would write a "Mission Statement" outlining our goals/mission for the Community Building NAT.
2. We held an extensive discussion regarding potential youth-involvement in our MPNC and how we might reach out to them and listen to their ideas for helping to make our community a better place.
3. An in-depth discussion was also held as to how we can further involve/reach out to the diverse population in our community and get a larger participation in our meetings, walks, etc.
4. Last, but not least, we discussed our commitment to a "Big Block Party" at Mills College to include not just Maxwell Park residents, but all our surrounding neighborhoods/NCPCs

- **COMMITTEES**

CORE/MPERT – Nothing to report

WALKS - Continuing to be successful. A question was raised re: follow-up from question given to Chief Word on the WALK he attended. Araina said to contact Pete Sarna at OPD.

Neighborhood Schools – A 'Clean Up' day was held on 8/28, at Elizabeth Sherman school, prior to school starting, to clear ivy & prepare ground for veggie planting. Planter boxes on the back were weeded & prepped also. Plant donations were received.

- **GUEST SPEAKER** – no guest

- **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Desley Brooks – Mica Miro represented Desley Brooks.

- 1) Traffic Calmers – plants will be going in – Birdsall/Morcom & Kingsland/Brookdale

Jean Quan – Richard Cowan for Jean Quan.

- 1) Jean in China, nothing else to report.

Darryl Stewart – from **Supvr Nate Miley's** Office – not present

- **COMMUNITY POLICING**

Officer Greg Patterson warned again about keeping windows & doors closed!! Walgreen's was robbed last week

Araina Richards, NSC, the NSCs now have a supervisor (Claudia Albano - working out of City Admin office) who will start on 9/27. OPD (civilians) have been hit by layoffs. 'Abandoned car' pickup people have been reduced from 8 to 2, & Litter Enforcement Officers have been reduced from 8 to 4.

The next 'Quality of Life' day is 9/9. Send issues to Araina by 10/2 for next day.

It was suggested by the membership that Mayor Brown be invited to a meeting to address 'Quality of Life' issues.

Araina went to DC last month for a community policing conference. Lots of info, given to Jose for perusal.

- **HOTSPOTS**

- a) El Camile – Blight issues reported by Gary Busboom, some car thefts, otherwise quiet.

b) Virginia Avenue Church – No report.

- **NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) Chief Word met again with the Board, to continue discussing the communication issues between OPD & communities.

- b) Allendale Avenue is having a block garage sale on Oct 2nd.

- **Next Meeting - Wed, October 13th, 2004, at MILLS COLLEGE, 7 – 8:30pm**

- **Jan Hetherington, Secretary**

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