

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

Held at Mills College, Student Lounge

Minutes

Present: Jose Dorado (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jan Hetherington, Jeremy Gluskin (Treasurer), Adelle Foley, Adrian Kirk, Al Chrappetta, Alice Ross Leon, Amanda Varela, Anna Saulala, Barbara Korth, Cheryl Wilson, Dan Brown, Daria Schwarzschild, Gregg Brown, Helen da Silva, Hoa Lu, Jane Friedman, Jeanne Rose, Joe Davis, Joel Davel, Johnny Russell, Jonah Weber, Krista Gulbransen, Malia Saulala, Marquita Booth, Mike Risse, Mireille Edwards, Pat Thomas, Rachel Michaelson, Sarah Hipolito, Shannon Risse, Stan Korth, Claudia Jimenez (Jean Quan's Office), Jean Quan, Pamela Drake (Desley Brooks' office), Darryl Stewart (Nate Miley's Office), Officer Patterson, Officer Bolton (apologies for any misspellings)

See end for contact information

Guests: None

Board Absent: None

- **Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us to the meeting** & invited all members to introduce themselves
- Minutes for November were approved.
- 'Networking Opportunities' as a concept was explained. (i.e. Continue discussions after formal meeting) & introduced Guidelines for the meeting.
- **N.A.T. (Neighborhood Action Team) REPORTS**

NAT1 – Traffic – Pat Kelly

No report

NAT2 – Drugs/Crime - Susan Scolnick

Susan apologized for her unavoidable absence. Jan presented her report.

Brainstorming session held on 12/2. (Next session on Jan 4th, 7pm). The group decided to act on :

1. Look into camera surveillance systems
2. Further analysis of crime stats to look for patterns.
3. Look into vol. discount for getting 'Club' or something similar.
4. Get info on disabling mechanisms for cars.
5. Contacting local high Schools re: student involvement in MPNC.
6. Contact minister at Lutheran Church on Virginia to include him in our discussions & activities.

See addendum at end for full report.

Other – Jose presented a document (prepared by Susan) at a community meeting at City Hall re: requirements for a Police Chief; neighbors around High/Virginia not seeing so much 'activity'; Susan is talking to Araina about getting a police artist sketch of boys who held a neighbor up at gunpoint early December, on Fleming.

NAT3 – B ‘n’ B - Nommi Alouf

Nommi apologized for her absence – a previous commitment of carol singing along Allendale Avenue. Jan presented her report.

1. 184 tree apps in – street inspections should start soon.
2. Nommi will contact applicants with more info once inspections have been done.
3. Daffodil plantings were done at Maxwell Park & Maxwell School on Nov 13th
4. Daffodil plantings & further landscaping was done at the Courtland Adopt triangle on Nov 20th, aided by almost 30 volunteers from ‘Service for Peace’. We also had donations from Walgreen’s (water), Razzo’s Pizza (pizza) & Full House Café (Coffee cake).

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NAT4 – Community Outreach - Helen da Silva

1. A meeting was held to look at more aspects of the Mega Block Party being planned for next year.

● **COMMITTEES**

CORE/MPERT – No report

WALKS – No further report – Saturday WALKs still happening.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS – The Garden & Social Club organized a work day on November 13th at Sherman School, & more work was done in the gardens.

● **GUEST SPEAKER** – None

● **COUNCIL MEMBERS/COUNTY SUPERVISOR**

Desley Brooks – Pamela Drake represented Desley Brooks.

1. Pamela is at the office in Eastmont Mall on Mon, Wed, & Thurs from 12-6. Her number is 777-8427.
2. Desley Brooks’ next Town Hall meeting will be January 8th.

Claudia Jimenez for Jean Quan

1. Traffic – an aerial map currently being prepared which will show all the current traffic calmers. This will be a very useful tool for the Traffic NAT. It should be available very soon.
2. Retaining wall on Fleming by Maxwell School damaged – a neighbor or called it in & Jean’s office working with OUSD to fix it.
3. Tree applications. Jean’s office is tracking these to make sure they have high priority. This may be the largest group submission ever.
4. M&W Market on High & Fairfax is being monitored & “Conditional Uses” are being worked one with ABC, ABAT e.g. no alcohol sales after 10pm, extra garbage pickups etc.
5. Pedestrian Safety near the Boys & Girls Club on High Street is an issue. The office is also working with the Allendale NCPC.
6. There is an event at Chabot Observatory on Friday, Dec 10th. MPNC members are invited to attend to & grab one of the last chances to see the Dragon Skies exhibit.

Supvr Nate Miley’s Office – Darryl Stewart for Nate Miley.

1. Their office is doing follow up regarding a Mills student who needs ‘family assistance’ (email sent out to the email group earlier outlining her situation).
2. There will be a Town Hall meeting to look at issue of casinos in Oakland. Miley’s office opposes.

● **COMMUNITY POLICING**

1. Araina Richards (NSC) was out sick – no crime stats available. Officers Patterson & Bolton present.

2. There was discussion about the 5 cars that were parked on Brookdale, for sale. There is apparently a case in court right now & so cops may not be able to actually ticket at this time.
3. There appear to have been more car thefts along the Courtland corridor lately. Though 90% of stolen cars are recovered within 72 hours.
4. It is hoped that the (new) crime stats system will be able to provide more information.
5. Don't forget to call in suspicious activities.

CPAB – no report.

● **HOTSPOTS**

1. Virginia Avenue Church – A meeting held last night with the neighbors, Jean Quan's office & officials from the church. It is planned to hold others in Jan & Feb. A church member suggested forming a 'joint' Home Alert group.
2. High/Virginia – keep monitoring, & call in drug activity. 238-DRUG & 777-3333. May be quieter ??

● **NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Jose wrote a letter to Jerry Brown to invite him to attend our January meeting. He is not available, Jose will continue to request he attend a meeting in 2005.
- Al's Liquor store – (the 'ugliest' in Oakland). Please sign online petition &/or go to City Hall on Dec 15th to make sure this store stays closed.
- Jean Quan announced that she is interviewing prospective members for the Measure 'Y' oversight committee.
- Jan announced that our Web site is almost ready & hope to have it live very soon. There will also be a page where neighbors may be able to 'advertise' their businesses for a minimal fee (\$20, or a little more, per year). This will help raise funds for the MPNC & community.
(<http://maxwellparknc.com>)
- Krista at metroadvertising@yahoo.com will coordinate the 'classifieds' that we will put out on the MP email group each week. Send your info to Krista.
- Jim G. interested in circulating a petition to get more police services in our n'hood.
- Adelle announced the opening of the new Thai restaurant on MacArthur in the Laurel.
- Alice announced the new commemorative calendars for the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, designed by Creativemark.

Next Meeting - Wed, January 12th, 2005, at MILLS COLLEGE, 7 – 8:30pm

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CRIME – NAT report

Crime Prevention NAT, Susan & Marty Scolnick, co-chairs, Dec 8, 2004. Next meeting of will be Jan 4, 2005.

1. Susan and Marty Scolnick hosted a brainstorming meeting on December 2. The group decided to take on five activities:
 - a. Finding out about the possibility of setting up camera surveillance systems for areas experiencing car break-ins and thefts
 - b. Doing additional analysis of available crime statistics to try to find patterns that would lead to intensified surveillance of “hot spots”.
 - c. Looking into getting a volume discount for buying large numbers of “The Club” for preventing ease of stealing cars.
 - d. Finding information on purchasing and installing disabling mechanisms for cars
 - e. Getting in touch with local high schools to see if we can get high school students to attend our MPCC meetings
 - f. Contacting the minister at the Lutheran Church on Virginia Street to include him in our community and activities
2. Susan prepared a document listing desirable characteristics of a police chief that Jose Dorado presented at the meeting seeking in-put from the community regarding finding a chief.
3. A proposal was made last month to find a dance teacher for the Boys and Girls Club on High Street using funding ascertained from drug forfeiture moneys. We haven’t heard from Mirabel Corral or the dance teacher about this yet. Follow-up is being done.
4. Communication from neighbors around the Virginia/High St. intersection indicates that they haven’t noticed much drug activity lately. It may have moved further up High St.
5. Susan put in a call to Araina Richards regarding getting a composite sketch prepared by a police artist of the boys who held up one of our neighbors at gun point. This sketch could be posted around the neighborhood.

B ‘n’ B– NAT report

B ‘n B NAT, Nommi Alouf, Chair, November 11, 2004

1. We have 184 tree applications being processed.

As of today (12/6), the City tree office says they will be inspecting all our requests this week and next. (They were set back in November due to vacation schedules and illness of their staff.)

Following the inspections, those approved will get a white dot painted on the curb where their tree will be planted (location determined by the City). The City will tell Nommi which houses were approved, and which were not, and what species have been selected. The City will plant the trees in two waves: first all those who have open ground. Second, after the concrete is cut open for those folks with concrete (buys us some more time to finish that process).

Nommi will email (or phone) the tree applicants with info after the inspections are complete.
2. The City tree office has a pile of soil in their yard FREE for the taking (unless someone beats us to it), which we'll need volunteers with a pick up, wheelbarrows, and shovels to help get. We'll need to use this soil to "back-fill" the wells left behind when concrete is cut. The soil needs to be brought up to the same level as the sidewalk.
3. **DAFFODIL Planting projects**
Courtland/Redding – 11/20

22 volunteers from n’hood, 30 from Service for Peace & 7 kids from B&G Club
Donations from: Full House Café (coffee cake), Razzo’s Pizza, Walgreen’s (water)
400 daffs, many plants !!!! 2 oak trees as memorials for Cha Cha Hill & Jim Ballay.

Maxwell Park Planting – 11/13

The Allendale Ave Home Alert group will dedicate its oak tree (to be planted in Maxwell Park) to neighbor Kay O'Bryan who died tragically in late October. They planted 200 daffs in MP.

Maxwell School Planting – 11/13

150 bulbs planted