

# MAXWELL PARK NC – Meeting on Wednesday, Feb 9th, 2005

Held at Mills College, Lucy Stern Hall, Room 107

## Minutes

**Present:** Jose Dorado (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jan Hetherington (Secretary), Jeremy Gluskin (Treasurer), Ada Washington, Adelle Foley, Anna Saulala, Clifton Davis, George Gasper, Gregg Brown, Joe Davis, Joel Darel, Karin Milliman, Kevin Sutton, Kim Mugg, Krista Gulbransen, Malia Saulala, Martin Scolnick, Mary Brown, Mary Davis, Miki Morimoto, Montia Chiles, Nommi Alouf, Sarah Hipolito, Shirley Burton, Susan Scolnick, (NSC-OPD), Officers Ausmus, McNeely, Pierce, Barangan, Claudia Jimenez (Jean Quan's Office), Pamela Drake (Desley Brooks' Office) (apologies for any misspellings)

**Guests:** None

**Board Absent:** None

- **Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us to the meeting** & invited all members to introduce themselves, including 4 police officers new to our beat.

- Minutes for January were approved.

- **N.A.T. (Neighborhood Action Team) REPORTS**

**NAT1 – Traffic – Pat Kelly**

No report

**NAT2 – Drugs/Crime - Susan Scolnick**

Martin Solnick presented, see addendum at end for report.

**NAT3 – B ‘n’ B - Nommi Alouf**

Nommi Alouf presented, see addendum at end for report.

**NAT4 – Community Outreach - Helen da Silva**

Krista Gulbransen presented, see addendum at end for report.

- **COMMITTEES**

CORE/MPERT – No new report. Go to CORE site for full schedule of trainings, or check out the Calendar on MPNCPC yahoo groups site.

<http://oaklandnet.com/fire/core/schedule.html>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MPNCPC/> (need a Yahoo ID to access this web site)

WALKS – No further report – Saturday WALKs still happening.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS – No report.

- **GUEST SPEAKER** – None

- **COUNCIL MEMBERS/COUNTY SUPERVISOR**

**Jean Quan's Office – Claudia Jimenez** represented Jean Quan

1. Local Heroes will be recognized on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 10-12N, at the local office on MacArthur. Maxwell Park has 3 nominees – Nommi Alouf (BnB NAT – sidewalk trees), Walter Williams (initiated Neighborhood Walks), Jim Ballay – ‘Good Neighbor’ – killed on MacArthur in September.

2. Their office is meeting with Transportation Services on Friday to discuss High Street & traffic safety, particularly with regard to kids, B & G Club etc. Any ideas ??
3. The aerial traffic map for Maxwell Park should be ready. Helpful for planning traffic calmers etc to achieve a sense of consistency throughout the district.
4. The problems appear to be getting reduced at the Virginia Avenue/Knowland Church. A good example of community cooperation.

**Desley Brooks' Office** – Pamela Drake represented Desley Brooks.

1. Townhall Meeting at Frick school, 2845 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue, on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>, 10-12N. The new OPD Chief (Tucker) will be a guest.
2. A project with Girls, Inc in Concordia Park – planning meeting to be held next week. Contact Pamela 777-8427 for details.

**Supvr Nate Miley's Office** – No representative.

- **COMMUNITY POLICING – Araina Richards, NSC; Officers**

1. Officer Patterson will be staying with our Beat. We also met 4 new officers for our Beat. Officers Ausmus, McNeely, Pierce, Barangan. Welcome.
2. We have a 2<sup>nd</sup> PSO (Problem Solving Officer) – Randy Wingate – 750-4585. Officer Ron Johnson's number is 750-4584. Hours are Mo-Th – 12N-10pm
3. Earth Day coming up (April 23<sup>rd</sup>)
4. We have \$550 to spend – Hurry!!!
5. Officers present mentioned a serial burglar along MacArthur/61<sup>st</sup>, 63<sup>rd</sup> area. Going in through old ki. Windows, late afternoon. We were reminded to protect our documents – get a safe. Also get wheel locks for car wheels. Also suggested that we should carry registration with us, not leave in car anymore ....
6. Traffic Officer is monitoring various intersections in Maxwell Park, including the off ramp from 580 to High street (Left Turn yield sign off ramp)

**CPAB** – no report.

- **HOTSPOTS**

1. Virginia Ave – Things are working out better with the Church community. (see Claudia's report)
2. High/Virginia – Possibly going to be a store/restaurant there. People have heard ice-cream/Mexican ...
3. Owner of 3150 High Street presented problem issues around his building, asked for community help, if this could become a 'Hotspot'. It has been suggested that the whole of High Street could be a 'HotSpot'.
4. Maxwell Park itself has been getting graffiti. Allendale Ave residents & Crime NAT to meet.

- **NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Rev Gregg Brown, from Lutheran Church on Virginia/Courtland has been meeting with Maribel Corral from B&G Club, & Marty & Susan Scolnick from Crime NAT. He would like to do a presentation at a future meeting.
2. Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – Sweetheart breakfast at Mills Grove Church, 10-12N
3. A new set of bylaws has been created. It is hoped that we will have nominations for positions in March & elections in April.
4. Joe Davis announced that the Melrose library has computers for the neighborhood to use, if they do not have their own.
5. Jose said that the Board met with Deputy Chief Holland to continue conversations that we had had with former Chief Word.

**Next Meeting - Wed, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at MILLS COLLEGE, 7 – 8:30pm**

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## **CRIME – NAT report**

Crime Prevention NAT, Susan & Marty Scolnick, co-chairs

- 1) Followed up several times with Maribel Corral at B&G Club re: dance teacher who was interested in teaching at the Club using Drug forfeiture money. No contact from the teacher, so this has been dropped.
- 2) Araina Richards has been unable to get in touch with the neighbor who was held up in gunpoint in December, re: using a sketch artist. This effort will be dropped.
- 3) Marty met with Rev. Brown & Maribel Corral & is planning top work with them on various

## **B 'n' B– NAT report**

B 'n B NAT, Nommi Alouf, Chair, meeting on Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005

### **A. PROCESS FOR BLIGHT**

We agreed to begin our blight response with tackling one property as a "case study". It's a property with a garage cut into a hillside, whose wall looks like it could collapse

#### **TO DO NOW, RE: BLIGHT PROCESS:**

- 1) We need to get list of resources if owner shows intent/desire to fix problem but is financially not able to (sick, elderly).
- 2) Get letters started. Need "boiler plates" first. Then amend for each case.
- 3) Need to create a process for our responses to MP neighbors who email us w/ a blight issue. We can't do more than one at a time. Put them on a waiting list? Tell them what they can do themselves? (TABLE TO FUTURE NAT MEETING).

### **B. TREE UPDATE**

Results of City's inspections:

TOTAL NUMBER OF \*\*HOUSES\*\*: Of 194 requests (not counting the 2 schools), there are 152 houses that were approved (86 houses w/ open ground, and 66 houses that have to have concrete cut). There are 42 houses that were declined.

TOTAL NUMBER OF \*\*TREES\*\*:

a grand total of 195 new trees for our neighborhood!

We are working out details with the contractor to do the cuts, as well as talking to Jean and Desley about helping us offset cost of the school cuts (in full) and homes (probably not in full).

### **C. PIERSON/MAC LANDSCAPING**

We are designing a landscape plan for the piece of Cal-Trans property near the 76 station (Mac at Pierson, opposite Mills). We plan to contact representatives at Mills College to get involved with this project.

#### **D. REDDING TRIANGLE.**

Jan said no report, but needs to schedule another litter pick up day.

#### **E. Litter.**

Walter found out that litter bins are only for commercial districts. Nommi said we should still push for bins near schools, and in the Park. Jan emailed Felicia at Keep Oakland Beautiful about this. She'll follow up. Maybe we can get help from our Councilmembers? We propose that the weekly walks always be a litter pick up day. Walter said that we can also organize a big clean up day (WE SHOULD DO THIS). Maybe do this along MacArthur or High Street?

#### **F. Sidewalks.**

Jim would like input on what curb cuts to propose to the City. This was tabled to a further meeting, or to discuss via email. We still need to decide next step. We don't have the resources as a Committee to help people address problems like getting sidewalk citations from the City.

#### **H. Wish list!**

Mona really really would like us to work on getting LIGHTS in the PARK. Here, here... there's our "next" project!

### **COMMUNITY NAT report**

Community Outreach NAT, Helen da Silva, Chair, meeting on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005

The NAT group met Feb. 8 to discuss the project we are giving the most of our focus to---a Community Block Party. We hope to hold it at Mills although they are a bit reticent to have it here given all the logistics. Jose and I are working to find people within the Mills community that will support our event, which we hope to have in September or October. Right now, we are hoping for a September 17th date.

It will be a large party for neighborhood families and will include dance performances, a Youth Hour, games for kids, lots of food and booths by local vendors and service organizations such as the OPD and Kaiser Permanente. The event is going to take a lot of work and coordination so we are hoping that many members of the community will be willing to be involved, especially as we get closer to the summer when we will kick into high gear on the logistics. We hope to work with Martin to work something out for representation of youth at the Youth Hour portion of the Block Party.

Our next meeting is March 1st at 7pm at Krista Gulbransen's house. Anyone is welcome to attend. Any suggestions or ways in which you want to assist can be made known at the networking portion of our monthly meeting.