

MAXWELL PARK NC – Meeting on Wednesday, Mar 9th, 2005

Held at Mills College, Lucie Stern Hall, Room 107

Minutes

Present: Jose Dorado (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jan Hetherington (Secretary), Jeremy Gluskin (Treasurer), Joe Davis, Sarah Hipolito, Martha Cuellar, Melissa Johnson, Kim Mugg, Jane Friedman, Dan Brown, Susan Scolnick, Nommi Alouf, Kevin Sutton, Beverly Shalom, Joel Darel, Katy Curtis, Brad Schabert, Tina Garcia-Szeto, Claire Antonetti, Krista Gulbransen, Anna Saulala, Helen da Silva, Peter Slote (PWA), Claudia Jimenez, Jean Quan, Darryl Stewart, Araina Richards, PSO Johnson, Officers Odom, Hofracu, Rasler, Martin, Clement, Basurto, CRT Officers McGuin, Saunders (apologies for any misspellings)

Guests: Peter Slote, Public Works

Board Absent: None

- **Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us to the meeting** & invited all members to introduce themselves, including 9 police officers.
- Minutes for March were approved.
- **N.A.T. (Neighborhood Action Team) REPORTS (See end)**

NAT1 – Traffic – Pat Kelly

No report

NAT2 – Drugs/Crime - Susan Scolnick

NAT3 – B ‘n’ B - Nommi Alouf

NAT4 – Community Outreach - Helen da Silva

- **COMMITTEES**

CORE/MPERT – Nommi (& her mother) attended CORE 1 & 2 recently. Highly recommended. She will post a link to an article that was in the East Bay Express. 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 – Peter Slote from Public Works**

Peter addressed the new recycling bins that are being delivered to Oakland. Bottles (#2), cans, paper & glass can go into the same new grey recycling bin, that goes out every week now. Use your green pail to store kitchen scraps, paper napkins, paper takeout containers etc. This then gets emptied into your green bin, which can go out every week. This should reduce the waste in your trash – then you can order a smaller bin & pay less on your bill!!!!

- **COUNCIL MEMBERS/COUNTY SUPERVISOR**

Jean Quan’s Office – Claudia Jimenez & Jean Quan presented

1. Claudia

1. Several High Street apt owners now 'on board' with regard to helping 'clean-up' High now a designated 'HotSpot'
2. Mar 25th – meeting to be held with 'Stake President' of Virginia Mormon church & neighbors.
3. Mar 16th, Allendale NCPC meeting (Beat 24Y). Two board officers present at our meeting
4. Mar 17th, Hi Hopes NCPC meeting (Beat 27X). Club Nayarit & use permit to be discussed.

Jean

1. Working on City Budget – looking at \$26-30M in cuts. Townhall meetings upcoming.
2. Working on Citywide task force looking at teen prostitution. Lots of agencies working together.
3. Measure 'Y' being worked on.
4. Recent reports of Asian on Asian crime. 2 groups of Asian kids picked up recently – responsible for perhaps 50 break ins (checking that people not home first).

Desley Brooks' Office – No representative.

Supvr Nate Miley's Office – Darryl Stewart presented.

1. Budget in terrible shape. \$100m deficit. \$450m cuts over last 4 years, 500 jobs cut, more to come.
2. Good news – a Youth Dev. Center nr. Castlemont taking shape – life skills, computer, dance etc etc classes being offered.

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

1. May 21st – there will be a LEADERSHIP SUMMIT – CPAB, NCPCs, Police, Community. A GREAT opportunity to meet more neighborhoods & see what's happening elsewhere. There will be presentations, then breakout workshops. Location to be determined.
2. Crime stats were actually very low this month.
3. 8 Officers were present & introduced themselves. They work in various beats. They were invited to join us in our 'Weeding/Cleanup' effort. ☺ ☺ ☺
4. **Quality of Life** day – 2nd Thurs of every month. Let Araina know by 1st Friday of each month if there are issues of concern, such as abandoned cars, blighted properties etc etc
5. Officer Ron Johnson is one of our Problem Solving Officers, he can be reached at 750-4584, Mo – Th 2pm – 12M

● **HOTSPOTS**

1. High Street – Virginia to Walgreen's. Jean's Office & OPD have met with building owner(s), with regard to issues around drug dealing, easy access to Courtland Ave etc.

● **NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Jan announced that the MPNC web site is now ready to receive ads for your local business. Proceeds all benefit the community.
2. Robert announced that the Board was meeting regularly now with Deputy Police Chief Holland.

Next Meeting - Wed, April 13th, 2005, at MILLS COLLEGE, 7 – 8:30pm

● **Jan Hetherington, Secretary**

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CRIME – NAT report

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

1. Marty continued working on preparing to present a Mr. Science dog-and-pony show at the Boys and Girls club. The Boys and Girls Club will contact him when the effort can move forward.
2. Some time ago Jose Dorado made a contact with the District Attorney's office in an effort to create a connection inside the DA's office so we can get information regarding crimes in our neighborhood. The person who has the job of reviewing police reports and deciding whether to proceed with charges is Paul Pinney, an Assistant DA. Some of the points he made are:
 - In order to find if a person we are interested in is being arraigned, we need to get clear information from the original police report regarding the perpetrator. We must have the name, date of birth, OPD report number, and court record number.
 - To find out who is being released into the community victim needs to contact the California Department of Corrections. Most of the time, only the victim can legally request this information.
 - If we want to find out when a perpetrator is going to be sentenced, this Asst. DA can provide us with this information.
3. There had been a suggestion made at a previous Crime NAT meeting that we look into the possibility of getting information on and possibly buying in bulk some crime fighting equipment. Today on our group e-mail one of our neighbors provided information on an inexpensive security camera available at COSTCO.
4. There had been notice of gang tagging at the Maxwell Park. Araina Richards and Officer Johnson have checked the site. Apparently, everything has been quiet in this park, according to my communication with neighbors in the area.
5. I've been in touch with the owners of the apartment building on High Street which has problems. The area has been designated a "hot spot". I will meet with the owners to see what activities we can undertake to make this a safer place.
6. A question had been raised in a recent MPNCPC meeting regarding whether the City of Oakland has a curfew. Yes, there is a curfew for "select group of criminals with histories of drug dealing and violence during the late hours covered by the curfew. For these high-risk individuals, probation with curfew is an alternative to jail." See the City of Oakland's website – search on "curfew".
7. The Urban Strategies Council has released an analysis of homicides in Oakland. Website: www.urbanstrategies.org.

B 'n' B– NAT report

B 'n' B NAT, Nommi Alouf, Chair, meeting on Feb 18th, 2005

1. Concrete cutting for tree wells began today. (Note: Jean Quan's office playing for the concrete cutting in district 4 & Desley Brooks's office contributing towards the cost of district 6 homes). This is significant!

2. NAT setting up a Blight procedure, looking at one particular building as a starting point. 'Boiler Plate' letters to letters be developed to address several different approaches.
3. Work was done on Redding Triangle early Feb, planting more grasses. Earth day project will be at Redding /Courtland. Hopefully also at 76 station.
4. Hoping to hear back from KOB re getting trash bins for the schools.
5. Developing relationship with Mills
6. Curb accessibility – Jim G pursuing this with City engineer.

COMMUNITY NAT report

Community Outreach NAT, Helen da Silva, Chair

Moving ahead with plan for MPNC Party at Mills

1. Krista prepared time-line plan & budget
2. Helen & Jose attended Mills Student Union Meeting recently & were well received. Students enthusiastic about being involved.