

Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council Meeting—Wed, March 8th, 2006

Maxwell Park Elementary School, Classroom 6

Minutes

Attendees

Present: Jose Dorado (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jan Hetherington (Membership Secretary), Jeremy Gluskin (Treasurer), Adelle Foley, Benny Williams, Betty Guerin, Brenda Hansen, Celina Cardenas, Charles Cartolano, Cheryl Wolfcale, Chris Charla, Claire Antonetti, Denise Bradley, Helen da Silva, J. Tyler, Jennifer Vasquez, Jillian Wilkowski, Joe Davis, Jon Ward, Kate Phillips, Larry Foster, Lavette Spencer, Malia Saulala, Martha Cuellar, Michael Foster, Nancy Karigaca, Nick Stoughton, Pat Herman, Paul Chin, Ralph Kanz, Ruben Aurelio, Sarah Hipolito, Sharon Pastori, Susan Bowron, Tim Wilhelm, Toni Veglia, Vee Thomsak, Zenopia Danlow, Sgt. Williams, Lt. R. Golphin, Claudia Jimenez (Jean Quan's office), (apologies for any misspellings)

Guests: None

Board Absent: Krista Gulbransen

Welcome Comments & Introductions

Jose Dorado (Chair) called meeting to order at 7:04 pm, welcomed us and brief intros of all present were conducted. February minutes were approved.

Neighborhood Action Teams (NATs)

- *NAT (Neighborhood Action Team)*
- *Traffic NAT -- Adelle Foley reporting:* Lt. Green, traffic, is requesting that each NCPC submits a traffic problem each month that OPD traffic will work on & report back to the NCPC. Brookdale/High was submitted last month. No report back yet. Forms were distributed so the meeting attendees could express their traffic concerns.
- *Crime NAT -- No report*
- *Blight & Beautification -- Claire Antonetti reporting:* On Pierson/MacArthur – Caltrans, City & Community involvement, hopefully, to improve both the aesthetics & safety of that area. The 76 gas station is also being improved & the owner is adding a Chinese take-out restaurant. He wants to be involved in improving the safety & looks of the surroundings. The group may work on putting on a design Charette.
- *Community Building NAT -- Helen da Silva reporting:* A “Community Summit” of adjoining NCPC leaders was held last week, Feb 28th, at Redwood Hts Rec Center, hosted by Redwood Heights. Neighborhood Watch was addressed, with presentations by Felicia Verdin from the City, & Pat Patterson from Allendale Avenue. It is hoped that adjoining n’hoods can work together – creating more powerful entities. September 16th – “A Day in the Park” – MPNC Event!!
- *Education NAT – Ruben Aurelio (Principal Maxwell Park School) reporting:* The recent Book Fair successful - \$3,000 worth of books sold. Next community School Clean-Up will be on Sat, April 1st. He is also planning a seminar to let parents know about the options available at Maxwell Park School, and wants to target the MaxPark Families group. Next meeting is Mar 16th.

Committees

- *CORE & MPERT -- Nick Stoughton reporting:* On Apr 29, 10am – 12N, there will be a Citywide drill, with a command center for our area being at Maxwell Park School. A CORE 1 training will be held on Mar 9, & CORE 2 on Mar 16, and possibly CORE 2 also on Apr 4. CORE 3 is at the end Mar or early April. There was some discussion about the importance of combining NW & CORE trainings as the same groups are being targeted. Nick also held a quick table top exercise. A planning group is also working on the 4/29 exercise.
- *Neighborhood Walks -- Adelle Foley reporting:* Walks are being held regularly on Saturdays. A special WALK was held on Feb 11th to celebrate the life of Molly the dog who was shot & killed in her backyard on

Cole/Brookdale. There were 55 adults, 35 dogs & several police officers. This weekend they will go by Congress to see Jimmy who was shot during a recent robbery.

- **Maxwell Park Elementary School -- Ruben Aurelio reporting:** Family Night will be held on Mar 22nd.
- **Neighborhood Watch Groups – Jan Hetherington reporting:** Most, if not all, of the new volunteer Block Captains have been contacted by Felicia Verdin from the Neighborhood Services office & a number of meetings have either already been held or have been scheduled. Once all these initial contacts & groups have been established, then Jan can start to identify gaps so that other blocks can be contacted.

City & County Representatives

Councilwoman Desley Brooks

- No representative, but Jose reported that the MPNC Board met with Desley recently to discuss communications between her & the Board.

Councilmember Jean Quan – Claudia Jimenez reporting

- M&W Liquors has closed. Its “deemed approved status” will lapse so there will not longer be a liquor store there. This was a great example of collaboration between the City, Neighborhood Law Corps & the community. HOWEVER – keep watching the opposite corner as the drug dealers may (have!) just moved over keep calling in incidents.
- Confirmation of integration being planned between NSCs, NW staff & CORE staff. A report of preparedness of the City in the case of an emergency will be presented to City Council next Tuesday.
- Police Staffing. On Tuesday, Mar 7th City Council agreed to declare a State of Emergency if there is not agreement between the Police Dept/Mayor & the Police Union on the re-scheduling plan of officers proposed by Chief Tucker in order to get more officers on the street. A resolution was also passed to increase the number of Police Academies & to maximize the trainings.
- Measure “Y” money – RFIs have gone out for Violence prevention programs & the accepted programs should start receiving funding on Jun 1st.
- On Mar 30th there will be a Laurel Village meeting to continue with “envisaging MacArthur”.

Police Reports

Sgt. Williams

- On Feb 2nd an arrest was made in connection with the series of armed robberies. (Ed. Note: this was BEFORE our large Feb meeting, but the police could not give us this information). Jan asked that Sgt Williams, or someone, report this to our email group. He suggested that we follow up with the DA’s office to follow/monitor the prosecution.
- A question was raised from the community concerning a situation where an alarm had gone off, the police had been notified and shown up, declared the house safe & unbroken, & when the homeowner arrived home later found that a window had been broken. Homeowner wanted to follow up with this. There was discussion about Block Captains letting new residents know to protect their homes. There is concern that homes often get broken into after a change of ownership, as new owners might feel isolated.
- Important to make sure that your homes have well-lit street numbers.

LT. Golphin

- (Our former PSA Lt until being called up with Reserves (or Nat’l Guard ???)) Now working in Communications Division. New s’ware being installed to track response times. There are 16 “911” lines, & goal is to have 16 dispatchers per shift. There are currently a total of 56 dispatchers.
- If you are expecting an officer for a situation report, but are going to go to bed (for example), please call non-emergency to cancel the visit. One can also go to the OPD website to download forms for burglary reports etc.

Announcements

- Mar 18th – the Laurel district is hosting a Mayoral Candidate debate.
- Jillian announced that she would like to form a “families” group for parents of teens.

Broke for networking at 8:30 pm ??

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 12th, 2006 at Maxwell Park Elementary School

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