

**Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council**  
**Monthly Meeting—Wednesday, February 14, 2007**  
**Location: Maxwell Park Elementary School, Room 16**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees**

Present: Jose Dorado (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jeremy Gluskin (Treasurer), Jan Hetherington (Membership Secretary), Adelle Foley, Claire Antonetti, Joe Davis, Nick Stoughton, Sarah Hipolito, Sue Piper, Darryl Stewart, Bob Vaughan.

**Guests:** Chief of Police, Wayne Tucker

**Board Absent:** Krista Gulbransen (Minutes Secretary)

**Welcome Comments & Introductions**

Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us to the meeting. Changes made to the previous two months' minutes. Motion made to approve minutes. Minutes approved.

**Neighborhood Action Teams (NATs)**

- *NAT (Neighborhood Action Team) Program – Sarah Hipolito reporting:* I think the NATs are just wonderful. The next issue of the MacArthur Metro, our neighborhood section will mention a contest.
- *Traffic NAT—Adelle Foley reporting:* Have not received any answers from the OPD on particular issues brought up.
- *Crime NAT – No one reporting*
- *Blight & Beautification—Claire Antonetti reporting:* Not much to report. Continuing on the pocket park work. In the midst of developing a Steering Committee that will lead the project. Will be representative of many different constituents from the community. Not getting response from Councilwoman Brooks to make it happen so they are working directly with Councilwoman Quan's office who has taken an interest in it although only a very small sliver of the freeway is within her district. There will be a survey to get from the community what they want to see. Will include more than just Maxwell Park residents. New article in the Mac Metro outlines what they're doing.
- *TREE PROJECT:* All the trees that do not need a concrete cut should all be soon. Those that need the concrete cut will take a little longer because they have to contract with someone to cut the concrete. The daffodils are in bloom around the neighborhood.
- *Community Building NAT – Joe Davis reporting.* We're assessing the possibility of a community event at the Boys & Girls Club. We are in the midst of determining the date of our next Day in the Park event and will let the appropriate people and the community know when it's going to happen!

- *Education NAT – Unknown reporting:* There is a meeting tomorrow night on the potential closure or combo of Maxwell Park Elementary School. The best option is reconstruction/reconstitution which gives Reuben the principal the opportunity and power to do things as opposed to just following what the state says. There are many options on the table. How can the community help out? Nick Stoughton moves that the NCPC of Maxwell Park writes a letter to support reconstitution. Some people weren't sure that was possible, don't even know if they are going to have that as an actual option. It's just on the table right now. It was suggested that the letter's direction come after the next meeting which will give us a better idea of what direction they are going in. The ED NAT people are very involved in what's going on and keeping us updated as a community

*“We the Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council believe that Maxwell Park Elementary School should be made an open, viable and public institution for educating our children. We whole heartedly support Principal Rueben Aurelio as an integral part of the team and insist that he receive full support from the OUSD as the school enters into a phase of restructuring or reconstitution.”*

Motion to accept. Second given. No discussion. What about Elizabeth Sherman? They're going through the same process right now as Maxwell Park Elementary. If one were to close, it's most likely going to be the Elizabeth Sherman School. Is there anything we want to do about that school?

- *Neighborhood Watch Coordinator – Jan Hetherington reporting:* A gathering for all Neighborhood Watch people in Oakland. Jan attended. Maxwell Park got an award for having the most Block Captains per neighborhood. If you aren't sure whether your block has a Neighborhood Watch Program in place please contact Jan Hetherington at [jan@moves-to-improve.com](mailto:jan@moves-to-improve.com) to find out more.
- *CORE & MPERT Report—Nick Stoughton reporting:* April 28 at 9:00 am, there is going to be an Earthquake Safety exercise. It's a citywide event for preparedness. Everybody is invited to participate. A planning group will be put together for Max Park's participation in the event. February 24, 9:00-12:00 pm, a training course on communications. March 24 an exercise in how to put together a preparedness group in your neighborhood. March 3, Red Cross will be having their CPR preparedness day where you can get free training.

## **City & County Representatives**

*Councilwoman Desley Brooks – No one reporting*

*Supervisor Miley's office-- Darryl Stewart reporting:*

- Analysts have been going over Governor's new budget, unfortunately there is no good news at all in the budget
- Cuts in the Social Services department
- Working with all counties to organize Violence Prevention programs, trying to communicate outward better
- Supervisor Miley sitting on a Council that is working to understand how each Alameda County department is or is not prepared for a disaster
- The State Corrections Office says they are not taking prisoners with mental health issues, they are looking to switch mental health facilities to state prisons

*Councilmember Jean Quan—Sue Combs reporting:*

- New dog park opened at Redwood Regional Park, it's a pilot project
- Nominations for community volunteer heroes being taken

*Community Policing Reports—Nobody reporting*

*Police Report – Nobody reporting*

## **Announcements**

Will be doing Board elections in April or May. We will be looking for nominations. Vice Chair and Treasurer positions are open. We have to give written notice to the membership. How does that happen? Requesting that if we do written notice that we have the appropriate information about our monthly meeting and our website as we haven't had that on the appropriate mailings previously. Do people term out? There are three year terms which are staggered so that not all positions are up at the same time.

Jeremy announced he is moving and will not be running for Treasurer in the election.

**Broke for networking at 9:10 pm.**

Next meeting – Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 7pm at Maxwell Park Elementary School

Krista Gulbransen reporting

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