

MAXWELL PARK NCPC – Meeting on Wednesday, January 8th, 2003

Minutes

Present: Jose Dorado (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jan Hetherington (Secretary), Sarah Hipolito (treasurer), Araina Richards (OPD), Officer Greg Patterson (OPD), Joe Davis, Jeremy Gluskin, Ike Lassiter, Sean O'Brien, Alice Leon, Lita Fries, Salena Towns

Guest: None

Absent:

- **Jose Dorado (Chairperson) welcomed us to the meeting.**
- **The Minutes** of the previous meeting were approved.
- **Board Reports**
 - a) **Jose** has the Marketing Brochure info ready to give to Rich Leon
 - b) **Robert** – see 'Bylaws' agenda item
 - c) **Jan** announced that she, Grace Neufeld & Alan Hollie graduated from the Oakland Citizen's Academy. The graduates were presented at City Hall as an agenda item of the City Council meeting. Jan & Alan were 2 of the 4 graduates who addressed the Council. Jan has continued discussions with Desley Brooks's office regarding the entrance/exit/traffic flow situation at Walgreen's & has established connections with Salena Towns, Desley's staff rep.
 - d) **Sarah** brought in flyers to use to pass out to neighbors re: our NCPC meetings, and placed index cards on the front desk to be used by attendees to give written reports to Araina Richards re: their particular concerns.

- **Community Policing Report**

Araina Richards' new phone number is 777-8712, & is now working. Pager is 382-2541. There was some discussion around the 'whistling' sounds that can now be heard from cars. It is caused by 'amendments' to tailpipes. The police are trying to figure out how to handle this – existing traffic codes or not ???

Officer Patterson announced that crime stats were low again but said there have been a number of residential burglaries in the Millsbrae area. A couple of men recently arrested may have been responsible for about 20 burglaries. He stressed again the importance of knowing your neighbors & recommended carrying disposable cameras so you can take photos easily of 'unusual' situations. Call 911 if you see an actual crime in progress, otherwise call dispatch 777-3333. Remember to lock doors & windows – don't make things easy.

There is currently an intense search going on for the perps in the recent murder east of Lake Merritt.

- **GUEST SPEAKER – No Guest**
- **Community Policing Advisory Board.**

Jim Curtis normally attends these meetings & will now also represent our NCPC. He was at a meeting tonight, so Jan presented the minutes from the last CPAB meeting, December 2002.

- NSC from West Oakland expressed concern from the neighborhood about safety for seniors, in view of a recent senior murder. Options, such as ‘Safe Passages’ Scout programs, private security were brainstormed.
- Discussion of the proposal to move NSCs to the CMO office (out of OPD). Asst. City Manager Ed Reiskin stated that this proposal was to enhance the connection between the NSCs & other City Agencies.
- Beat Health has been reactivated.
- Loitering Ordinance will go to Rules on Dec 14th & Public Safety Committee on Jan 14th, 2003

- **MPNCPC Byelaws**

They will be printed up & brought to the next meeting for approval.

- **MPNCPC Grant Money**

We have approximately \$820 left. We discussed a ‘Thank You’ gift to the Church – perhaps a tree, bench. Jose will talk to Suzanne DuPont to get some ideas re prices. Ike to talk to Pastor to get feedback. Other suggestions include finding out if anything is needed for the school/kids.

We also discussed mass mailings (of the new brochure). Araina to find out number of households in Maxwell Park & Alice will cost out a bulk mailing.

- **Hotspots**

- a) Modesto Str – Noise starting up again. A letter was written to C. Hill’s probation officer re alleged ‘hit & run’ driver living at the house.
- b) Rawson – Mediation meeting was suggested by the owner of the house, but nothing further has happened.
- c) Rawson 2 – resolved??
- d) Sideshow – Way down – Off. Patterson will try & find out what code will be used for the ‘whistlers’.
- e) Transitional Housing – Code Compliance still working on this.

- **Desley Brooks’s Office**

Salena Towns, one of Desley’s staff people, introduced herself as the main contact for our group. She plans on attending regularly. Desley is on the Public Safety Committee.

- **COMMITTEES**

CORE/MPERT

No report

‘Clean Up’

Jan has been in touch with ‘Adopt A Spot’ at Public Works, which can help with the providing tools etc to clean up a street, sidewalk etc. We’ve been talking about Redding from High to Birdsall. Earth Day, April 19th, is a target day as City can provide plants also. Further discussion revealed that this strip of Redding is under the auspices of Cal Trans, so Jan will pursue that.

Jan brought up ‘Adopt A Drain’ again, along with the possibility of volunteering to stencil ‘water drains to Bay’ on sidewalks by drains. Jeremy expressed an interest in doing that.

P.A.C. Report

Joe reviewed the purpose of the PAC – which is reviewing the Redevelopment Plan for ‘Central/East

Oakland' over the next 30 years. An implementation plan needs to be submitted to the City by the end of May. Meetings open to the public, 1st Monday of the month, 6:30 at Patten College.

- **New Business**

- a) We're now meeting at Sherman School. Thanks to Lita Fries, principal.
- b) We discussed Marketing, increasing attendance etc.. Jan asked for volunteers to connect to other neighborhood groups in Maxwell Park. Alice offered. Contact will be made with Community Service people who coordinate Home Alert etc.
- c) Election of officers needs to be considered.
- d) There is a petition to get the Leona Quarry project on to the November ballot.

- **Next Meeting - Wednesday, February 12th, 2003, at the Sherman School.**

- **Jan Hetherington, Secretary**

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