

MAXWELL PARK NCPC – Meeting on Wednesday, May 14th, 2003

Minutes

Present: Jose Dorado (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jan Hetherington (Secretary), Sarah Hipolito (treasurer), Officer Patterson (OPD), Capt Shinn (OPD), Araina Richards, (NSC-OPD), Alice Leon, Gloria Jones, Montia Chiles, Lita Fries, Joe Davis, Darryl Stewart, Eddie Christian (aide to Desley Brooks), Gary Busboom, Nick Stoughton, Drew Pearson, Don Deyer, Amt Bat Tzipora, Jaime Tucker, Grace Neufeld, Rob & Carolyn Alcorn, Jane Stallman, Crista Moore (with apologies for any misspellings)

Guest: None

Absent:

- **Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us to the meeting**

- **The Minutes** of the previous meeting were approved, with the request that minutes be emailed out before the next meeting.

- **Community Policing:**

Araina Richards (NSC) did a ‘walk’ with council members on 5/1 to celebrate the opening of a new YMCA at Foothill/Seminary. Some concern about loitering etc because of proximity of ‘Vintage Inn’ bar. They have installed security camera & added 8 security officers. There are requests for Red Curb & increased lighting.

On 5/31, 8:30 to 3pm, there will be a Leadership Summit at Laney College for NCPCs, Home Alerts etc. All are welcome.

The proposed City Budget for 2003/2005 will cut 7 NSC positions.

Officer Patterson distributed the crime stats & talked again about recent rash of burglaries. Two people were arrested on Kingsland this week in the middle of the night. OPD operating with limited resources, one investigator handling police districts 5 & 6. We were invited to visit. Many burglaries don’t have suspects. There are fliers warning residents to keep their homes locked etc. Contact Araina if you would like some – 777-8712

- **MPNCPC Grant Money**

- A digital camera has been purchased that may be used by NCPC members to photograph suspicious activities. Photos can then be easily emailed to police, NSC, etc. We will need to come up with some kind of system/security deposit for use of the camera.

- A ‘Search & Rescue’ kit was purchased. This can be used as an actual kit in an emergency, & also as a ‘show & tell’ for emergency preparedness meetings.

- A set of ‘mini’ emergency kits was purchased for each classroom of Sherman & Maxwell Schools – consisting of hard hats, Mylar blankets, whistles, gloves, goggles. Lita Fries, principal of Sherman School was presented with her kits as the end of the meeting.

For info on supplies, go to <http://www.quakekare.com> or <http://www.quakecare.com>

Thanks to Alice for researching this.

- **Hotspots**

a) El Camile – there appears to be a resurgence of possible drug activity. It seems that police are called, but the participants then disperse, as though they are tapped into police phones. There was discussion

about the importance of keeping logs of all phone calls to the police. Once again there's a feeling that the residents are doing a lot & police are not fulfilling their obligations. It's also important to keep all this info so a packet can be given to the DAs office should prosecutions happen. There was a murder on Walnut.

b) Modesto Str – the 'Small Claims' case went to court today. 10 out of 11 parties were awarded the maximum amount. Action may need to be taken to receive judgment, such as forcing a sale of the property.

c) Rawson – no new report.

d) Rawson 2 – no report.

e) Sideshows/donuts ramping up again.

- **Desley Brooks's Office**

Eddie Christian, of Councilmember Brooks's office spoke:

a) A new Farmer's Market On MacArthur & Seminary opens on Jun 21st.

b) Desley is having monthly 'Town Hall' meetings at Frick Middle School cafeteria – 2845 64th Ave. (2nd Saturday of each month, 10A-12N). This month's meeting had representatives from OPD, including Chief Word. It's important to attend these meetings, to put forward your concerns to City Dept. Heads who are coming out to meet residents.

c) 'Bridging the Gap' & 'School's Out' both went well.

d) Walgreen's is in conversation with Desley's office re entrance/exit situation.

- **COMMITTEES**

- **'Clean Up'**

Our Oakland Earth day project, **Marvelous Maxwell Park** was very successful, with 19 volunteers who cleaned & weeded the whole strip. The project is now an 'Adopt A Highway' project. The next cleanup will be May 17th. Contact me for more info, or to join the team. You can help as much or as little as you would like.

- **P.A.C. Report**

Joe Davis announced that the Implementation plan has now gone to the City, & he will have no further involvement with the committee.

- **Other Business/Announcements**

a) AC Transit has postponed canceling no. 47 Bus until the end of the year.

b) A Brookdale Str resident mentioned a car regularly parked across a yard, Araina to investigate

c) Jane Stallman announced that The Maxwell Park Garden & Social Club makes its debut on Jun 14th. (Info has been sent out)

d) The July & August meetings will most likely be at Mills College – confirmations by next month.

- **Next Meeting - Wednesday, June 11th, 2003, at the Sherman School.**

- **Jan Hetherington, Secretary**

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