

# MAXWELL PARK NCPC – Meeting on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003

## Minutes

**Present:** Jose Dorado (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jan Hetherington (Secretary), Sarah Hipolito (treasurer), Steven King, Capt Shinn (OPD), Araina Richards, (NSC-OPD), Alice Leon, Sara Leon, Gloria Jones, Lita Fries, Joe Davis, Robert Dawson & Crystal Adair (aides to Desley Brooks), Desley Brooks, Gary Busboom, William Taylor, Lesley Franklin, Jeremy Gluskin, Drew Pearson, Don Dever, Barbara Cogar, Jim Curtis, Andre & Debra Porter, Barbara Zappulla, Arturo Sanchez (aide to Jean Quan), Jean Quan, LeJon Loggins (with apologies for any misspellings)

**Guest:** Steven King, Safety Officer at Mills College

### **Absent:**

- **Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us to the meeting,** & introduced Steven King from Mills College. Jose introduced a restructured Agenda & meeting format. The ‘official’ meeting will be reduced to one hour, with half an hour for networking & meeting people who can help directly with any problems you may have.

- **The Minutes** of the previous meeting were approved.

- **COMMITTEES**

  - **‘Clean Up’**

  - ‘Adopt A Highway’ project, cleaning up Redding Street from High to Birdsall, had another successful clean up on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Much trash & weeds picked up. We will probably work every 3 weeks or so, monitoring the progress. Contact me for more info, or to join the team!!! You can help as much or as little as you would like.

- **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

This is a new item on our agenda, intended to create opportunities for members to meet with Police, NSC, City Council members & their aides, committee heads & other community members for the purpose of furthering conversation, discussion of problems & providing assistance. We will break into smaller groups at the end of an hour.

- **GUEST SPEAKER**

Steven King from Mills College invited us to hold our meetings there in July & August. The meeting will be in Stern Hall, Room 107. Enter at main gate on MacArthur & check in with the guard post.

- **COMMUNITY POLICING:**

**Araina Richards (NSC)** announced that crime stats are down for this last month. A member requested that we see a report of all calls that come in for assistance, as there is still much concern over the lack of appropriate responsiveness to citizens. This subject was referred to the networking portion at the end, with Araina & Capt. Shinn. Chief Word is also to be invited to a future meeting.

Reference was made to the proposed Budget/NSC cuts & a motion was put forward to send an urgent letter to City Council, final decision being voted on the next day.

**Community Policing Advisory Board**

Jim Curtis reported that all of Community Services may be cut (they work with Home Alert groups). Also, up to 50 police officers may retire under a new plan & not be replaced.

- **HOTSPOTS**

- a) El Camile – problem being resolved,
- b) Modesto Str – no further action.
- c) Rawson 1/2– no new report.
- d) Sideshows/donuts ramping up again. The new law that went into effect last year allowing cars to be towed for exhibition driving appears to be working.

- **DESLEY BROOKS'S OFFICE**

Crystal Adair introduced herself as a new aide in Councilmember Brooks's office. Her email address will be cadair@oaklandnet.com

- a) A new Farmer's Market On MacArthur & Seminary opens on Jun 21<sup>st</sup>.
- b) The next monthly 'Town Hall' meeting at Frick Middle School cafeteria – 2845 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, 10A-12N). There will be representatives from the Fire Dept & Office of Emergency Services.

- **JEAN QUAN'S OFFICE**

Arturo Sanchez introduced himself as Jean Quan's Policy Analyst. He endorsed writing to the Council re saving NSCs. Many NCPCs in District 4 are doing the same.

**NOTE:** Maxwell Park is now represented by both Desley Brooks & Jean Quan, due to redistricting.

- **OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- Jan reported that Jose, Joe Davis, Jan & Jim Curtis (representing Beat 30) attended the Leadership Summit at Laney College on 5/31/03. Speakers included Stephanie Mann, author of 'How to grow Neighborhoods .....', Don Marx (Chair Brett Hart NCPC & founder of many Teen & Youth 'Safe' projects). We also heard from Lt. Green of PSA2, describing the success they are having with their community email group, Hazel Jones & Colleen Brown on building Home Alert 'clusters', using the online Crime Watch stats, using a phone 'hotline' to record & track problems, & using community projects (example 'Grime Busters' in the Grand Lake area) to bring neighbors together. There was also a breakout lunch where we met NCPCs & Home Alerts in PSA5. A follow up meeting will be held at Eastmont on 6/16, at 6:30

-- The Maxwell Park Garden & Social Club makes its debut on Jun 14<sup>th</sup>. (Info has been sent out)

- **NETWORKING BREAKOUT**

- **Next Meeting - Wed, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003, at MILLS COLLEGE, Stern Hall Room 107, 7 – 8:30pm**

- **Jan Hetherington, Secretary**

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