

# MAXWELL PARK NCPC – Meeting on Wednesday, July 9<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), Officer Greg Patterson, Officer Kurt Madison, Darryl Stewart (Nate Miley's Office), Crystal Adair (Desley Brook's Office), Arturo Sanchez (Jean Quan's Office), Alice Leon, Helen da Silva, Joe Davis, Drew Pearson, Don Dever, Jim Curtis, Alecto Caldwell, Kirk Prentiss (with apologies for any misspellings)

**Guest:** No Guest

**Board Absent:** None

- **Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us to the meeting,** & re-introduced the 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, with the proviso of adding 'None' after absent, if all board members are present.

- **COMMITTEES**

- **'Clean Up'**

- 'Adopt A Highway' project, cleaning up Redding Street from High to Birdsall, had another successful clean-up on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>, though a disappointingly huge amount of trash reappeared within hours. A Neighbor works for UC Botanical Gardens & is interested in being involved in the planting planning, along with our resident landscape designer, Suzanne. Looking at planning in August, planting in the Fall. Contact me for more info, or to join the team!!! You can help as much or as little as you would like. I would like to expand this at some point to include Walgreen's as a good neighbor, contributing to keeping the neighborhood blight free.

- **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

- This is a new item on our agenda, where we will meet with police, council members or aides, or committee heads to pursue items of interest, & share activism ideas that have worked for particular projects.

- **GUEST SPEAKER**

- No official Guest Speaker this month, but we discussed scheduling OPD Chief Richard Word for September, with possibly a rep from Boys & Girls Club for August.

- **DESLEY BROOKS'S OFFICE**

- Crystal Adair spoke for Desley Brooks.

- a) A new Farmer's Market On Macarthur & Seminary opened successfully on Jun 21<sup>st</sup>. Please help spread the word so that vendors will continue to sell produce. More Organic produce is slated. Jan thanked Desley for doing this & informed the meeting that she (Desley) is the Market Manager, & is there at 6:30 on Saturdays to organize/set-up etc.

- b) The next Town Hall meeting will be on Jul 12<sup>th</sup>, at Frick Middle School.

- c) There is an empty lot at Seminary & MacArthur. Its future use is under discussion.

- **JEAN QUAN'S OFFICE**

Arturo Sanchez spoke for Jean Quan.

- a) He is familiarizing himself with High Street & any issues along there. His office is going 'round in circles' re the Walgreen's entrance/exit issues (who will own the responsibility ...).
- b) There is a BBQ truck which is parked near Courtland, Walgreen's lot. It will be checked for 'legality'.
- c) There are some permitting problems with the new Boys & Girls Club. They may use Allendale Rec center or Brookdale in the interim.

'No Comment' from either office re City Manger changes, though concern was expressed over experience & continuity.

- **COMMUNITY POLICING:**

**Araina Richards (NSC)** produced information on all the calls that come in to the Police this year – per request from meeting last month.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of calls received</u>
Jan	59,523
Feb	51,756
Mar	57,338
Apr	57,050
May	61,809
June	52,221

There were 18,000 '911' calls in June. There are 640 officers. Araina will get further breakdown info on the calls, especially those in 28X. She invited us to go on a 'Ride-Along'. Contact her if you're interested. arichards@oaklandnet.com

She thanked us for our support for retaining NSCs. They were high priority for all Council Members.

Captain Shinn said that violent crime is their number 1 priority. Our job is to highlight the concerns of our neighborhood, & pass on to the police.

CRT Officer Madison said that parolee info is being gathered & passed on to Beat Officers.

Officer Patterson told a story of neighbors helping to identify & track down a burglary suspect.

Neighbors helping neighbors again !! Look for details, types of clothing, shoes etc. Every little helps.

Cars have been ticketed for parking the wrong way.

The 'Homeless man' who has been living under 580 at High was 'moved on' by Officer Patterson. He may be in residence at Brookdale & High. Darryl Stewart from Alameda County offered that Al. Co. has a Mobile Service. Call him at 891-5586.

- **HOTSPOTS**

- a) El Camile – quiet
- b) Modesto Str – no further info.
- c) Rawson 1/2– no new report – remove from agenda
- d) Sideshows quieter, though there are more donuts in the neighborhood. Sideshow activities have high Police priority.

- **OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Drew & Don requested 'Cheat Sheet' info for items such as getting traffic circles etc. This has been discussed in the past & hopefully will be pursued again.

Darryl Stewart, Alameda County Nate Miley's rep, announced that a new Probation Chief had been appointed.

Jim Curtis brought up the murder of couple at their home in East Oakland on Monday night & expressed concern that this had not been discussed by the meeting. This led to various discussions, & Crystal Adair announced that Desley Brooks was trying to put together a 'Grief Counseling Group' in our district, to allow people to vent their anger, despair etc. over the rampage of violence that seems to be overtaking us.

A new member said that he had been assaulted close to Mills College recently.

Darryl & Arturo stressed knowing your neighbors & knowing who doesn't belong. Contact 238-3066 to set up Home Alerts on your block.

A meeting was held recently for PSA5 – Home Alerts & NCPCs. This was the first of its kind. The idea is to bring these organizations together. Next meeting is scheduled for September.

The first Tuesday in August is 'National Night Out', for Home Alerts. Do we want to do a Maxwell Park one ?????

- **NETWORKING BREAKOUT**

The above discussions took the network time, so we did not officially break out.

- **Next Meeting - Wed, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003, at MILLS COLLEGE, Stern Hall Room 107, 7 – 8:30pm**

- **Jan Hetherington, Secretary**

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