

MAXWELL PARK NCPC – Meeting on Wednesday, December 10th, 2003

Minutes

Present: Jose Dorado (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jan Hetherington (Secretary), Sarah Hipolito (Treasurer), Steven King (Mills College), Arturo Sanchez (Jean Quan's Office), Jim Curtis, Alice Leon, Joe Davis, Officer Patterson, Jeremy Gluskin, Nick Stoughton, Randy Van Gogh, Gary Busboom, Alan Hollie, Koichi Charles Sano, Rob Mack, Linda Ward (Parole Office) (with apologies for any misspellings)

Guest: Linda Ward, from the Parole Office

Board Absent: None

- **Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us to the meeting.**
- **The Minutes** of the previous meeting were approved.
- The concept of our **Networking Opportunities** section of our meeting was described again. It's an opportunity for neighbors with a problem to meet others who have experienced a similar situation. One can also get committee information, meet your police officers & council members or their reps.

- **COMMITTEES**

CORE – Alice (Leon) announced that she would be setting up a training date in January for CORE 1

CLEAN/UP – We had a successful planting on November 15th despite the initial heavy rain. 4 kids from a community group 'Buildings from Books', all from Berkeley High, showed up & were enthusiastic & helpful! A small contingent went out on Sunday 16th to water each plant as it did not rain overnight!!!! Food donations from Jean Quan's & Desley Brook's offices, & also Razzo's Pizza on MacArthur. We had a nice write up in Metro, Adelle Foley's column. A further session was held on 22nd to continue mulch spreading.

Next meeting is Dec 13th to add a few more plants, & spread more mulch – weed suppression needed!

An 'Art Mural' project for the 'wall' is in the early planning stages – more information will be forthcoming.

- **GUEST SPEAKER**

Linda Ward from the Parole Office came to speak to us about the activities of the Parole Office. She addressed the topics of Probation & Parole. Parolees are released to their county of last residence. The ratio is 70 parolees to one officer, or 40 to 1 if high risk. Parole Board wants to focus on making a long-term difference, not just applying band-aids. The 'murder rate' attributed to parolees is overblown by Mayor's office & press – only 2 suspects last year were actually parolees. More problems with probationees.

- **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Desley Brooks – no rep

Jean Quan – Arturo Sanchez spoke for Jean's office.

- a) The High/Virginia spot seems to be a little quieter.

- b) The 'Homeless Guy' is known about, but police can't pick him & detain him under 'mental health' issues????***** What are other options ????
- c) The BBQ truck has been warned but has reappeared. He risks losing all his food under Health regs
- d) The Boys & Girls Club on High Street (next to the Fire Station) is scheduled to open in early January.

- **Community Policing**

Araina Richards our NSC, unable to attend tonight for personal reasons.

Officer Patterson reminded us to be careful with Xmas gifts, shopping etc – don't leave packages exposed in your home, car etc.
No crime stats available today.

NCPC Money – Alice Leon will coordinate a committee for 'spending ideas' again. We have \$877 to spend

- **Hotspots**

- a) El Camile – there is a suspected drug house that is being monitored. A blight problem was not resolved so it was taken to the County, & taken care of.
- b) Modesto – Chaz Hill Jr. issue. We're trying to get CPS to come to a meeting but no luck so far.
- c) Sideshow – no report.
- d) New Item – Church on Madera. No report.

- **OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) Elections will be held for officers next month. Please submit your interest to Jose at jdorado@sbcglobal.net. Sarah will not stand again as treasurer. Jan expressed an interest in continuing as secretary.
- b) Alice announced that she was able to get 2 families – from Maxwell School & Sherman School – eligible for the food baskets from NSCs (see last month). Baskets came from NSCs.

- **Next Meeting - Wed, January 14th, 2004, at MILLS COLLEGE, 7 – 8:30pm**

- **Jan Hetherington, Secretary**

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