

# MAXWELL PARK NCPC – Meeting on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004

## Minutes

**Present:** Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jan Hetherington (Secretary), Jeremy Gluskin (Treasurer), Claudia Jimenez (Jean Quan's Office), Mica Miro (Desley Brooks' office), Araina Richards (OPD), Officer Johnson (OPD), Jim Curtis, Sarah Hipolito, Helen da Silva, DeeDee Rodriguez, Maria Nieto, Paulette Bruder-Dorado, Nick Stoughton, Bryan Farley, Josette Johnson, Scmokel, Moe Hackett, James Thompson, (with apologies for any misspellings)

**Guests:** Christy Lopez, Rachel Burgess & Chuck Gruber - Independent Monitors  
Dede Birch of the Jack London Aquatic Center

**Board Absent:** Jose Dorado (Chair)

- **Robert McGillis (Vice Chair) welcomed us to the meeting, & apologized for absence of Jose (chairperson), due to April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

- Minutes for February were approved.

- **COMMITTEES**

**CORE** – Nick Stoughton announced that a CORE 2 training was held last week, & that CORE 3 will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Dept. training center.

**CLEAN/UP** – Jan gave a brief description & history of the ongoing project at Redding/Courtland etc. A successful cleanup held on March 27<sup>th</sup> – the previous rain helped weed removal! There will be 2 Earth Day (April 24<sup>th</sup>) projects in Maxwell Park – Redding Street as usual, & a new project – the off-ramp area by 76 gas station at the end of Pierson Street, spearheaded by Jennifer Vasquez. CalTrans does not want people working on the ramp, & they have cleared some weeds themselves.

**MURAL project** – there was an open meeting at Jean Quan's office, 4173 MacArthur on Sunday Mar 14<sup>th</sup>, to start the planning of the proposed mural on the freeway wall opposite Walgreen's. There will be a committee meeting at the end of April to strategize for the future.

- **GUEST SPEAKER**

1) Christy Lopez, Rachel Burgess & Chuck Gruber represented the Independent Monitoring Team which has been set up to ensure that policy changes that need to come about after the Rider's trial are successfully implemented at OPD. The team reports to a Federal judge, so they have full authority. One example of changes already implemented is increased supervision of officers. They also look at how to measure the effectiveness of changes. All team members are very qualified – many years of DOJ cases, former police chiefs etc.

2) Dede Burch is the executive Director of the Jack London Aquatic Center (which is 3/4 mile south of Jack London Square). They do many aquatic sports – kayaking, canoeing, sailing etc. This is a non-profit, & will be working on 'guerilla marketing' this year (only 2<sup>nd</sup> year of operation). They offer many programs for kids (nice stories of kids gaining confidence, improving their school 'attitudes'. 'Twilight Kayaking' is offered to adults. Info at [www.jlac.org](http://www.jlac.org)

- **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Desley Brooks** – Mica Miro addressed the following issues.

- 1) 'School's Out' was successful. They have a resource list of activities for kids.
- 2) The rally on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to support the Farmer's Market was successful. Article in Trib. The liquor store owner has agreed to work with the market.
- 3) Oakland's 'Tree Planting' program is back. If a block comes together to request trees, there is a greater chance that you will get them

**Jean Quan** – Claudia Jimenez addressed the following issues:

- 1) The MP traffic survey has been looking at High Street & Monticello.
- 2) There will be a citywide NCPC conference on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. It's hoped to have a 'Beautification panel' & we could be helpful in that arena.

- **Community Policing**

**Araina Richards**, our NSC, announced that NCPC money has to be spent by 4/23. A resolution was passed to allow the Board to spend at its discretion, & that probably a weed whip, that could be used on all our projects, would be purchased. Araina will be working with a new Earth Day project on 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave, so will not be able to help with ours this year.

The PSA5 email group is up & running – you can be added to the group & find out what's going on in the bigger area.

- **Hotspots**

- a) New – Virginia Avenue church. There was a meeting with some residents, Claudia, & Jan & Jose (from NCPC). There is a lot of concern about trash, noise, trespassing etc by members of the church - & many days of the week. Letters are being drafted to Church leaders both here & in Salt Lake City, City council etc. (A similar problem happened with a church on Madera last year. It is apparently better, though if windows are opened in the summer it may be challenging again)
- b) Modesto – the stepmother of Cha Cha Hill has pled guilty

- **Discuss the Name Change of NCPC**

Suggestions put forward:

Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council - 13 votes (including 6 email votes)

Maxwell Park Neighbors - 3 votes (including 1 email)

Maxwell Park Neighborhood Alliance - 5 votes (including 1 email)

Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council was voted in. A letter will be sent to the CPAB to notify them of our change of name. This will be effective May 1<sup>st</sup>.

- **OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Next Meeting - Wed, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004, at MILLS COLLEGE, 7 – 8:30pm**

- **Jan Hetherington, Secretary**
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