

MAXWELL PARK NC – Meeting on Wednesday, Oct 13th, 2004

Held at Mills College, Faculty Lounge

Minutes

Present: Jose Dorado (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jan Hetherington (Secretary), Jeremy Gluskin (Treasurer), Mica Miro (Desley Brooks' office), Claudia Jimenez (Jean Quan's office), Jean Quan, Araina Richards (OPD), Claudia Albano (OPD), Adelle Foley, Adrian Harper, Alice Ross Leon, Charles Pine, Colleen Brown, Gregg Brown, Helen da Silva, Joe Davis, Julie Duff, Kate Phillips, Laura Zink, Maria Nieto, Martin Scolnick, Mike Risse, Nick Stoughton, Nommi Alouf, Pat Kelly, Pat Mashhoon, Pat Patterson, Raquel Beere, Sarah Hipolito, Shannon Risse, Shirley Burton, W. E. Scott, Yvonne Jildera (apologies for any misspellings)

See end for contact information

Guests: Donte Pointer

Board Absent: None

- **Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us to the meeting.**
- Minutes for September were approved.
- 'Networking Opportunities' as a concept was explained. (i.e. Continue discussions after formal meeting).
- **N.A.T. REPORTS**

NAT1 – Traffic – Martin Scolnick, turning over to Pat Kelly

1. Primarily realizing that to get traffic issues resolved, a larger group of people needed to be involved. Pat wants to see people itemize their individual traffic issues so they can all be collected & prioritized.

Pat's report

1. Introduction of current MP NAT members
2. Introduction of how traffic issues will be handled: Gathered/collect information on green cards, for 'categorizing' & disposition, along the of the "Chronicle Watch" section of the newspaper.
3. A large blown up neighborhood map showing the current state of islands, slow down zones, works in progress and "donut" markings in "open streets" school zones, churches, etc. This map will be part of our working plan.

AND -- Good news from Pierson neighbors – a traffic circle has been approved for Pierson/Redding intersection.

NAT2 – Drugs/Crime - Susan Scolnick

1. Discussion about creating a flyer to distribute to neighbors on how to safely report, & track, suspicious activities. Ideas had flown around the email group – some concern about focusing on crime A flyer was designed with input from a number of people – (& ED. NOTE – not specifically mentioned in meeting – we'll look at combining some wording from this flyer into the 'official brochure' which is ready (aside from these mods)

NAT3 – B 'n' B - Nommi Alouf

1. Beautification & Blight is looking at the existing beautification projects, the upcoming KOB daffodil planting project, doing a 'blight' survey of MP & the most important & immediate – the sidewalk tree

planting campaign. Volunteers are needed to ‘walk the blocks’, talk to neighbors who don’t have trees. Forms are coming in – we would like to see more!!!

2. Existing Redding/Courtland Street projects – cleanup was done on 9/19, also a BnB NAT members (Jan & Jeff) went out on separate occasions – also separating Walgreen’s trash to get an idea of that particular problem.

NAT4 – Community Outreach - Helen da Silva

1. Mission Statement developed

Our Mission (statement of our work)

Work with neighborhood residents, merchants, institutions and other interested parties to foster social cohesion within the Maxwell Park neighborhood.

Our Vision (what is our long-term picture of our neighborhood)

A diverse neighborhood, interconnected through formal and informal networks, regularly and consistently taking action for the common good through community building, communication, education and advocacy, and linked to supporting institutions and governments.

Our Objectives (goals which contribute to achievement of our mission)

Organize groups and activities which celebrate our diversity, supports education, fosters pride, promotes trust, and furthers neighborhood networking.

Actively promote our collective positions aimed at strengthening and improving the Maxwell Park neighborhood.

● **COMMITTEES**

CORE/MPERT – Nick Stoughton (on the CORE Advisory Task Force) reported that a new web site is up for CORE. <http://oaklandnet.com/fire/core/index.html>

CORE 1 & 2 trainings are held fairly regularly – CORE 3 trainings & exercises are held twice a year, April & Oct. It CONTINUES to be important for neighborhoods to know how to care for themselves in the time of an emergency.

WALKS - Continue to be successful & held twice a week now. Walter also organizing a ‘Halloween Walk’

Neighborhood Schools – We’re working on building relationships with our 2 elementary schools

● **GUEST SPEAKER – Donte Pointer**

Donte Pointer was introduced & presented the Neighborhood Revitalization Project, specifically Foothill from Avalon to 73rd. Working with Councilmember Desley Brooks’ Office, Mills College & non-profit called O.C.U.R. - Oakland City Urban Renewal. A presentation has been made at Desley’s Town Hall Meeting, & there will be a Merchant’s meeting at Mills on Oct 20th. A web site will be developed. There is much opportunity for commercial development.

● **COUNCIL MEMBERS/COUNTY SPUERVISOR**

Desley Brooks – Mica Miro represented Desley Brooks.

1) There will be a children’s Halloween Parade at the Farmer’s Market on Oct 30th – last day for this season.

2) There will be a ‘Clean Up’ project on Edwards Ave/73rd on Saturday, Oct 16th. N’bors also encouraged to clean up their own yards.

Jean Quan – Claudia Jimenez & Jean Quan.

1) October is ‘Domestic Violence’ month – lunchtime forum at City Hall on Oct 20th, sponsored by ‘Safe Place’, O.C.H. Special Victims Unit. Note: Child prostitution will also be addressed.

2) Joaquin Miller Park – ‘usage survey’ has been developed to ensure that the park provides what people need & want. This process will be expanded to the smaller parks in District 4 too, including our own Maxwell Park between Fleming & Allendale.

3) Both Council offices are looking at coming up with a uniform look to the traffic barriers/calmers etc that are throughout Maxwell Park.

4) Claudia also announced that she has seen drug activity at High & Virginia – we’ll add it to our HotSpots.

Darryl Stewart – from **Supvr Nate Miley’s** Office

1) Budgets being worked on – looking at \$30m in cuts

- **COMMUNITY POLICING**

Lt. Charles Gibson, PSA5, introduced Officers Johnson (PSO), Officer Joshi (CRT), Officer Patterson (Beat Officer), Sgt. O’Rourke, & fielded questions from the meeting members.

a) Q. What gets an officer out?

A. A call -- & calls are prioritized according to Life & death, violence, etc – ‘triage’

b) Q. Incident happened at Mills – officer didn’t respond (show up). Petty theft ----

A. Not known what happened here

c) Q. Are burglar alarms, dogs effective?

A. Can be – your call – knowing your neighbors is important.... Sgt O’Rourke offered that ‘bad guys’ don’t like to be ‘seen’. Pay attention to who’s around – be ‘friendly’. Don’t ‘confront’. His cell number is 750-4544

Also – Officers for East Oakland will be moving to Eastmont Police Station. This should mean a closer relationship to the community.

Claudia Albano was introduced & welcomed – she is the new supervisor of all the NSCs.

Araina announced a new trifold info sheet for NSCs is available

Colleen Brown advocated Home Alert Groups.

- **HOTSPOTS**

a) El Camile – Nothing to report.

b) Virginia Avenue Church – No-one present to report.

- **NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- The negative article about Maxwell Park in the Tribune (Oct 12th) was mentioned. The Board will be issuing a rebuttal.

-- Former ‘White House’ Market – new owner & his realtor had hoped to be present but unable to attend. Owner has invited people to stop by & check out what he’s doing there.

-- Block Party on Oct 23rd, Morcom & Wyman!!

-- Rev Gregg Brown introduced himself as the new pastor of the Lutheran Church on Virginia, near High. He announced a full program of upcoming events including Sat, Oct 30th, 2–4 (Halloween & Harvest) – for kids. Concerts upcoming in November & December.

- **Next Meeting - Wed, October 13th, 2004, at MILLS COLLEGE, 7 – 8:30pm**
- **Jan Hetherington, Secretary**
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