

MAXWELL PARK NC – Meeting on Wednesday, Apr 13th, 2005

Held at Mills College, Lucie Stern Hall, Room 107

Minutes

Present: Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jan Hetherington (Secretary), Alice Ross Leon, Anna Saulala, Cheryl Wolfcale, Dan Brown, Elmer Meredith, Gary Busboom, Helen da Silva, Ian Miller, James Moore, Joe Davis, Karen Livingstone, Krista Gulbranse, Kyiakhalid Ruiz, Malia Saulala, Matt Leonard, Michael Scranton, Michelle Johnson Scranton, Miesje Child, Mike Risse, Moe Hackett, Morton Anzjon, Nommi Alouf, Pat Kelly, Rachel Michaelson, Richard Shadoian, Sarah Hipolito, Shannon Risse, Shirley Burton, Tracy Miller, Araina Richards (NSC –OPD), Lt. Gibson, Sgt. O'Rourke, Officers Patterson, Barangan, Silva-Rodriguez, Murphy (apologies for any misspellings)

Guests: April McFarland (OPD Dispatch),

Board Absent: Jose Dorado (Chair), Treasurer (Jeremy Gluskin)

● **Robert McGillis (Vice Chair) welcomed us to the meeting, & apologized for the absences of Jose Dorado & Jeremy Gluskin & invited all members to introduce themselves.**

● Minutes for March were approved, with 2 corrections.

● **N.A.T. (Neighborhood Action Team) REPORTS (See end)**

NAT1 – Traffic – Pat Kelly

NAT2 – Drugs/Crime - Susan Scolnick

NAT3 – B 'n' B - Nommi Alouf

NAT4 – Community Outreach - Helen da Silva

NAT5 – Education – Lisa Cartolano

● **COMMITTEES**

CORE/MPERT – No report

WALKS – No further report – Thursday & Saturday WALKs are happening.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS – No report.

OTHER - The issue of diversity (in relation to a documentary – “Not in my Town” that has been shown recently on KQED) was discussed, to see whether we need to specifically address this in MP.

GUEST SPEAKER – April McFarland, from OPD Dispatch.

April presented a very informative report on how dispatch works. She has worked in dispatch for 23 yrs.

Basic numbers to remember:

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| Emergency | Call 911 |
| Emergency, on cell phone | Call 777-3211 |
| Non-emergency | Call 777-3333 |

There are 64 dispatchers, handling around 1 million calls per yr. (In SF there are 3x as many dispatchers handling the same number of calls). 4 new people are currently being trained. There are 16 trunk lines into dispatch – if you get a busy that means there are 16 people ahead of you. They are mandated to answer (emergency calls) within 18 seconds. Wait times average 11 secs betw 7a –11p, & 3.5 sec betw 11pm – 7am. Non-emergency calls may have to wait to get connected.

Calls are prioritized:

- 1) Life threatening, or possibility of felony in progress e.g. shootings, assaults, burglaries in progress
- 2) Something that has just occurred – but you are safe.
- 3) Something that happened while you were away e.g. car break in

BART & San Leandro police also monitor OPD radios & stolen cars get picked up frequently.

All calls (emerg & non-emerg) go to the same center. All calls in generate an incident number which can be tracked. Most people who call into non-emergency aren't interested in getting the incident number, which is why we need to ask if we are tracking a situation. When calling non-emergency & you want to talk to a dispatcher, make sure you stay on the line. If it's a drug call, make sure you give as much information as possible.

Some useful information was brought & distributed to the meeting

(Ed. Note – I will be trying to get this available for our group)

- **COUNCIL MEMBERS/COUNTY SUPERVISOR**

Jean Quan's Office – Claudia Jimenez presented

1. Working with Code Enforcement on issues along High Street
2. 4/21 – Jean's Town Hall budget meeting,
3. 4/28 – Focus groups meeting to discuss recreation centers. Meet at Allendale Rec Center
4. Jose Dorado will be Jean's rep on the Measure 'Y' oversight committee.
5. Jean's office has produced a 'mid-term' report which will be mailed to everyone. There is also a questionnaire, also online, to see how District 4 is doing.

Desley Brooks' Office – No representative.

Supvr Nate Miley's Office – Ariana Richards presented for Darryl Stewart.

1. 4/18 – Open House for Project YES at 88th/MacArthur, next to Castlemont – a Youth Dev. Center

- **COMMUNITY POLICING – Araina Richards, NSC; Lt. Charles Gibson, 5 Officers**

1. May 21st – there will be a LEADERSHIP SUMMIT – CPAB, NCPCs, Police, Community. A GREAT opportunity to meet more neighborhoods & see what's happening elsewhere. There will be presentations, then breakout workshops. At St. Martin de Porres School, Sacred Heart Campus, 675 41st Street.
2. We won't be receiving Crime stats in detailed format again – lack of staffing. Though they are sent out to the PSA email groups. Signup for PSA5 if you haven't already.
3. Lt. Gibson addressed some of the issues around the recent spate of burglaries, & told us that Sgt Williams, 750-4579, is coordinating these efforts. Also dwilliams@oaklandnet.com

We were advised that we need to be careful with publishing photos of possible criminals, as it can influence identification & court cases at a later time.

Lt Gibson is on our email group & appreciates the cooperation & communication that he sees in our neighborhood.

Some phone numbers to keep handy

Problem Solving Officers:

Officer Ron Johnson 750-4584, Mo – Th, 2pm – 12M

Officer Randy Wingate 750-4585, same hours

Sgt O'Rourke – 750-4544 – 3p – 1am ---- but you can call anytime & leave a msg if no answer.

- **HOTSPOTS**

1. High Street – reminders to call in any drug activity that you think you see – 238-DRUG. PSA4 is mostly coordinating Police activity along High Street. There were 3 arrests for drug dealing recently. While 'hanging out' is not a crime in & of itself, if you see people hanging out & it doesn't feel right, you can call Dispatch & report it 777-3333

A question was raised about Outreach to High Street residents & perhaps mail/deliver materials to High Str.
2. A question - Can Brookdale be made a QOL day ??? (traffic issues)

- **OLD Business**

Bylaws will be emailed out & voted on next month. We will start accepting nominations next month for the Officers. If the bylaws are accepted, the nominations will be accepted for Chair, Minutes Secretary, Membership Secretary (current Secretary position being split in two)

- **NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Reminder to spend our MPNC money

Next Meeting - Wed, April 13th, 2005, at MILLS COLLEGE, 7 – 8:30pm

- **Jan Hetherington, Secretary**

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Each person can be contacted via their 'maxwellparknc.com' email address

To join yahoo email group - **<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MPNCPC/>**

NAT REPORTS

TRAFFIC – NAT report

Traffic, Pat Kelly, Chair

1. She has pulled together a report of traffic issues based on what has been sent to our email group.
2. Traffic NAT meeting to be held on 4/47 at B&G Club

CRIME – NAT report

Crime Prevention NAT, Susan & Marty Scolnick, co-chairs – No Report

B 'n' B– NAT report

B 'n' B NAT, Nommi Alouf, Chair, meeting on Mar 24th, 2005

1. BLIGHT - Arturo Sanchez from the City (one of the assistants to the City Administrator, specializing in Nuisance Abatement) attended, to help with how we might address blight issues. He explained differences between 'Blight' & 'Structural Issues' & the different approaches. For instance – for 'aesthetic' problems, the owner is given 10 days to fix the

problem, & then is assessed fees for every re-inspection. For structural problems, the owner is given 14-30 days to fix. It has been suggested that we establish a friendly relationship with the inspector for our area.

2. TREES - Invoicing is happening for home owners for their share of the concrete cutting. Those in District 6 have to pay \$25 for the first cut, and \$55 for subsequent cuts. Those in District 4 got a "paid in full" invoice for their records. The City still has to report back to Nommi about a number of late-comer requests, and some "problem" houses. Nommi got all the houses to sign the concrete cutting agreement that Mona helped draft.

3. CLEAN UP PROJECTS (Redding / Pierson) Jan had a small but dedicated crew in mid-March to weed and collect trash at the Redding Triangle and along the 'Strip'. There will be another big clean up on 4/23 (EARTH DAY!). There will be signs at the Triangle & fliers available (which will also advertise the Courtland Creek clean-up in Beat 27X. Looks like we won't be able to get a ground-breaking off the ground by Earth Day for the MacArthur near Pierson Street Cal-Trans area. Jenn still to submit the landscaping plan for that piece of land. Jan has a contact now at Mills.

COMMUNITY NAT report

Community Outreach NAT, Helen da Silva, Chair

1. Mills will not host our Block Party. Looking for another site

EDUCATION NAT report

Education NAT, Lisa Cartolano, Chair

Jan reported at the meeting – the report below submitted by Lisa later

1. Introductions:

2. A common sentiment of the group is we want this to be a collaborative endeavor with involvement from parents, the school and the community.

3. Some of the hopes/desires for getting this process started were

- Want every child to have parental involvement a good education.

- Brought up the fact that there are two schools in the area: Sherman and Maxwell Park. Currently there is a requirement at Sherman that parents be involved. The principal at Maxwell Park is a little wary of involvement because of liability issues.

- Want kids in the neighborhood to attend the school.

- Want to help the teachers. How can we do this?

- Need greater parental involvement

- Build community through the school.

- Good schools are paramount for the local community

- We have a right to demand what we need for our children

- Biggest issue is getting parental involvement. This seems the most important issue.

- A few people mention Gary Yee from the school district. It was stated that he would be a good person to have come talk to the group. He is well versed in the Oakland School District and would be able to give us a good idea of what the OSUD structure is now and how we can work within that structure to get what we need for the schools.

Action Items

1. Develop a Vision Statement

- We went around the room to state what our "perfect" school would have. This was written down and I put this information in a separate document: Developing the Vision Statement. This is available on the Yahoo Group site.

2. Set a standard time for the meetings - to be held monthly on the 4th Thursday of the month starting at 6:30 PM at the Boys and Girls Club.

3. Contact Gary Yee to have him come speak to the group (possibly June). Lisa to contact Bryan to get Gary's contact information.

4. Determine Organization Structure of the group

5. Develop Protocol for the group and the Yahoo Group

6. Develop Goals & Objectives and then invite the teachers and principals of each school to the meetings.

7. Set Agenda for next meeting - Vee, Sarah, Rachel, Jen and Lisa are meeting on Wednesday April 6th at 6:30 to develop