

Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council

Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Location: Maxwell Park Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Room

Minutes

Present: Jose Dorado (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jan Hetherington (Membership Secretary), Adelle Foley, Alice Ross Leon, Alpha Wilson, Anna Saulala, Brenda Hansen, Carlos Arriaga, Chris Newberry, Claire Antonetti, Claudine Naganuma, Dana DePonzi-Haas, Eric Collins, Helen da Silva, Jack Foley, Jan Hetherington, Joe Davis, Joel Davel, Jose Dorado, Liz Leong, Malia Saulala, Misty Hudson, Nick Stoughton, Robert McGillis, Rosetta Egan, Ruben Aurelio, Sarah Andrews, Sarah Hipolito, Sterling Newberry, Susan Scolnick, Todd Carlisle, Wayne Wilson, Willie Griffin, Jean Quan (City Council), Acting Lt. Don Williams, Sgt O'Rourke, Ofcrs Martin, Odom, Patterson, Gracef (with apologies fro any misspellings)

Guests: Rich Bolocek (Discovery Center, High Street)

Board Absent: Krista Gulbransen (Minutes Secretary), Jeremy Gluskin (Treasurer)

Welcome Comments & Introductions

Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us to the meeting.

Minutes for September were approved

Neighborhood Actions Teams (NATs)

- *Traffic NAT – Adelle Foley reporting*
It is hoped to hold a meeting soon – looking for location as B&G Club not avbl October/early November
- *Drugs & Crime NAT – Susan Scolnick reporting*
She has met with DC Michael Holland re: inputting property crime info into a matrix database to help with finding patterns & solving more of these crimes. If you're interested in participating in the crime statistics input please contact Susan..
- *Blight & Beautification NAT - Claire Antonetti reporting*
 1. At the most recent BnB meeting, Desley Brooks, Mark Zabaneh from Caltrans & Garrett Dempsey from Wilma Chan's office also attended. Issues around 580 off - & on-ramps at Mills/MacArthur, traffic safety issues, 76 gas station, Pierson traffic circle plan, possibility of adopting part of off-ramp were discussed. Awaiting answers from Mark.
 2. A mammoth effort was made by many volunteers to distribute brochures, tree applications & Ed-Nat flyers to the whole of Maxwell Park. Thanks to Jan, Nommi & Robert for the planning. Tree apps still being received.
 3. A Clean-Up was done at Redding/Courtland on Oct 9th. The trash pickup was extended along Courtland to Camden, also other side of Courtland.
 4. Daffodil projects will be in bloom again, courtesy of Keep Oakland Beautiful. There are 5 projects in Maxwell Park, including both elementary schools, Maxwell Park, off Allendale Avenue, & Courtland at Redding. Contact Jan Hetherington for more info
- *Community Building NAT – Helen da Silva reporting*
An NCPC "Summit" was held recently at B&G Club. About 30 people attended, representing several groups in Redwood Heights, Laurel, Melrose, Maxwell Park, Allendale. Groups shared their successes & problems & looked to how we could support each other in the future. The next meeting will be in January.
- *Home Alert Summit, held at Eastmont on Oct 1st – Claire Antonetti reporting*
This meeting was held to review the existing Home Alert (or Neighborhood Watch as it will be re-named) & look to how it can be improved, with the idea that this is the grass roots basis for community safety & organizing. Three groups were formed from this meeting & are expected to meet & develop action plans. Jose wants to stress the importance of connecting the NW groups & NCPCs.

Education NAT – No meeting held this month

- *Art & Cultural NAT – Jan reported (via Pat Patterson)*

Enthusiasm in the group, but a leader needs to be found any volunteers ?????

Committee Reports

- *CORE/MPERT – Nick Stoughton/ reporting*

Nick briefly explained CORE & MPERT, for those not familiar (CORE – Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies – 4 levels of training; MPERT (Maxwell Park Emergency Response Team). Training for emergencies – so we can be slightly self-sufficient for those first few days after a major emergency. A lot more interest since the Hurricanes. Nick has taught 4 to 5 classes a week since Katrina. He will lead a CORE 1 training at MP school on Thursday October 13th (with apologies for the conflicting holiday schedule & he will organize another one soon). Even if you attended in the past, you are encouraged to attend again. In early November there will be a CORE Citywide emergency exercise.

Alice is very involved as a Red Cross volunteer. There have been about 2000 families who have received Red Cross support after the hurricanes. Vols still needed. There has been a suggestion

- *Neighborhood Walks – no new report.*

There will be Halloween walk, keep your eyes out for further information.

Guest Speaker – Rich Bolocek, from Discovery Center

- Rich started the Discovery Center as an answer to drug house that were in his n’hood. He’d seen inquisitive kids become despondent teen s7 wanted to try & stop the cycle. The High Street Alliance invited him to start “Science in the ‘Hood”. He received some funding from Parks & Rec. Rich presented a slide show showing kids at work & play, making projects. He demonstrated the “Floating Magnet”. Kids get to learn that they can make things themselves. They currently have 4 computers, one with internet access. They see 30-60 kids a day. Kids find out about the Center because they can see it from the Rec Center, & Rich goes to many street fairs. Adult volunteers are always welcomed!! We can help with cash, kind & time donations!!

City & County Representatives

- *Councilmember Desley Brooks – No representative present*

- *Councilmember Jean Quan –*

1. Working with OUSD on truancy, especially around Fremont High & Calvin Simmons. It’s important to find out WHY kids don’t go to school.
2. Sound Walls (along 580) meeting held on October 10th. This issue might impact Maxwell Park. It’ll be a number of years before anything is done.
3. Jean will be walking along High Street with OPD on Thursday, to review the traffic, traffic lights etc
4. Looking at M&W liquors – troublespot. Wanting to address the whole corridor.
5. Corner of High/MacArthur. Hahn’s may have sold the land to a senior Housing development. There will be community input.
6. Next Wednesday will be the 2nd annual forum on Domestic Violence. There appears to be an increase in teen on teen violence.
7. Sat, Nov 5th – “Envisioning MacArthur” – a day-long conference with Urban planners. Public involvement is wanted. A map will be posted at Dimond Library & World Grounds. The Conference is at Mills. Contact Claudia Jimenez to register cjimenez@oaklandnet.com

- *Supervisor Nate Miley – No representative to report*

Community Policing Reports

- *NSC – Araina Richards – in Washington at a Community Policing conference.*

- *Crime Information –*

In PSA5 there has been a decrease in assaults – but an increase in homicides – mostly drug related. Increase in prostitution along International, & also more arrests. Young girls are being victimized, OPD is focusing on the pimps. There are 25 officers on special ops right now, mostly below Foothill. Truancy (mentioned by Jean), is a problem & daytime crimes may well be committed by school kids. He mentioned the importance of Home Alert groups.

Neighborhood Hot Spots

High Street (Virginia to Walgreen's) – No further report

Monticello Avenue – No further report

Old Business – Allocation of City Funds to NCPCs – not reported

Announcements

1. Permanent move of the meeting to the school.. The acoustics were a problem, so we will try meeting on the Stage in November
2. “Positive Loitering” – Courtland/Fairfax area – take back the street. This idea has been discussed.
3. Jan announced that Public Works has magnets that have some useful numbers, including a “hotline” 615-5566. This is for Illegal Dumping, Litter Enforcement, Overflowing Litter containers, Potholes, Sidewalk Maintenance, Street Cleaning, Plugged Storm sewers, Park Maintenance, Street Flooding, Sand Bags.
4. Jose is a Measure ‘Y’ compliance rep. There will be a meeting October 20th.

Broke for networking

Next meeting – Wednesday, November 9th, 2005 at Maxwell Park Elementary School, 7:00-8:30pm

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