

Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council
Monthly Meeting—Wednesday, July 13th, 2006
Location: Maxwell Park Elementary School
Minutes

Attendees

Present: Jose Dorado, (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jan Hetherington (Membership Secretary), Jeremy Gluskin (Treasurer), Adelle Foley, Celina Cardenas, Claire Antonetti, Elmer Meredith, Elyse Duckett, Fred Schultz, Helen da Silva, Joe Davis, Jon Ward, Judy Lundy, Nick Stoughton, Preston Turner, Ruben Aurelio, Araina Richards, Lt. Sharon Williams, Claudia Jimenez (Jean Quan's office), Emily Rogers (Desley Brooks' office)

Guests: Scott Lamb, from the Laurel Village

Board Absent: Krista Gulbransen

Welcome Comments & Introductions

Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us to the meeting. The minutes for both May and June were approved, with corrections to a couple of email addresses and attendances.

Neighborhood Action Team Reports

Neighborhood Action Teams (Sarah Hipolito absent today).

Crime & Drug NAT (No report)

- Question raised about lack of lighting in Maxwell Park itself by a neighbor. Claudia Jimenez (from Jean Quan's office) to work on this.

Traffic NAT (Adelle Foley reporting)

- Due to a flurry of emails on the MPNCPC email group, we had some immediate OPD traffic response to the Stop sign (lack of correct usage of same) at Camden & Birdsall and many people were ticketed & a felon or two arrested. We submitted 3 hotspots for attention. They were: Redding /High – the lack of left turn yield coming off the freeway; Birdsall/Camden; Brookdale from Maxwell to Kingsland. Claudia Jimenez from Jean Quan's office mentioned that a new Stop sign was going in on Brookdale, at Rawson, and a new traffic light going in at High & Fairfax – in 30 days ??

Blight & Beautification NAT (Claire Antonetti reporting)

- We did not meet last month, but our focus is current; the 76 gas station/Pierson are still the main focus. A question was asked about tree planting, & yes, we would like to do another round.

Community Building NAT (Helen Da Silva reporting)

- Still planning the Day in the Park event which is happening on September 16. 55 solicitations have been sent out to get donations from local businesses. We may use some musicians who played at the Laurel Summer music festival. We still need volunteers and donations from the neighborhood. Please contact Helen if there is anything you can offer.

Neighborhood School Report (Ruben Aurelio – Maxwell Park Elementary)

- Meeting next week at MP School

Neighborhood Watch (Jan Hetherington)

- Jan asked for reports from any block captains or members of active blocks. Rawson has had their second meeting & is participating in NNO; Wyman is getting geared up for NNO; part of Morcom will join up with another part for an even later in the year: Maxwell had a garage sale; Kingsland also participating in NNO

CORE/MPERT Report (Nick Stoughton reporting)

- CORE 1 will be held on Jul 13th & CORE 2 on July 19th. Both classes will be at Maxwell Park School.

Councilwoman Desley Brooks Office – (Emily Rogers reporting)

- Emily confirmed that a Stop sign was going in on Rawson/Brookdale; a new bike lane is going in on Bancroft from 66th to 82nd. A “Concert in the Park” will be held at Arroyo Viejo Park; Please support the Farmers’ Market at MacArthur and Seminary.

Councilwoman Jean Quan’s Office – (Claudia Jimenez reporting)

- The legislative session is wrapping up for the summer. There may be a library bond on the November ballot to move the main library to the Kaiser Auditorium. (It might cost more to upgrade the existing building). Also hoped for would be adding a library to the Laurel, & upgrading the Dimond & Melrose libraries. Bond costs might range from \$114m to \$240m. Also looking to increase the Hotel tax for funding for Chabot & the Zoo.

Supervisor Nate Miley (no one present)

Neighborhood Services Coordinator (Araina Richards reporting)

- We will have access to \$700 for NCPC activities, for 2006-07. Funds should be available in 3-4 weeks.
- Crime stats – mostly down, though a spike in car thefts.
- There was a meeting this week at Eastmont to talk about Neighborhood walking/patrolling with an emphasis on personal safety. A brochure was created.

Policing Report (Lt. Sharon Williams reporting)

- The next Citizens’ Police Academy starts on August 11th for 14 weeks. It is highly recommended.
- Lt. Williams will need to cut back a little on her emails to the group (time!). However, we stressed how important it was to feel that our questions/comments were being addressed

Guest Speaker)

- Scott is a member of the Laurel Village Association, which is about 2 years old (& “loosely defined” in geographical terms). He is also a community member of the Laurel Business Improvement District. He appreciates the collaboration with Maxwell Park & other neighboring groups. The focus started with Beautification projects but has evolved with a focus on MacArthur. They have a website (laurelvillage.org) & a 300-member email group. They are commercial & residential. They are happy about the development at 35th/MacArthur. Not so happy about the planned development for High/MacArthur, where a 6-storey senior housing development with 140 units is being planned (with some minimal retail). The developers have met with the Laurel BID & other related groups. It is hoped that all n’hood groups can come together for further presentations. (As a comparison, the new development at Lincoln is 3 stories high & about 80 units). Other concerns for the Laurel group include speeding traffic down 35th Avenue. He reported on a successful Summer Solstice music festival where many different musicians played – 33 different groups & 1,000 visitors attended.

Announcements

July 15th is Melrose (27X) Block Party.

July 19th, hearing for “Mi Pueblo”, which is proposing to go into the old Albertson’s on High.

Next meeting – Wednesday, August 9th, 2006 at Maxwell Park Elementary School

Jan Hetherington reporting

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