

Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council
Monthly Meeting—Wednesday, September 13, 2006
Location: Maxwell Park Elementary School, Multipurpose Room
Meeting Minutes

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Attendees

Present: Jose Dorado (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jeremy Gluskin (Treasurer), Jan Hetherington (Membership Secretary), Krista Gulbransen (Minutes Secretary), Darryl Stewart (Nate Miley's office), Claudia Jimenez (Jean Quan's Office), Carmen Perez (Jean Quan's Office), Emily Rogers (Desley Brooks' Office), Lt. Sharon Williams, NSC Araina Richards, Officer Ashford, Officer Frank Mendoza, Officer J. Vanerwegen, Officer M. Hackenberg, Officer N. Windham, Sgt. Kevin O'Rourke, Sgt. Joe Seale, Officer Tim Dolan, Officer J. Wong, Adelle Foley, Birgitta Borgstrom, Bridget Hensley, Claire Antonetti, Frank Goodie, Gus Argyropoulos, Helen Argyropoulos, Helen da Silva, Joe Davis, Joel Davel, Joelle Fraser, Judy Lundy, Karen Livingstone, Linda Egghammer, Lisa Cartolano, Nancy Karigaca, Rosetta Egan, Scott Fuller, Walter Williams

Guests: None

Board Absent: None

Welcome Comments & Introductions

Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us to the meeting. Introductions made. August minutes put up for approval. Motion to approve the minutes by Joe Davis. First and second from the audience. Minutes approved at 7:21pm.

Neighborhood Action Teams (NATs)

- *NAT (Neighborhood Action Team) Program – none present*
- *Traffic NAT—Adelle Foley reporting:* Focus on Redding and Madera, 10 citations for the first half of September, now wanting to focus on the problematic left-hand turn from the 580 West exit (there's a yield sign for left-hand turns but no one pays attention to it), that doesn't seem to have gotten on the list of important hotspots.
- *Crime NAT –none reporting.*
- *Blight & Beautification—Jan Hetherington reporting:* have not met formally but a group of people met informally to talk about Walgreen's problems from a trash standpoint and also from a standpoint of crime since there seems to be a spike in crime as well, if you have an interest in helping out in regards to Walgreen's please contact Jan at jan@moves-to-improve.com, still working on

MacArthur/Pierson intersection, trying to get info on the street circle design that is supposed to happen there, just found out from the city that they want community input by September 22, landscaping at Maxwell Park Elementary where they've done the new retaining wall will happen with the appropriate irrigation.

- *Community Building NAT – Helen da Silva reporting:* gearing up for big event on Saturday, September 16 from 11am-4pm, our last few meetings have been in regards to the event, in contact with Parks & Recs department to help clean up the park prior to the event which has been a great boon for the park.
- *Education NAT – Lisa Cartolano reporting.* Education NAT is now a group in support of the school and will rotate around to various neighbor's houses to talk up the school and invite participation, she is creating a website for the school.
- *Neighborhood Watch Coordinator – Jan Hetherington reporting:* With all the great Block Captains it really helped us to be able to distribute the flyers for the event very quickly and easily. It is an added bonus to having the neighborhood watch.
- *CORE & MPERT Report—none reporting*

City & County Representatives

Councilwoman Desley Brooks—no one reporting. Jan Hetherington to put on the record that we have made contact with Brooks' office to request representation at our meetings but have seen nothing for the past two months.

- Emily came late and reported that the Farmer's Market has been officially closed.
- There is a Police Contract Negotiations Forum on September 20 from 5pm to 9pm at the City of Oakland Council Chambers, hosted by the Black Elected Officials of the East Bay.

Councilmember Jean Quan—Claudia Jimenez reporting

- Claudia will be moving on to Ignacio De La Fuentes's office and this is her last meeting. She introduced the new Policy Analyst named Carmen Perez (?).
- Quan is co-sponsoring with Parks & Recs a musical program at Westminster, all performances are free, will be four Sundays in a row starting September 17.
- Pending conditional use permits for the old M&W Liquors and the old Pizza Joint on the corner of High and Virginia: schedule to go before the planning commission on October 4, meeting was set up with OPD so they could give their input based on what they know from those particular locations, additional information will be sent out in regards to the meeting if community members want to attend.

Supervisor Nate Miley – Darryl Stewart reporting (891-5586)

- Town Hall Meeting: October 30, Sequoyah Community Church on Keller, theme: find out about Alameda County, what is the role of the County, talking about budget, introductions of new Violence Prevention Coordinator

Community Policing Reports--Araïna Richards reporting

- Public Hearing re: Oakland Taxis, will be discussing whether we need more taxis, what kinds of services we need, public welcome to attend.
- Creek to Bay Cleanup: Saturday, September 16 from 9am to 12pm.
- Revocation Hearing for One Stop Liquor located at 6000 MacArthur, September 21 at City Hall at 6:30pm, speakers lined up to see what they've witnessed in the neighborhood but we need other community members to come out and support our neighboring NCPCs.
- Request by community member to put in some new lighting especially near the bathrooms at Maxwell Park.
- Who do we talk to request more street signs for the school on Fleming (i.e the Drug Free Zone signs)? Contact Jean Quan's office for some possible suggestions.

Police Report – Ron Ward reporting

- Handed over to Sharon Williams

Crime Statistics – Lt. Sharon Williams reporting

- Question about whether hit and run/vandalism of vehicles reports get put on our crime stats. Answer is no.
- Report on shooting at Fairfax and High on September 12. The person shot was the intended target so it was not a random shooting. Is it related to drug activity? Right now the answer of yes would just be an assumption. Is it someone that hangs out there often? He is familiar with the area, yes. The cameras that were up were not working properly so they didn't catch anything.
- Continuing to try to evict the Barber Shop at Fairfax & High for drug activity (last month's report spoke of two drug busts that were made there and the potential to shut it down).
- Do we have a curfew policy: only for drug cases, individual cases but not citywide. We understand that Oakland does not have an ordinance against loitering. What do surrounding communities do about that? Other communities don't have a lot of the other problems we do. The other loitering law we have is against drug selling/loitering. Darryl Stewart mentioned that they are meeting to put GPS tracking devices on those on probation that have curfews.
- Community member suggestion: have a meeting with the merchant's that have businesses near the troublesome Fairfax and High Street to get them to participate positively.
- Crime is down overall in our Beat. Someone asked to put in a substation on Fairfax & High. Not possible given that other Beats need officers more due to the homicide rate.
- Open discussion about helping the youth in the community followed. How do we prevent the loitering and trouble on the corners? Some people were uncomfortable

with going up to the suspected drug dealers on the corner and striking up a conversation with them. Darryl Stewart made a good point that it doesn't start at the drug corner, it starts with the youth that's in your neighborhood bored and lacking some direction. Talk to him/her. Let them know you care and that you've got an eye out for them. The drug dealers notice how you treat their little brother/sister/cousin. That is the way in which you will wind up having an effect on them.

Announcements

Broke for networking at 9:30pm.

Next meeting – Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at Maxwell Park Elementary School

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