

**Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council**  
**Monthly Meeting—Wednesday, November 8, 2006**  
**Location: Maxwell Park Elementary School, Room 16**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees**

Present: Jose Dorado (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jeremy Gluskin (Treasurer), Jan Hetherington (Membership Secretary), Krista Gulbransen, Adelle Foley, Barbara Taylor, Bob Forseberg, Carlton Monroe, Cheryl Wilson, Calire Antonetti, Helen da Silva, Martin Scolnick, Nancy Karigaca, Nick Stoughton, Niviece Robinson, Sarah Hipolito, Shirley Burton, Victor Flint, Officer K. Murphy, Araina Richards, Lt. S. Williams, PSO R. Johnson, CRT Officer A. Jones, Jean Quan, Carmen Perez, Emily Rogers

**Guests:** Ron Owens, Parolee Orientation Program

**Board Absent:** None

**Welcome Comments & Introductions**

Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us to the meeting. Introductions made. October minutes put up for approval. Motion to approve the minutes by 7:12 by Nick Stoughton. Second from the audience. Minutes approved at 7:13 pm.

Given the schedule of our guest speaker, he will be going first on the agenda.

Guest Speaker: Ron Owens, Community Liaison (Parolee Orientation) 3,000 parolees paroled to Oakland within one year. 32 prisons in California. We have more prisons than anyone else in the world. With police and corrections and team. It is a myth that there are no programs or help for parolees. 22 services within 7 days of their release available to them. They have to sign up for at least one rehabilitative service. Services offered: housing, drug treatment, etc. Dependent on their history is dependent on what they have to sign up for (i.e. drug dependency). Parolee is someone who has been to state prison. Probation is someone who has a county prison time. His program deals only with parolees. There is hope. The program is to help them integrate socially as many of them have not had the experience of being integrated socially. How can we be involved as a community on the front-end of a parolee being released into our community? How can we support them and help to create structure for them? Answer: we need to be careful as a community not to put forward an attitude of being vigilantes. There are people in place to keep an eye on them and provide them with that structure. However, as a community we can welcome them into

the community by sending them a welcome pack (delivered by a city person) letting them know that they are welcome to participate in our community.

### **Neighborhood Action Teams (NATs)**

*NAT (Neighborhood Action Team) Program – Sarah Hipolito reporting:* Article about our Day in the Park in the event in the recent issue of the MacArthur Metro.

*Traffic NAT—Adelle Foley reporting:* 11 citations issued this past month. Request for Pierson & MacArthur off ramp to get some attention from traffic cops. The off ramp from 580 at High Street is being examined by the traffic division with report findings coming out approximately December 20.

*Crime NAT –Marty Scolnick reporting:* Crime NAT meeting last Thursday. Discussed a number of topics one of which was about probation. Following up on the request to look into a private patrol service (security service). An anonymous donor who has offered \$1500 to start the service. There are a number of things that need to be done in order to get there. The community will be involved in feting out the process. Question: how is this going to be decided on if it's for the whole of the community? Those that are willing to put money towards it have one set of decisions to make but they want to solicit opinion from the neighborhood. Martin would not feel comfortable moving forward if the majority of the neighborhood was not comfortable with the proposal. Next meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the issues at hand.

*Blight & Beautification—Claire Antonetti reporting:* meeting at the end of the month at Mills College, inviting multiple people related to the pocket park project at MacArthur & Pierson. By invitation only. Will be daffodil planting eventually. The Courtland/Redding project will be around November 19. In terms of tree planting, not quite getting the response from Neighborhood Watch Captains that we want in order to make it happen. Want to get the applications in by mid-December.

*Community Building NAT –Helen da Silva reporting:* Community Building NAT reviewed a number of possibilities for our next project. We have decided to take on one large project for each half of the year. Our first project will be a Youth & Community Summit. We plan to engage surrounding NCPCs and the Boys & Girls Club on High Street to provide a forum in which Maxwell Park community members and the surrounding youth can connect to provide a positive forum for support and exchange. We are aiming for March or April of 2007. The second half of the year will be focused on another Day in the Park event. In addition, we will be creating a Welcome Package for new community members and will be working with the appropriate people to distribute the packets and welcome new members into the fold. We welcome new members to help with the Youth Summit and/or the creation of the Welcome Packet. Our next meeting will be the first week of December and we hope to meet with other members of the surrounding communities to discuss the structure of the Youth Summit.

*Education NAT – no one reporting*

*Neighborhood Watch Coordinator – nothing to report*

*CORE & MPERT Report—Nick Stoughton reporting:* the city will be buying a bunch of walkie talkies. If you've gone through CORE III then you can sign up to receive a walkie talkie.

## **City & County Representatives**

*Councilwoman Desley Brooks – Emily reporting:*  
Nothing new to report.

*Councilmember Jean Quan—Carmen reporting:*  
Met with the owners at Fairfax & High (the barbershop) to help them understand how to better operate their security camera since there have been problems. Palm Reader sign at the corner of High and Brookdale has until November 10 to remove the sign. Notice has been given. Introduced Bob from the Community Policing Advisory Committee. Annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 15 at the Chabot Science Center.

*Community Policing Reports--Araina Richards reporting*  
Handed out monthly crime stats. We are entering the holiday season. Brought some safety tip for everyone, please share them with neighbors. If you know of any family that needs a turkey and the trimmings for the holiday please contact Araina by November 15. Open House at the Eastmont Police Station to meet various members of OPD. December 13 from 6pm-8pm. Introduction of Denise Robinson from Mills College Public Safety Department. OPD is arranging a special meeting with students at Mills to get them more involved.

## **Announcements**

Red Cross is coming around Saturday, November 11 at 10:30 at the High Street Presbyterian church to talk about how to handle a disaster and how to create a family plan.

**Broke for networking at 10:00 pm.**

Next meeting – Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at Maxwell Park Elementary School

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