

Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council
Monthly Meeting—Wednesday, March 14, 2007
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), Adelle Foley, Amy Prevedel, Ashley Thomsak, Birgitta Borgstrom, Bob Forsberg, Claire Antonetti, Claudette Jaime, Daria Schwarzchild, Giovanna Otfinowski, Gus Argyropoulos, Helen Argyropoulos, Ilana Kohn, Jeanne Rose, Joe Davis, Joelle Fraser, Jon Ward, Linda Eghammer, Lori Fuller, Lucia White, Nick Stoughton, Robert Irving, Ruben Aurelio, Sarah Hipolito, Scott Fuller, Shirley Burton, Tasha Givens, Sue Piper, Emily Rogers, Darryl Stewart, Lt. Sharon Williams, Brian Kline, Alain Manguy, Araina Richards, Ron Johnson, Doug MacLean, Victor Blanco, Susan McDonough, Jose Hernandez. **Guests:** Doug MacLean, Sandre Swanson's Office **Board Absent:** Krista Gulbransen (Minutes Secretary)

Welcome Comments & Introductions

Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us to the meeting. One change made (unintelligible on audio notes).

Neighborhood Action Teams (NATs)

- *NAT (Neighborhood Action Team) Program – Sarah Hipolito reporting:* Encouraging people to join the NATs. If interested in any of the NATs, please contact her for direction to the appropriate contact for each NAT.
- *Traffic NAT—Adelle Foley reporting:* Neighborhood walks are about to start up again. Adelle needs help coordinating the walks. Please contact her if you're interested. Fleming Avenue was chosen as a hotspot and 51 citations were written by OPD as a result (per Araina Richards reporting). Asked group if people are interested in continuing to have Fleming as a hotspot. Some people suggested Monticello where there aren't any speed bumps. It was decided that they would continue with Fleming and Monticello will be chosen for the month of April.
- *Crime NAT – No one reporting*
- *Blight & Beautification—Claire Antonetti reporting:* We've been working on the MacArthur/Pierson intersection. There is currently a survey in circulation getting neighbor's thoughts on what should be done with the area to improve connection between all the appropriate entities. If you're interested in helping out please contact Claire.
- *TREE PROJECT:* As reported last month, all the trees that do not need a concrete cut should all be done. Those that need the concrete cut will take a little longer because they have to contract with someone to cut the concrete. Earth Day is coming up on April 21 and there will be an email about the area we will be working on that day. Things are growing well at Courtland & Redding!
- *Community Building NAT – Jan Hetherington reporting.* Looking to select a date for the Second Annual Day in the Park Event. Krista met with Michael Foster who is the Director of the Allendale Rec Center to talk about how to create synergies between Maxwell Park community and the Rec Center. Looking to help populate the Rec Center's Community Board to help guide the Rec Center in its activities. Sarah Hipolito will be writing an article about the meeting to appear in the next Metro.

- *Education NAT – Ashley Thomsak reporting:* (part of the Guest Speaker presentation since they are connected)
- *Neighborhood Watch Coordinator – Jan Hetherington reporting:* Please consider creating a Block Group if you don't already have one on your block. If you aren't sure whether your block has a Neighborhood Watch Program in place please contact Jan Hetherington at jan@moves-to-improve.com to find out more.
- *CORE & MPERT Report—Nick Stoughton reporting:* If you get enough people together within your block, Nick Stoughton will come and do a person CORE I & II training. It's very critical to help us be ready for the upcoming earthquake. CORE training/emergency event coming up. Everyone is invited to participate. Talk to Nick if you're interested in participating. Joe Davis asked if anyone in the room has a walkie talkie? He invited them to participate in the group walkie talkie. There is a test prior to each MPNC meeting to tighten up for the emergency response preparation!

City & County Representatives

Councilwoman Desley Brooks – Emily Rogers reporting. Two event announcements. Look on her website for more information. One is an Egg Hunt for Easter and the other is the School's Out Fair!

Some discussion about abandoned and improperly parked vehicles. Desley's office helped out with a trailer car that was parked illegally for a period of time. Desley's office helped find the owner and get it taken care of. Araina encouraged people to

Supervisor Miley's office – Darryl Stewart reporting:

- New Juvenile Justice Center just opened
- Youth Uprising is being helped by Supervisor Miley to find land in an unincorporated area that they can build another Youth Uprising Center
- Looking at creating a curfew for the unincorporated area
- There will be another Supervisor Town Hall Meeting, check his website for more information (on April 19)

Councilmember Jean Quan—Sue Piper reporting:

- Short staffed at the moment
- Some upcoming events that the community might be interested in, go to Quan's website for further information
- At last meeting we requested a meeting for different NCPC leaders within Jean Quan's footprint to get together and chat about leadership issues and connect with the appropriate people, there is a meeting coming up for that particular request.

Community Policing Reports – Araina Richards reporting:

- Reminder to spend and turn in receipts for NCPC funds

Police Report – Lt. Sharon Williams reporting: unintelligible from audio file, what is written below is bits and pieces I could pick up:

- Introduction of a new officer on the beat (??)

- Office Johnson reporting: auto thefts continue to be the beat priority, they are going to do a sting for stolen vehicles, they will be giving out clubs at the upcoming Safety Fair. Please, please lessen the opportunity for people to break into your vehicle or home. You have the responsibility.
- Looking for information on witnesses of prostitution activity, discussion of whether they're coming up from East 14th. If you witness what you think are prostitutes, please call the appropriate hotline to report it. Special Victims Unit does the follow up.

Guest Speaker

Doug MacLean of Sandre Swanson's office reporting: Introducing a bill in Sacramento to force the state to hand over some control of the schools to the Education Board so that there is a more local focus.

Ashley Thomsak reporting: The Ed NAT team has transitioned to the Support Maxwell Park School Group. Currently working on what is happening at the school. Trying to be involved as community members and to be connected with parents in the neighborhood. Working with the teachers and the staff at the school especially in regards to the incubation period which is intended to "redesign" the school during the next school year. Ashley is also the new moderator for Max Park Families. There isn't anything specific organized right now but that will change. If anyone is interested in doing more or being involved, please contact her.

Ruben Aurelio reporting: spoke of the incubation period. Elizabeth Sherman School will be closed.

Announcements

- Announcement of peaceful demonstrations every Friday at Farmer Joe's in regards to Union issue. Please come out and support the workers.
- Master Plan for Bicycles is being worked on by the city. They are looking for comments during the draft phase. Please keep an eye out for requests to participate in the process.
- Anybody know anything about the curb cuts that are supposed to be happening to make sidewalks more wheelchair accessible? They started the process and now it seems to have stalled out. Araina Richards will find out more information.
- pwacallcenter@oaklandnet.com is the email address people should use to report anything that is related to Public Works. Calling is good but email is better in order to create a record.
- Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council elections coming up. We need a new Treasurer. If you're interested, contact Jose Dorado.

Broke for networking at 9:15 pm. Next meeting – Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 7pm at Maxwell Park Elementary School

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To join the Yahoo! Email group go to: <http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/MPNCPC/>