

Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council
Monthly Meeting—Wednesday, October 10, 2007
Location: Maxwell Park Elementary School, Room 16
Meeting Minutes

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Attendees

Present: Jose Dorado (Chair), Robert McGillis (Vice Chair), Jan Hetherington (Membership Secretary), Krista Gulbransen (Treasurer)

Guests: Adam Parascandola, Director, Oakland Animal Services (no show)

Board Absent: Nick Stoughton (Minutes Secretary)

Welcome Comments & Introductions

Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us to the meeting. Introductions made. Minutes for September put up for approval and approved with no changes.

Neighborhood Action Teams (NATs)

- *NAT (Neighborhood Action Team) Program – Sarah Hipolito reporting:* Brought our attention to the recent issue of MacArthur Metro that contains the Maxwell Park column.
- *Traffic NAT—Adelle Foley reporting:* Still focusing on High Street and Redding where the problem persists on traffic coming off the off ramp. Talked about some solutions and working with Araina Richards to work between parties.
- *Blight & Beautification—Claire Antonelli reporting:* Really need more volunteers in order to continue the large project on MacArthur Blvd. and Pierson for the pocket park. If you're interested, please contact us via the Maxwell Park website at maxwellparknc.com. Walgreen's has been taking more care of their property per our requests and persistence. Still working on the community bulletin board. Getting daffodils for planting the first week of November. November 3 the school at Maxwell Park Elementary is having a beautification day.
- *Community Building NAT – Krista Gulbransen reporting:* We had a very successful Day in the Park event with over 400 people attending. We appreciate all who donated time, money,

etc. to make it happen. We do plan to have a Third Annual event next September so stay tuned! We are on hiatus for a short period of time while we catch our breath.

- *Maxwell Park Schools Together– Ashley Thomsak reporting:* Have a weekly playgroup at Maxwell Park on Mondays so that people use the park on a more regular basis. Noticing that people well outside our area are coming to use the park as well! Committee meeting to discuss what Maxwell Park Elementary School will look like beginning Fall of 2008 to make a very appealing school. Moira, Principal at the old Elizabeth Sherman school (now an Academy) talked about making the school an immersion school next year. A meeting with the neighbors over some issues (such as the new chosen color for the school) is at 5:30pm October 16 at the old Elizabeth Sherman school. There is a concern because the school has moved from an elementary school to a middle school and things have changed on the campus.
- *Neighborhood Watch Coordinator – Jan Hetherington reporting:* There are still many people who are not part of a Neighborhood Watch on their block and need to sign up. You can contact Jan for more information.
- *Diversity & Outreach Committee (NAT) – Shirley Burton Jose Dorado reporting:* Had over 15 people at the first meeting. Talked about trying to change up our monthly NCPC meeting so that it seems more inclusive and less exclusive. Also talked about having a holiday celebration in December so that we can gather as a neighborhood just for socializing and connecting. Having another meeting in October 16 at 7pm. If you're interested in finding out the location or if you're interested in joining the group at any time contact Jose Dorado at jdorado@sbcglobal.net. Suggestion that we have the Holiday Celebration at the Melrose Leadership Academy.
- *CORE & MPERT Report—Joe Davis reporting:* Monthly radio test is still being conducted! Nick Stoughton is out of town and will report more next month on CORE.
- *Treasurer's Report: Krista Gulbransen Reporting –* we were happy to have a finalcially successful Day in the Park event. We raised over \$1200 from the community which help pay for all our expenses and we had \$38 leftover. We get some money throughout the year from the city but we don't have a lot of money. We recently reprinted our neighborhood brochures which ate into our funds. We have about \$320 left. We will try to be doing a brainstorming for a new fundraising activity soon such as a Maxwell Park t-shirt!

City & County Representatives

Councilwoman Desley Brooks – no one reporting:

- Juanita Carter is a newer member of Jean's staff. She works in the downtown City Hall office. Emily Rogers is still assigned to Maxwell Park.
- It was noted that we were sorry that Desley's office didn't have a presence or representation at the Day in the Park event but we were thankful that the office was able to help us waive the Parks & Rec fee for the event in coordination with Jean Quan's office.

Councilmember Jean Quan—Sue Piper reporting:

- Meeting on new seismic retrofit program through Oakland. There is another workshop coming up in January for it. There is a brochure available for new homeowners.
- Last music in the Redwoods is this Sunday.
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month is in November. Upcoming meetings for the public to become educated and to help.
- This past Sunday 200 people camped out in Joaquin Miller Park to do some work to protect it further.
- Press Conference on October 11 for the resurrection of the Bike Patrol. You can become an extra eye and ears for the Rangers of Oakland. You will reserve and report. Trying to find people who regularly ride bicycles who would be willing to be ambassadors.
- The dog ordinance put forward by Jean Quan about the Dog Ordinance did pass and will go to the Council on October 16. New changes include: new pooper scooper law, leaving dogs in unattended cars, allow people to tether their dogs on their property for only 15 minutes max.

Supervisor Nate Miley's Office—Darryl Stewart reporting:

- Budget is balanced.
- Alameda County lost its Director of Social Services in August. The supervisor was recently asked what he's hoping for in a new Director of Social Services.
- Will be cutting GA benefits (General Assistance program which provides locally-funded benefits for low-income people who cannot receive federal benefits) for those who are considered employable. Will be reducing it down to 6 months of the year (the national average is 3 months).

Community Policing Reports—Sgt. Stone reporting:

- Auto thefts seem to be a little higher than we might normally see. Have gone down 21% from last quarter. Burglaries have gone up a little since last quarter. Domestic violence is up from last quarter. No felony assaults, no homicides, no residential robberies, no rapes. Down on strong arm robberies/commercial robberies.
- Whatever the issue, please contact Sgt. Stone to look into. Has direct access to email while on the Beat. cstone@oaklandnet.com.
- Question on catalytic converter, anything we can do? Just make sure that overall your car is really difficult to get into by locking doors and windows and using a club. They like dark areas so try to brighten areas in which your car rests.

- Runaway car yesterday reminds us that we all need to curb our wheels if you are on a hill that has a grade of 3% or greater.
- Question from the Sgt.: can you please email me with traffic places that need attention that are ignored?

Police Report – Lt. Sharon Williams reporting:

- New Problem Solving Officer, email cstone@oaklandnet.com. Best to email him with issues so that he can review and work on them. Better to contact him than Lt. Williams.

Guest Speaker: Adam Parascandola from Oakland Animal Services

- NO SHOW

Announcements

- Jose Dorado and Krista Gulbransen have begun to work in conjunction with Youth Uprising and other city agencies to create a large Youth and Community Summit for next Spring 2008 to create a positive change and education about youth and violence prevention in Oakland City. We are looking for volunteers to help with this project. Please contact Krista Gulbransen at Krista_gulbransen@yahoo.com or call 510-304-3575 if you are interested.

Broke for networking at 8:35 pm.

Next meeting – Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 7pm at Maxwell Park Elementary School

Krista Gulbransen reporting

Treasurer (on behalf of Nick Stoughton, Minutes Secretary, Absent)

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Helen da Silva	Co-Chair Community Building NAT
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Susan Scolnick	Crime & Drugs NAT
Adelle Foley	Traffic NAT
Lisa Cartolano	Education NAT
Nick Stoughton	CORE/MPERT
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Each person can be contacted by going to the www.maxwellparknc.com website.

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