

Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council

Monthly Meeting—Wednesday, April 09, 2008

Location: Maxwell Park Elementary School

Meeting Minutes

All meetings are recorded. If you do not want to be recorded please raise your hand so that when you speak, we can turn off our recording device. All recordings are posted on www.maxwellparknc.com.

Attendees

The Attendance List has moved to a separate document. Please see “Apr08-Attendance”.

Welcome Comments & Introductions

Robert McGillis (Vice Chair) welcomed us (apologized for absence of Chair –Jose Dorado. Explained it is tax crunch time!), and called the meeting to order. Abbreviated introductions made. Adele Foley acted as a door-welcoming committee. March Minutes approved by unanimous consent.

City & County Representatives

Councilwoman Desley Brooks: no representative.

Councilmember Jean Quan—Michael Johnson reporting:

- CORE 1 training happening at Allendale Rec Center
- The paint dumping issue will be taken care of.
- There will be a Citizen training to monitor speeders on 35th Ave. Virginia Av si also a possibility for this.
- There is a Community Summit being held at Laney College on 5/31. All encouraged to come.
- Michael can be contacted at mljohnson@okalandnet.com 510 238 4738

Supervisor Nate Miley’s Office—no representative.

Neighborhood Action Teams (NATs)

- *NAT (Neighborhood Action Team) Program – Sarah Hippolito reporting:* Metro article on traffic issues
- *Traffic NAT—Adelle Foley reporting:* Traffic concerns: Be specific .. time of day and location as well as nature of problem. There was mention of speeding on 55th.
- *Drugs and Crime:* still a vacancy here. Anyone interested in helping to reform this NAT should contact Jose.
- *Blight & Beautification—Claire Antonetti/Jan Hetherington reporting:* Traffic Circle at Pierson – Plan B being tried out at present. Earth day is April 19, 9am – 12N – meet at Courtland/Redding. New sidewalk trees have been planted. A project to beautify Maxwell Park (the park) has started – Nancy Karigaca & Ashley Thomsak will lead this. A first brainstorming meeting is planned for April 29th at MP School.. Jean Quan’s office has indicated they are ready to help us. FOPR has some leftover funds from prior improvements that can be used.
- *Community Building NAT – Joe Davis reporting:* Planning the third annual day in the park (Sep 13th). Working with the organizers of the Community Summit – Maxwell Park is one of 3 NCPCs that will be presenting on one of the panels.
- *Maxwell Park Schools Together – Ashley Thomsak reporting for Maxwell Park School:* The design team went to LA to visit a newly re-designed school, in the hopes that info they gleaned there can be applied her. The new re-designed school will open in September, name not yet chosen. There will be positions for 6-8 new teachers. On 5/8 there will be a Literacy Night, story telling. Dinner at 6pm. *Moyra Contreras reporting for Melrose Leadership Academy:* They will have Earth Day on April 19th, 9am – 2:30pm. Melrose will be converting to a K-8, dual immersion school, starting in 2009. Each year a new grade will be added as new K kids are brought in, and kids will graduate being bilingual English/Spanish.
- *Diversity & Outreach Committee (NAT) – Shirley Burton reporting:* May 1 celebration has been postponed – hopefully in June ??
- *Neighborhood Watch Coordinator – Jan Hetherington reporting:* Still looking to revitalize & expand..

- *CORE & MPERT Report—Joe Davis reporting:* CORE Annual Citywide Exercise is scheduled for April 26 2008. MPERT will not be involved this year. This year the focus will be on First Aid, as well as establishing the Incident Command Post. If you are interested in participating in the exercise, please contact Nick, and he will put you in contact with other local groups. Victim volunteers also needed.

Police Reports

Police Report – Araina Richards/PSO Keith Clement reporting:

March Crime Stats presented. A rep from Community Services will come to a meeting to give information on how to better secure our homes. Do call non-emergency number 777-3333 to report suspicious activity, give as much description as possible.

There were questions about the City permit fee for alarm systems. It is \$25 , & free for 65+.

Discussion about the “priorities” that the NCPC is supposed to come up with for the PSO to work on.

Announcements

Broke for networking

Next meeting – 7/9/2008

Jan Hetherington, Acting Minutes Secretary.

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Neighborhood Action Teams

Sarah Hipolito	NAT Coordinator
Claire Antonetti	Blight & Beautification NAT
Helen da Silva	Co-Chair Community Building NAT
Krista Gulbransen	Co-Chair Community Building NAT
Susan Scolnick	Crime & Drugs NAT
Adelle Foley	Traffic NAT
Ashley Thomsak	Education NAT
Nick Stoughton	CORE/MPERT
Araina Richards	NSC-Beat 28X
Shirley Burton	Co-Chair Diversity and Outreach NAT
Jose Dorado	Co-Chair Diversity and Outreach NAT

Each person can be contacted by going to the www.maxwellparknc.com website.

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