

# Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council

## Monthly Meeting—Wednesday, July 09, 2008

Location: LDS Church, Virginia Ave

### Meeting Minutes

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Attendees

*The Attendance List has moved to a separate document. Please see "Jul08-Attendance".*

### **Welcome Comments & Introductions**

Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us, and called the meeting to order at 7.01 p.m. Introductions made. Adele Foley acted as a door-welcoming committee. June Minutes approved by unanimous consent. Thanks to Jan Hetherington for taking minutes last month.

### **Community Policing Reports**

NSC: *Araina Richards*: National Night Out coming up. So far, just 2 parties registered. Please register your NNO party soon if you are planning one. Oakland is planning for 400 total, right now it is 112. August 5<sup>th</sup>, 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Fliers are being made. Barbara organizing one for Monticello. Kingsland also has one planned. Email also went out today, but there may be a problem with size.

There was an accident recently at Redding and Storer which damaged the fence and planting there. Traffic engineering is examining this area, and may well add striping to see if this helps. Jose noted it would be helpful if Traffic came and addressed us directly about matters like this. Officer Crawford noted that Stop signs can be detrimental to those who live nearby.

Keith Clement presented the crime stats. Crime is declining overall. Watch out for open windows in warm weather ... especially if there is a garbage can nearby to use as a ladder to climb in.

3112 Monticello is a priority. Most of the calls relating to this address have been medical (46 of 47).

Loose dogs ... please be exact with respect to addresses so that OPD can follow up adequately. Animal Control will be following up directly with MPNC to address dog security.

Sergeant Bob Crawford is currently assigned to this area 8.00 am to 8.00pm, and knows the district very well. Seven daytime burglaries in the last month. White male on bicycle is a current suspicious person ... probably heroin user. Over the past few years, Sgt Crawford has worked with a number of specialized units establishing "Community Policing" as it has now become. Beat Health program has now morphed into the Measure Y programs. First thing needed is information. Police absolutely need the right information, at the right time, to target the problem locations and people. Also need community support. Vote the right officials into office to support these programs. Give feedback – let them know what they are doing right, and what wrong.

For example, need correct permits and licensed contractors to fix the sidewalk in front of your house. Many fly-by-night people do cut-rate jobs with cut-rate quality. City will make you pay for fixing it later! Lot of these problems going on right now. Watch out for people wheeling shopping carts with plumbing supplies around ... "urban miners" stripping empty homes of copper.

OPD has a lot of tools. Partnership between police and community.

Officer Crawford can be reached at 510 777 8638 any time. Email [rcrawford@oaklandnet.com](mailto:rcrawford@oaklandnet.com).

SARA process: Scan, Analyze, Report, Assess. Problem oriented policing. Try to make property owners responsible for their properties. Closing crack houses is not the end of the issue. Often problem needs several different agencies, but if the cops are not there, others may not be able to follow through. This aspect is now being fixed. Community policing is not the same as personal policing ... not every officer will know every thing that has happened recently.

Talked about the idea of having a full day of training for anyone interested in community policy/problem solving. Probably would be a Saturday.

Foreclosure is public information. If the group surveyed the district looking for empty houses, report those falling into disrepair to code compliance.

Question: Any reports of break ins on Wyman recently? Recent project in that area (Redding specifically).

## **City & County Representatives**

*Councilwoman Desley Brooks: Barbara Taylor reporting:*

Pierson Street island. Desley pushed staff to build the sample implementations, and is pushing for a minor modification to the current setup.

Partnered with OPD and others to implement a community policing effort in District 6.

Working with MacArthur merchants to organize a street fair 9/13.

*Councilmember Jean Quan—Michael Johnson reporting:*

- Please feel free to contact Michael at [mljohnson@okalandnet.com](mailto:mljohnson@okalandnet.com) 510 238 4738
- Phase 2 of seismic upgrade program is in effect ... low income families qualify for grants in upgrades.
- Ice cream available for National Night Out ... please register. Ice cream first come first served.
- 15 ways to make your community safer ... handout distributed.
- Doing work on Foothill with respect to sideshows.
- Working with Laurel merchants to deter crime.

*Supervisor Nate Miley's Office—Daryl Stewart reporting:*

- County balanced its budget.
- Expecting a 10% cut to help state budget.
- Thanks for re-electing Nate in June!
- Building a facility at Fred Finch for youth programs.
- Social services director had warned about the need to implement time limits to the general assistance program. This was delayed by the board of supervisors. A lot of people from San Francisco moved to Alameda when care not cash went into effect so they could get onto Alamedas general assistance progrma ... now the most lenient in the Bay Area. Health care budget is threatened by this. As the state cuts, so must the counties.

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

- *NAT (Neighborhood Action Team) Program –*
- *Traffic NAT—Adelle Foley reporting:* Traffic concern log being passed around. 27X had a meeting about sideshows. There will be a followup meeting this month – date will be when Mayor can attend. Radar gun training ... Adelle attended. Excellent opportunity ... others should consider attending. We need more people to make this a viable and useful community tool.
- *Drugs and Crime:* still a vacancy here. Anyone interested in helping to reform this NAT should contact Jose.
- *Blight & Beautification—Claire Anotnetti.* Third Sunday cleanup. Still waiting for update on the MacArthur/Pierson gateway project feasibility study. Expecting to hear very soon. Spoke to the city about the Pierson traffic circle ... Plan A is the plan of choice (not the current plan B). Contrary to Desley's report. New trees must be watered, at least once a month. 20 minutes at very low flow rate.
- *Community Building NAT – Jose Dorado reporting:* Continuing to organize Third annual Day in the Park – September 13. Need volunteers and money for this. Please contact Jose or Jan (or Krista).
- *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. National Night Out organizing should be ramping up. 4335 Monticello party is open to all in MP. Adelle will be organizing a walk around the parties. Last year we had 12 parties and three groups of walkers.
- *Maxwell Park Schools Together– Ashley Thomsak reporting.* Schools are out. Schools have been broken into again (10 breakins since last fall at MPE). All computers have been stolen. If you live near to either of the schools and see anything unusual, please call it in. MPE is being renamed Maxwell Park International Academy. Both schools need help with gardens and other such activities.
- *Diversity & Outreach Committee (NAT) – Shirley Burton reporting:* Looking to restart this group soon.
- *Maxwell Park – Nancy Karigasha reporting:* New group looking to make improvements to the park itself. Survey is in progress ... if you haven't filled it in, please do so. Also available on paper, in both English and Spanish.

- *CORE & MPERT Report—Nick Stoughton reporting:* Current Heatwave: know your neighbors. Buddy up with those who have special needs ... elderly, those with young children. Set up a "Buddy" system where family, friends or others can check on each other via phone or visits. Do "check-ins" before, during and after the hottest part of the day. Avoid direct sun and heat. Avoid strenuous work in the hottest part of the day.

## **Announcements**

- There will be a "NAT Focus" meeting coming soon. Not yet sure which month
- Board is looking to expand. Will change the bylaws to add between 2 and 5 new board members. Make NAT chairs ex-officio members. ACTION – distribute current bylaws on paper.
- Several NCPC chairs are joining together to make a new organization to help exchange information and best practices city-wide.
- Barbara has a neighbor on Monticello whose sons were killed. The MPNC bought flowers for her. We need to be able to raise some small funds to cover situations like this.
- Watch out for alarm salesmen going door to door ... most often phony.
- Future meetings will be held at LDS on Virginia from now on.

### **Broke for networking at 8:55 pm.**

Next meeting – 8/13/2008

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### **Board**

Jose Dorado	Chair
Robert McGillis	Vice Chair
Jan Hetherington	Membership Secretary
Barbara Taylor	Treasurer
Nick Stoughton	Minutes Secretary

### **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
Nancy Karigasha	Park NAT
Araina Richards	NSC-Beat 28X
Barbara Taylor	Diversity and Outreach NAT

Each person can be contacted by going to the [www.maxwellparknc.com](http://www.maxwellparknc.com) website.

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