

**Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council**  
**Monthly Meeting—Wednesday, January 14, 2009**  
**Location: Maxwell Park International Academy**  
**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](http://www.maxwellparknc.com).

***Attendees***

The Attendance List has moved to a separate document. Please see “Jan09-Attendance”.

***Welcome Comments & Introductions***

Jose Dorado (Chair) welcomed us, and called the meeting to order at 7.08 p.m. Introductions made. November minutes were not available; adoption of the November minutes postponed until next month.

Jose announced that during this meeting the annual board elections will take place; the ballots will be counted at 8.00pm, and the results will be announced then.

***Community Policing Reports***

NSC: Araina Richards: OPD are all busy downtown for the Oscar Grant rally tonight. Followup on accidents and issues on Redding. The issue on Jan 2 is not yet ready for announcement. The earlier crash was caused by a woman driving at excess speed, hitting a parked car and flipping over. A prosecution is pending. The bend at Redding and Storer has been restriped. Other traffic calming measures are being considered.

Time to set new priorities for 2009. Board will identify three priorities for the PSO and for all officers and commanders to see on a daily basis. We can update the priorities monthly.

Barbara Taylor mentioned 3112 Monticello as a priority. Relatively quiet at present as the main occupant is in jail.

Everyone is encouraged to communicate priorities to the board as soon as possible. City has implemented mandatory shutdown days, which will last at least till June. Additional layoffs are also pending.

***City & County Representatives***

Desley Brooks (District 6). Barbara Taylor is her official Liaison to MPNC.

Several fun events were held in December. Shopping spree at Walmart, gift certificates to seniors. Winter Wonderland. Introduced legislation to local ... (see BT).

Jean Quan (District 4). Michael Johnson is her official representative.

- Casual carpool meeting. Some neighbors had complained about the current situation at High and Macarthur. A walking audit will be conducted next Wednesday. Also looking for alternative locations. Any suggestions to Michael/Jean.
- Senior walk for safety. This Saturday, Jan 17. 10am-12 noon.
- Local Heroes. Honor local heroes who go above and beyond. Nominations to Michael / Jean. Monetary award.
- Updates on all of Jean Quan's activities on [www.jeanquan.org](http://www.jeanquan.org)

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley – no representative. Barbara Taylor mentioned that there will be a Gospel/Jazz celebration at Miracles of Faith at 3.30 on 1/25. Helen da Silva will be honored.

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

- *NAT (Neighborhood Action Team) Program. Sarah Hippolito* A NAT is a subcommittee of concerned neighbors who want to work on a specific project.
- *Traffic NAT – Adele Foley reporting* Brookdale / High was last traffic enforcement. Next month should be Redding and Storer. Still no news on the 580 off ramp yield at High.
- *Drugs and Crime – Jose Dorado reporting.* Reconnect with Nola Brantly to offer information to the local group home (Birdsall at Fleming), and offer support there. Also focus on the various crime stats databases.
- *Blight and Beautification – Jan Hetherington Reporting.* Jan won a Hero award in 2004 for the Walgreen's area work, which funded planting there. Has now applied for a KOB grant, together with an award for Claire Antonetti. This will be used for more plants at the Walgreens area ... this month's cleanup is postponed till 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, to do the planting. Also have not done a tree project this year ... but public works are on hold for this anyway at present. They will be doing pruning of existing trees shortly. Scott Fuller also mentioned that Public Works has just completed kerb cuts at the Monticello and Allendale.
- *Community Building – Helen da Silva reporting.* Successful holiday party here last month. Thanks to all who took part. First meeting of the year will be held soon. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual day-in-the-park will be held in September. Looking for a co-chair to help organize this.
- *Maxwell Park schools Together-Ashley Thomsak reporting* Tomorrow night at Melrose Leadership Academy will be holding their Winter Expo ... all invited. Garden day this coming Saturday. At Max park International Academy looking for readers to read to the children. Also looking for people to help with planting. Contact the principal (Dr Newling).
- *Maxwell Park - Nancy Kariaga reporting.* Very successful workday last Saturday. Unsafe eucalyptus trees now being removed. \$25,000 grant being used to redesign the park. Looking for mosaic designs. Submit designs by end of January. Big parts of the project may still be three years away, but small stuff happening right

now!

- *Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. Jan Hetherington.* Looking to re-inspire/re-motivate everyone without having a major crime spree to do it! Every block organized, every block connected to MPNC, every block CORE trained.
- *CORE/MPERT – Nick Stoughton reporting:* Annual citywide exercise to be held at the end of April. MPERT will meet shortly to discuss our participation.

## ***Elections***

The election for the 2009 board of officers was announced.

*Elected:*

*Krista Gulbransen: chair*

*Barbara Taylor: vice chair*

*Scott Fuller: treasurer*

*Jan Hetherington: Membership Secretary*

*Nick Stoughton: Minutes Secretary*

*Angela Gums: At Large*

*Kristin Johansen: At Large*

## ***Announcements***

United Neighborhood Councils of Oakland is a new organization as an umbrella group of NCPCs. Jose asked if he can be the official representative of the MPNC, as he has been involved with this since its conception. So moved (Nick), second (Helen). Motion passes.