

**Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council**  
**Monthly Meeting—Wednesday, March 11, 2009**  
**Location: Maxwell Park International Academy**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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***Attendees***

The Attendance List has moved to a separate document. Please see “Mar09-Attendance”.

***Welcome Comments & Introductions***

Krista Gulbransen (Chair) welcomed us, and called the meeting to order at 7.06 p.m. Introductions made. February minutes approved by unanimous approval.

***Community Policing Reports***

Crime stats circulated. Keith Clement went over them. Report of arson on Modesto. Under investigation. Homeless couple living in the park, under investigation. Stats were in new format, and the old format was generally felt more useful (it showed comparative month-month figures). Araina will try to use the old format next month.

Focus on park ... officers are filling out reports etc by the park. One officer regularly walks through at night. No real noticeable activity ... looking for a pattern of times etc. However, it was noted that simply having officers around has improved the state of things there.

Additional traffic officers have been added to the traffic division.

Jan reported on an attempted breakin on Maxwell Ave recently, with six hispanic youths. Four hispanic youths also seen acting suspiciously later that day. Attempted breakins will be added to the crime stats next months.

Sikander Iqbal - YU peace-making/intervention officer (measure Y) - gave a brief presentation on what they do. Outreach to at risk youth in East Oakland. 3 officers (employed by Youth Uprising), covering evenings. Conflict mediations. Create leadership opportunities. Call him 777-9909, or 565-9235 (cell).

Araina reminded board to get in their receipts for the limited funds available.

***City & County Representatives***

*Desley Brooks* (District 6). Desley arrived 8.00am (always has another prior meeting in front of this one). Pierson traffic circle: contracts do get bundled up, so several different projects get worked on at once. Looks like this one got forgotten somehow, but Desley will be pushing to make this happen quickly. She has modified the plans that were

approved after personally watching the traffic patterns.

Krista asked for clearer communications about this in the future.

- Urban Strategies preparing maps to show crime reports down to block level. Will be working with the NCPCs to identify particular items of interest
- Vacant properties and foreclosures: doing a lot of work here (see also Jean Quan report below).
- Education Partnership meeting yesterday. If you live in a neighborhood where less than 70% of the population graduated from high school, your life expectancy is reduced by 4 years (regardless of your education level).

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

- Foreclosure counseling with Acorn coming up shortly. Please contact Michael for details.
- Casual carpool has now moved to 4247 Macarthur (Foot Doctor). Looking at signage.
- Jobs for Jean - Melrose Library, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in April. 2-3pm
- Radar training program. Budget constraints. Looking for volunteers.
- Updates on all of Jean Quan's activities on [www.jeanquan.org](http://www.jeanquan.org)

Alameda County Supervisor: Nate Miley – Daryl Stewart reporting. Budget deficit \$50M. Looking to revise this ... currently only about \$10M short. Looking for stimulus money. Looking at collaborative ways of working. GA has been cut, though Alameda is not the worst of the counties. Programs for seniors, children, disabled all being cut.

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

- *NAT (Neighborhood Action Team) Program. Sarah Hippolito* Not present.
- *Traffic NAT – Adele Foley reporting* Looking to do radar work on High Street. Reiterate call for volunteers for radar training. Hot Spot: recently not able to enforce at hot spot, but now we have more officers ... Storer and Redding continues as hot spot.
- *Drugs and Crime – Jose Dorado reporting.* Continuing followup with Nola Brantly about sexually abused minors. Also looking at constructing a crime/data matrix. Rise in graffiti; taking pictures of any graffiti to pass to gang unit etc. before painting them out. Trying to link appearance of graffiti with other crimes. Please send information on graffiti locations to Jose.
- *Blight and Beautification – Claire Antonetti Reporting.* Third Sunday cleanup is this coming Sunday. Lots to do (canceled last month due to rain). Starting project planning for pocket park. Looking into the Pierson traffic circle issues (why nothing has happened, even though PW have reported they are ready to start on plan A).
- *Community Building – Helen da Silva reporting.* Starting planning for DITP. Looking at getting youth involved in various projects. Also looking for new members. Youth Officer position on board open.
- *Maxwell Park schools Together-Ashley Thomsak reporting* MPIA still looking for people to read to students. Melrose Leadership Academy kindergarten opening

this fall (dual immersion). Looking for 2 kindergarten teachers (bilingual). Garden day March 30. Moyra Contreras very happy about our truancy focus.

- *Maxwell Park - Nancy Karigaca reporting.* Had applied for grant from district 4 ... got \$5,000 for mosaic project. Looking to involve youth on this too. Meeting at Peter Pan 7.00pm March 24. All welcome. Another work day planned for March 28, 9.00-1.00.
- *Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. Jan Hetherington.* Know your neighbors. Need training for observation skills. Practice really important. Focus on shoes, belt-buckle, obvious identifying logos etc.
- *CORE/MPERT – Nick Stoughton reporting:* Annual citywide exercise to be held at the end of April.

### ***Speaker: Alicia Vasquez, EBMUD***

Creative Water Use: It has been raining, but it is still too early to say we are in the clear. Still necessary to conserve. Currently at 65% of storage capacity. If it stops raining now, we will be in trouble for the summer. Various rebate programs are available to help upgrade to more efficient toilets, showers, etc. Act as soon as possible ... with the various cutbacks etc, if the money runs out, the rebates will likely go too! Look at removing water thirsty things like grass – again, rebate available. Needs to be assessed by an inspector before you do the work to get the rebate! Handing out free devices such as low flow shower heads ... 2 per household. Go to [www.ebmud.com](http://www.ebmud.com) for details. Also have free hosepipe nozzles. Please don't clean sidewalks/driveways with water. You can report water wastage. Aerators also available free.

You can also schedule a site visit to have your water usage checked, and to make recommendations on how to save water.

### ***Announcements***

Jose congratulated Desley on being able to be here on a consistent basis.

Discussion on the economy and state budget, Mills Grove Church, Sandre Swanson speaking on the stimulus package. Sunday March 22, 3.00pm-5.00pm. All welcome.

UNCO – will be pushing to restart PSA meetings in all areas, bi-monthly/quarterly, with sergeants.

Will be designing and selling a T-shirt for Maxwell Park NC. Anyone interested please see Krista.

Krista formally thanked Jose and Robert McGillis for their previous work on the board.

Broke for networking at 8:33pm