

Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council
Monthly Meeting—Wednesday, April 8th, 2009

Location: Miracles of Faith Church, Virginia

Meeting Minutes

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Attendees

Adelle Foley	Jan Hetherington (Membership)	Jose Dorado (Past Chair)
Angela Gums (At Large)	Joe Davis	Luan Strauss
Ashley Thomsak	John Fonseca	Malia Saulala
Barbara Taylor (Vice Chair)	Jon Ward	Rosa Celestine
Bob Forsberg	Juli Ward	Sarah Cove
C. Baldwin	Keith Gums	Sarah Hipolito
Colleen O'Brien	Krista Gulbransen (Chair)	Scott Fuller
Gregg Brown	Kristi Johansen (At Large)	Tabbe Gipson
Gus Argyropoulos	Linda Gruel	Tom Lester

Sgt. P. Egan	OPD
PSO Keith Clement	OPD
Officer C. Cardona	OPD
Sikander Iqbal	"Peacemaking Team"
Policy Analyst Michael Johnson	Oakland City Council
Council Member Desley Brooks	Oakland City Council

Welcome Comments & Introductions

Krista Gulbransen (Chair) welcomed us, and called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. March Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

City & County Representatives

Councilwoman Desley Brooks:

- Acknowledged the horror of March 21st, when OPD officers shot & killed, described some of the efforts made to outreach to community, offer counseling etc
- Special Security teams will be walking along parts of MacArthur
- Traffic Circle – Pierson – should be done (modified Plan ‘B’) in 2 months. Because of budget no money for any “Artwork”
- Budget in bad state – projected \$84m deficit

Councilmember Jean Quan—Michael Johnson reporting:

- Sidewalk presentations – Dimond & Maxwell Park – Funding for sidewalk repair, & education around sidewalk maintenance. We should hear when these will be (hopefully by Jubne) ...
- A new “Boulder” has been placed at Kingsland/Virginia, along with a plaque, celebration of Jim Ballay, who was assaulted in the Laurel & later died. PW helped to install it, Jean Wquan’s office gave a hero award to the residents who planned the garden there & boulder
- Radar training, still happening
- Earth Day, April 18th

- Seven Sea bar finally closed down
- Budget Meetings –coming up – April 18th & 20th. Contact Michael for locations

Supervisor Nate Miley's Office—no representative.

Neighborhood Action Teams (NATs)

- *Traffic NAT*: Nothing to report
- *Drugs and Crime*: Nothing to report
- *Blight & Beautification--Claire Antonetti*: Reported on progress with Gateway project – should soon have a Consulting Team to start working on the Design phase of this project. Earth Day is April 18th
- *Community Building NAT--Krista*: Planning the 4th annual Day in the Park, Sep 12th.
Maxwell Park Schools Together--Ashley Thomsak reporting for Maxwell Park School & Melrose Academy. Dr. Newling will be leaving MPIA, Moyra Contreras reported that some Melrose kids may be involved in graffiti, & wants to work on truancy-type issues
- *Maxwell Park (the Park) (NAT) – Nancy Karigaca reporting*: Work Day on Mar 28th – clearing ivy, planting etc, with help from Outward Bound teens. Design Team met with Landscape architect. Parks & Rec helping to keep bathrooms clean & functional. Looking at coming up with an MP T-shirt
- *CORE & MPERT Report*— No report.
- *Neighborhood Watch Coordinator – Jan Hetherington reporting*: Preparing to call existing Captains to find out who is actually currently active

Police Reports

Police Report – PSO Keith Clement reporting:

Crime Stats were presented. Including some info on shooting on Yuba/Birdsall – supposedly a robbery, then shooting. Ongoing investigation.

30 or so new officers on the street, in training.

Priorities from NCPC – Stray/loose dogs, Maxwell Park – no further information

Honoring Fallen OPD Officers

- Blue ribbons to wear
- UNCO – raising funds to create some kind of permanent memorial using an Oakland artist
- “Donate Life” campaign, go to our website & click on “Donate” logo (maxwellparknc.com)

Guest Speaker: Sikander Iqbal (Youth Uprising)

Sikander Iqbal, from the Peacemaking Team out of Youth Uprising. Programs for the summer. YU on MacArthur, 83rd, serves kids up to 24 (check). Many programs – drama, music, therapies, medical & holistic services. Thursday, Fridays & Sats Peacemaking Teams go out to talk to kids who are out & about, provide resource info

They go out to build relationships, even though affiliated with OPD.

Announcements

- NAT Open House, Thursday, May 14th at Melrose Acade (no regular NCPC meeting)
- Jose Dorado reported that UNCO is holding elections for officers on April 24th & they have raised \$1,000 for Fallen OPD Officers’ memorial
- MacArthur Metro having its 20th anniversary on April 25th, at Fruitvale Presbyterian
- Need a new Minutes Secretary

Next meeting – 5/14/2009

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