

**Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 13, 2010**  
**Location: Melrose Leadership Academy**  
**Brann Street, Oakland**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Jan Hetherington, Krista Gulbransen, Scott Fuller, Barbara Taylor, Angela Gums, Keith Gums, Michael Haworth, Jose Dorado, Malia Saulala, Joe Davis, Claire Antonetti, Adelle Foley, Jon Bodnar, Gregg Brown, Robert McGillis, Stephen Weitz, Scott Waters, Dan Fox, Celeste McMullin, Ashley Thomsak, Sarah Hipolito, Juliet Christian, Nancy Karigaca

Policy Analyst - Terrie Gillen  
NSC - Araina Richards  
PSO - Keith Clement  
PSO - Ron Johnson  
Chief of Staff - Richard Cowan

**Welcome Comments & Introductions:**

Krista Gulbransen (Chairperson) welcomed us and called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

The minutes of the last three meetings were reviewed and approved.

**Community Policing Issues:**

Araina Richards passed out the crime stats, which contained a 2008 vs. 2009 crime comparison. Some highlights: 2009 crime overall in beat 28X was down 17% from 2008. Burglaries were down from 147 in 2008 to 137 in 2009. This is low considering the rate in the surrounding neighborhoods. Our lower crime rate can be attributed to Maxwell Park neighbors watching and reporting suspicious activity.

Officer Clement explained the various types of crimes listed in the report. Araina will bring to our next meeting a list of crimes and their legal meaning. Word gets out in the criminal community that this is not a good neighborhood for criminals. Our neighbor beats often have crime rates 200% higher than our rate.

Officer Clement said that the Gas station, restaurant, and apartment buildings on the corner of MacArthur and Pierson are being monitored in SARA.

The restaurant does not have a business tax certificate. They will be written up and will then have 5 days to apply for a certificate, or they will be in trouble. The five days start today, the 13<sup>th</sup>.

A lighting review of Maxwell Park will be conducted. The review will report on what can be done environmentally to reduce crime risk. Dark spots will require more lighting. The park will be reviewed both day and night. The goal is to be able to see the entire park from the street.

Sideshow participants know when the police go off duty, so sideshows are scheduled for when no police are available. In order to rectify this, officers' schedules will be shifted to cover all hours so that sideshow participants can no longer count on no police being available. More coverage will be scheduled for Saturdays. The goal is for police to be visible to sideshow participants at all hours.

Officer Clement explained the content of the SARA reports and what is available to the public. Contact Jose Dorado for an explanation of how SARA works.

The traffic island is still not complete.

Nominations of clergy are needed for the Mayor's Peace Conference.

### **City & County Representative Reports and Actions:**

Terrie Gillen thanked MPNC for their large turnout at Jean Quan's meeting with Chief Batts. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled. Jose Dorado was thanked for his efforts with the Crime NAT.

MPNC should consider sending representatives to the surrounding neighborhoods' NC meetings.

On January 2, 2010, the Public Safety Committee held a discussion on Measure Y. Jose has the information on Measure Y. Also, we can visit the Measure Y WEB site.

Local Hero nominations for local heroes are needed for Jean Quan's 2/20/2010 meeting at the Laurel school.

### **Neighborhood Action Teams (NATS):**

Adelle Foley – Traffic: Nothing new to report. The state may have a program to add more cameras at traffic lights. Adelle will follow up.

Jose Dorado – Drugs/Crime: Attended about 5 of Chief Batt's meetings. The Chief points out that the police have do more with less, and that community involvement is necessary for crime reduction. He will create a plan for more community involvement with the police. He favors curfews but realizes that curfews are controversial.

Claire Antonetti - Beatification/Blight: Claire postponed her report for later in the meeting. Krista gave a tribute to the B/B NAT for all of their hard work.

Helen da Silva – Community Building & Diversity Outreach: Helen was absent, but Krista expressed disappointment that the turnout for the 12/17/2009 potluck was poor. We will have another Day in the Park in September.

Ashley Thomsak – Education (Neighborhood Schools) and Maxwell Park families: On 12/14/2009, The Melrose Leadership Academy held their student Expo, which featured music, dancing, and art by the students. The Academy needs volunteers both during and after school hours. Positions are available in the classroom, office, and the library. Volunteers are also needed to patrol 55<sup>th</sup> down to International Blvd. Students are being assaulted on their way home from school.

Nancy Karigaca – Maxwell Park: We are trying to raise \$1M dollars. Nancy and one other person took a class in accessing a grant database. This Saturday will be the first meeting for the Fleming mosaic.

Jan Hetherington – Neighborhood Watch: Nothing new to report. People are encouraged to start a NW. See Jan for information.

## **2010 NCPC Board Elections:**

The following people were elected to the MPNC Board for 2010:

Chair: Jose Dorado

Vice Chair: Open

Treasurer: Scott Fuller

Immediate Past Chair: Krista Gulbransen

Membership Secretary: Jan Hetherington

Minutes Secretary: Michael Haworth

Member At Large: Juliet Christensen- Smith

Member At Large: Malia Saulala

Member At Large: TBD

## **Speakers:**

Claire Antonetti: The Laurel Access for Mills College and Maxwell Park project is now 4.5 years old. The Feasibility study is complete, and the project consultants are here tonight. The study was funded by a CalTrans grant of \$200K and a \$60K grant from Jean Quan's office. The Planning is now 35% complete, which means the estimates can do done at this point.

Claire introduced the members of the consulting team who then gave a presentation on the project. The project will cover MacArthur from High to Seminary. Some of the important issues are intersections, surveys, problem areas, landscaping, and drainage. Community workshops and walking tours will be held. The final report will be out by year end. The access will be pedestrian

and bicycle friendly. We want the Laurel to appeal as a shopping area for the Mills College students, and Mills architects are involved in the project. To hear the entire presentation, listen to the audio of the meeting on the MPNC WEB site.

Kelly Felkins gave a presentation on Woodruffians.org, which is a free WEB site designed to let neighbors communicate with each other. The site is named after the street on which the two Oakland developers live. The site connects members who live within a 1/5-mile radius of each other. Members do not see each other's email addresses, home addresses, or phone numbers, nor do they see messages from people outside the member's 1/5-mile neighborhood circle. This is to keep things small. Special interest groups can be formed that include members outside of the member's neighborhood circle. Special interest groups see only the messages generated within the group. No one can see messages from groups of which they are not a member.

### **Announcements:**

Joe Davis: Joe is in training for the Oakland Marathon which has not been run since 1983. Anybody who is interested in participating can sign-up at [Oaklandmarathon.com](http://Oaklandmarathon.com).

Barbara Taylor: The Miracles of Faith Church will have a Martin Luther King memorial day on Sunday, January 31, 2010 at 3:30 pm.