## Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council Meeting notes for July 12, 2017

- \*Members welcomed and introductions were made
- \*May minutes were approved.
  - Community policing
    - o CRO Esparza was present. Email address is: <a href="mailto:eesparza@oaklandnet.com">eesparza@oaklandnet.com</a>
      - Email any concerns or questions
    - The shooting that happened is in an ongoing investigation. The shooting was a crime of opportunity and not gang related.
    - o Are there plans of coordination with the police and community groups?
      - No. If there is a concern please email CRO Esparza
    - o Is there anything that we can do about the side shows (tire donuts)?
      - Call it in or email CRO Esparza
    - Mac and Pierson
      - There is a notice of violation, security checks every so often, inspections as well. CRO Esparza recognized that it is an ongoing issue.
    - o Hours of patrol: 12pm 10pm Tuesday-Friday
    - To combat the intensity of gun fire, the police are trying to intensify their patrol, traffic units, putting more officers out there, intel led policing.
      - Members brought up the intersection of Redding and High coming off the freeway. It's a traffic problem. Can we connect with CRO Esparza and have the traffic unit do some enforcement? Please email Esparza about it.
  - Allendale and Fleming neighbors joint meeting
    - They addressed the shooting that happened recently. They talked about what they did as a community in response to this.
      - Neighborhood meet and greet
      - Parking lot of concerns and ideas for change
        - The top one is more police presence by the park
        - The list of concerns and ideas will be shared with CRO Esparza
      - CRO Esparza suggested that if there is another even like this meet and greet please email and ask if he can be present.
  - Neighbor David organized an event in the park where they rented out a jump house, which was a positive reaction to the shooting in the neighborhood. There are ideas to have more events such as this to have more of a positive presence in the neighborhood.
    - Should this kind of organization be added to the park NAT?
  - Neighborhood Action Team (NAT)s
    - Park: possibly add a circle of benches around the chess tables. The memorial plaques have been installed. If anyone is interested in how the benches should be designed please contact Nancy.
    - Blight and Beautification: LAMMPS project is funded and will be starting at the end of this year near Mills. Look it up on line by searching "LAMMPS". There are

- also events to clean up the triangle behind the Walgreens on high street. Advertisements will be sent out through nextdoor.
- Neighborhood Safety: Jose asked if there is anyone that is interested in signing up.
- o <u>Traffic</u>: Motorcycle cops are going to be asked or by CRO Esparza.
- <u>Cameras</u>: Two big efforts (Mills College and Maxwell Park's Park). Paulo said that if you want a camera that is angled towards the public, he will come an install it for free if you pay for the camera. Please connect with Paulo.
- Security Patrol: We do get city budgets for NCPC. The money will be used to distribute the security patrol pamphlets. We need more subscribers.
  - Maxwellparknc.org is our website.
- o MPERT: if there is anyone interested please reach out to the board.
- Oakland Public Bank Proposal presentation
  - A public bank is not a retail bank. It is a wholesale bank where municipalities and public agencies put their money. It will allow these agencies to fund their own loans.
  - The city of Oakland will not have to pay interest fees and other fees. This money can go towards other important things that need to be funded in the city.
  - o There is only one other public bank in the US. The public bank of North Dakota.
  - o Germany is a country that has an extensive public banking system, which allows them to go solar rapidly and do other innovative things.
  - o There is a big movement around the country to create more public banks.
  - o The first step to creating a public bank is a feasibility study, which will be \$100k
  - Oakland currently banks with JP morgan Chase.
  - The public bank does not compete with the local banks. It supports them.
  - Friends of the Public Bank of Oakland is the group that is in support of this movement. Friendsofpublicbankofoakland.org

## Announcements

- On July 20<sup>th</sup>, there is a Latino task force meeting with the police regarding ICE.
  Saint Anthony's Church at 5:30pm
- Some members have ongoing concerns about drug dealing and guns dealing.
  - Thoughts: even thought this neighborhood is considered one of the safest communities in Oakland, we feel that we don't have a strong police presence. Safe neighborhoods may not be directly related to police presence.
- Next meeting will be at Melrose Leadership Academy: 9/13/17