

Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council  
Meeting notes for May 10, 2017

Ground rules were explained, board members were introduced

- March minutes were approved
- Sargent Lee and CRO introduced themselves. CRO Esparza was absent due to military duty. He should be back at the end of May. Officers present asked for member concerns
  - Update on illegally parked vehicles: There will be fines that the owner will be accountable for. Neighbors are calling complaints in to the non-emergency number but officers have not come during the vehicle sale events that occur there. Each call is logged as an incident.
  - There is an officer that is going by every day.
  - Double parked cars are a serious issue. There is a lineup of cars sometimes and it is discouraging to the neighbors who are making complaints to police.
  - This is happening on the weekends (Sundays) around 4pm.
  - Officers will come by at that time and issue tickets to those cars parked illegally.
  - One neighbor suggested that a group of neighbors should get together and sue the property owner. This may be the next step.
  - One neighbor is interested in a group that could intervene when there is a nuisance to the neighborhood before involving the police. The officers indicated that there is not such a group.
  - The officers offered to have a patrol car park by the Maxwell Park park and by the creek to deter people from causing problems in the neighborhood.
- District 6
  - Updates were provided
    - Celebrated small business week
    - There will be a budget meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> at the east mont office 2651 73<sup>rd</sup> ave from 6-8pm.
    - Neighborhood empowerment clean up every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. They meet off MacArthur and seminary where the new walgreens is being built.
    - Farmers Market june 3<sup>rd</sup>: On Mt. boulevard 7700 Mountain Boulevard off Kellar.
    - There is a starbucks that is about to open. The business area is being developed in the area.
    - A question was asked about small business and their development on some of the business corridors.
      - There are some opportunities
      - 238-3971 is the direct number to reach S. Wilson
      - [swilson2@oaklandnet.com](mailto:swilson2@oaklandnet.com)
- Mother of the Year was awarded to Malia Lusua Latu Saulala.

- A ceremony will be on Saturday May 13, 2017 at 10:30 am at the Morcom Rose Garden located at 700 Jean Street off Grand Ave. The public is welcome to attend. Parking is limited.
- Guest Speaker Venus Johnson was introduced. Mayor's director of public safety
  - Current projects being worked on:
    - community safety plan. The root causes of community dysfunction is going to be assessed. Johnson is framing what the safety impact table will look like. Johnson is talking to the youth that are incarcerated and asking what they are challenged with and finding out what they need. There are limited safe opportunities for youth to do and occupy their time. Resources for park improvement are being looked at. We need data on the recidivism rate. There is work to create opportunities to those that are recently released from being incarcerated.
  - Neighbors asked about staff and resources given to Johnson to work on these projects.
    - A project manager who has been on board for a week. There are no other team members.
  - The youth that Johnson talked to that were incarcerated where from east Oakland and west Oakland.
  - Neighbor suggested that Johnson reach out to the organizations (Kaiser, Uber, etc., ) to contribute funds to the cause. Johnson assured neighbor that this is being acted upon already.
  - Is there a family support part of the project?
    - Some children do not have family support at all. There is a plan to figure out what network there is to support them. There are community based organizations that will help do the work of providing family support. There are people working in silos. Quarterly meetings are being proposed to get communication so people can work together to leverage resources.
  - Will the success of other cities prove useful?
  - Generational poverty was brought up as a major issue.
    - This is a key piece. Johnson agrees wholeheartedly that generational poverty is at the heart of the community problems.
  - What is the timeframe to have results from the assessments and will it become available to public?
    - The hope is to have something released by the early Fall.
    - It will be done in phases and the idea is to have it be institutionalized so the government continues to collect data in the future.
    - It will be put on a website
  - Jose indicated that the SARA process is not working and stressed the importance of community policing. He asked Johnson to try and influence government to truly implement it.
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- Neighborhood Action Teams (NAT's)
  - First funding has been received. High street to Mills gate will include traffic signals new lighting, pedestrian walkways and new landscaping. One will be on Pearson and MacArthur.
    - The full funding will be available this summer
    - 7.1 million is the funding.
    - Project will start in November and be completed by December of 2018.
  - A lot of work was done behind walgreens. Mulch.
    - Monthly cleanup was suggested in order to keep it maintained. Posts will be on nextdoor
  - The next day in the park is being planned. The event needs some people to volunteer and help get it set up.
    - It will be the second Saturday in September.
  - There are plaques finally available for the park. Adelle Foley's and Judy Salamon's.
- The intersection at High and Redding:
  - There is an email written to channel 4 (people behaving badly). The email has been written and we are going to see what kind of response we get. The intersection may be filmed and aired.
  - The city has to be involved and cal trans needs to get involved.
  - The MPNC board has approved this next step of action.
- Neighborhood watch
  - The night out was brought up. Block parties happen on this night.
  - If your block doesn't have a block leader please step up and organize a party for your block.
- Security patrol
  - There are 270 – 300 members and they need more.
  - It is suggested that there be a drive to get more members. Maybe there will be some sort of incentive, "the first five that sign up get a gift certificate to ..."  
Sometimes the local shops may donate to the cause and provide incentives.
  - Maybe we should use out neighborhood council meetings to promote it and actually sign up during that time.
- Announcements
  - The people that murdered Judy Soloman got life in prison without parole
  - Mills College commencement is this weekend. Saturday.
  - The Allendale group is going strong with CORE
  - Friendsofoakland.org continues to meet. Check out the website.

**Additional Notes:**

NCPC TOOLS POLICY

It was decided that use of NCPC tools, purchased with City of Oakland funds, shall be limited to official NCPC activities and events. Currently those tools consist of: A portable Pyle public Address speaker system with a lapel microphone and a cordless microphone; A 28 foot Weiner extension ladder; A Milwaukee 1" sds d-handle rotary hammer drill; A DeWalt carbide hammer drill set; and a Gyros drill bit set.

Donald Dalke will draft a brief policy memo for Board approval. That policy will state the above and that any exceptions to this policy for tool use by any other party or group shall be with the Board Chairman's approval after discussion with the full Board