

Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council  
Meeting notes for September 13, 2017  
[www.maxwellparknc.org](http://www.maxwellparknc.org)

\*Members welcomed and introductions were made

\*July minutes were approved.

- Community Policing & Legislative Issues

- Neighborhood Services Coordinator –

- CRO Esparza indicated that the

- Shootings have gone down 50%. 2 last year - 1 this year
- Robberies down 50%. 6 last year – 3 this year
- Stolen vehicles down 36% 33 last year – 21 this year
- Burglaries up 62% 16 last year – 26 this year
  - Citywide burglaries are also up over 2016. OPD data shows total is up about 34%, mostly due to auto burglary up 50% over 2016.

- As citizens, to help with burglaries

- Have a well lit home, CPTED (someone that will come to your home and help assess the issues that may be increasing your risk, lock windows and doors. To learn more about CPTED please email CRO Esparza: [eesparza@oaklandnet.com](mailto:eesparza@oaklandnet.com)
- There is no clear reason why we are up in burglaries. People will watch you and observe patterns. They look for soft targets. It is not clear if the numbers are up city wide.
- The other numbers may be down because of more police presence. It is unclear at this time.

- Two shootings happened in the last two months and they are still under investigation. CRO Esparza cannot disclose information about these incidents at this time.

- To find out about incident numbers, when you make a call to the police ask the officer for the incident number at that time (6 digits) to reference it. Esparza can follow up on it for us. Email Esparza. [eesparza@oaklandnet.com](mailto:eesparza@oaklandnet.com)

- If multiple people call about the same incident the officers try to connect the incident numbers so they can track the entire situation.

- Traffic units came to Maxwell park and issued tickets for people running the stop sign.

- Question? Can the police identify exactly where the crimes are happening (a map) so we can concentrate efforts to reduce crime in that area? Esparza will work on getting us that information.

- Call felony assault (the criminal investigation unit) if you have information about shootings or to get an update on the investigation if the information is not confidential. We may get certain information that we can pass on to the community. We can also ask officer Esparza on a regular basis if it is not an ongoing investigation.

- A neighbor brought up another concern about Mac and Pierson. There are parties, loud music from cars, a car selling business, and public drunkenness. It is demoralizing. The problem times are Friday night at 11pm, Saturday at 11pm. License plates are covered up with cardboard sometimes. 3554 Pierson is the address of the problem property.
  - When we have these issues, call the non-emergency number, document the incident number and follow up with CRO Esparza.
  - CRO Esparza goes out when he can, will check the cars, and document.
  - There was an idea brought up by a neighbor that neighbors get together, and buy out the property.
- Sidney Wilson, aide to councilwoman Desley Brooks
  - If we need anything at all please call his office. Mr. Wilson will also follow up on the 3554 Pierson
  - Clean up every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 7272 MacArthur: Kingdom Builders Christian Fellowship Church
  - Saturday 11-1 7200 Bancroft ave. Helping people obtain legal advice for anything you need.
  - Pedestrian safety issues near schools are being worked on near city hall
  - Every Saturday 9-1 farmers market
  - Merchants meeting every second Wednesday. If you own a small business and need business advice
  - Kevin Davinport, aide to councilwoman Rebecca Kaplan, invited to speak by Sidney Wilson: [KDavenportjr@oaklandnet.com](mailto:KDavenportjr@oaklandnet.com) shared what he is working on
    - Homelessness and illegal dumping
    - Picking up trash more frequently.
    - Homeless navigation sites
    - Fixing pot holes (it is helpful to take a picture of it and send it to him in an email).
      - A lot of money goes to the flat lands (Most of the funding).
      - Fun Fact: There are more pot holes in Oakland than in the state of Florida
      - Every pot hole gets a rating of severity. The more complaints the higher the severity. The squeaky wheel does get fixed.
      - We can also bring pictures of potholes or fallen trees that need attention to this meeting in the future.
- NATs
  - LAMMPS (Laurel Access for Mills, Maxwell Park and Seminary), is currently in the final stages of the bidding process. The first phase of the project, from High Street to Mills Gate, has been advertised for bid and bids for implementation of the project are currently going through the process of being analyzed by the Contract Services and Contract Compliance departments in the city, before awarding the contract. The project then goes up for vote with Oakland City Council. The project is

on-point to award by late October/early November, 2017, with a scheduled completion date by December 2018. Traffic lights are going to be included in this and will change the traffic flow. It will be a lot safer. For more information, you can access the project by typing in LAMMPS on the City of Oakland's website: <http://www2.oaklandnet.com>.

- More information about blight and beautification is on the Maxwell park website. Anyone that wants to volunteer and help with beautification is welcome.
- Community Building and Diversity Outreach
- Education: there is a channel of communication for what we do and the school (Melrose)
- Traffic: there are extra patrols that have happened recently. See notes above. There is safety patrol in the morning near Melrose Academy but not in the afternoon. It may be a good general idea to stay away from the school to help with the flow of traffic
- The community resource office would like to compile a list of Block Captains (formal and informal).
- Cameras: The program for camera instillation is in full force. The cameras have been helpful to the police. If you are interested in it, inquire and someone will come to the house and install the camera that you purchase for free.
- Security patrol: individual contract \$18 a month. Patrol steering committee works with patrol on routes and timing.
  - There are efforts to get more coverage in the fall due to it being darker and higher risk of being mugged getting out of your car.
- MPERT: Maxwell Park Emergency Response Team
  - If there are any questions about that contact Jose.
- Website: [www.maxwellparknc.org](http://www.maxwellparknc.org)
- Oakland Police
  - Measure LL passed. Citizen Police Commission is going to be put into place. Selection of the members is going to be voted on. Jose Dorado is one of the proposed members
  - Powers of the commission include but are not limited to: accepting/rejecting proposed policies, firing of the police chief, proposing a new chief
    - A neighbor wants to know what the commission will do differently to change the culture of the police.
      - The commission now has the power to make its own decisions rather than advising the city like the previous board.
      - There is an effort to change the culture of the police. Formally request the practices, policies, and procedures around recruitment, evaluation, and tracking. Also, going

out in the community and hearing what people have to say.

○ Over 90% of our police do not live here in Oakland.

○ Announcement

- Safety and services oversight commission has community meetings. They are going to be a Castlemont High School on 9/25/17 6-8pm in the auditorium. They will be talking about reports on crime reduction and where the funding is going for measure Z
- Clean up near the Walgreens by High St. 9am-12pm Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>. At the creek. Come if you want to volunteer.
- Congressman will be present 10/22/17 Allen temple 10am-11am