

Steering Committee Meeting
North Hills Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NH NCPC)
Meeting Minutes
FINAL

Wednesday, January 2, 2008
Meeting Start Time: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Anticipated End Time: 8:30 p.m.
Planned Duration: 1 and 1/2 hours
Location: Highlands Country Club, 110 Hiller Drive, Oakland, CA

Yahoo! Group: northhillsncpc (by invitation only)

Website: www.northhillsncpc.org

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1. Welcome (Nancy Mueller)

Approximately 21 people in attendance.
Nancy wished everyone a Happy New Year

2. Introduction (Nancy Mueller)

NH NCPC Steering Committee:

Nancy Mueller, Chair
Jim Dexter, Vice Chair & Webmaster
Teresa Ferguson, Treasurer
Steve Reinlib, Secretary
Sara Somers, Publicity Committee Leader
Barry Pilger, Nominating Committee Leader
Barry Pilger, Neighborhood Watch Committee Leader
Jim Dexter, Programs Committee Leader

Oakland Police Department:

Area 1 Commander Captain Anthony Toribio, **DID NOT ATTEND**
PSA2 Commander Lt. Jim Meeks, **DID NOT ATTEND**
PSO Officer Debbie Mack
Traffic Officer Jason Scott
NSC Supervisor Paul Brekke-Miesner, **DID NOT ATTEND Hoang Banh stood in for him.**
NSC Beat 13Y Paul Brekke-Miesner (acting) , **DID NOT ATTEND**

Oakland City Council District 1:

Zack Wald, Jane Burnner's Staff Member, **DID NOT ATTEND**

Oakland City Council District 4:

Sue Piper, Jean Quan's Staff Member

Berkeley City Council District 8:

Gordon Wozniak, Council Member, **DID NOT ATTEND**

North Hills Phoenix Association:

Teresa Ferguson

3. Review of December 2007 NH NCPC Priorities (Nancy Mueller & Debbie Mack)

A. OPD Response to Patrol Priority #1: Gateway Demonstration Garden

Possible Illegal Activity at Park
Skateboarders

Officer Mack is just back after 3 weeks off.

Nancy reported on a problem at the Memorial Garden, and we agreed to add it on the January 2008 priorities.

Hoang identified herself as the Queen of TMI, Too Much Information. She said she had lots of forms that we could use to help solve problems. She spoke about the "Action Plan" of the group – there is wisdom in the group.

She handed out a form, “Robbery Prevention Action Plan” – this form is intended to help identify what steps to take to be used in conjunction with our priorities.

Hoang handed out a form, “3 E’s of Pedestrian Safety”.

**B. OPD Response to Patrol Priority #2: Merriewood Drive Area
5 Patrol Visits?**

Barry said there are three or four places where there are people parking directly under the No Parking signs. Then when the contractors see the residents doing it then they think it is OK, snow-balling the problem. The officers said that Parking issues are controlled through the Finance Department and not OPD. Nancy said that Paul had helped install 10 new No Parking signs.

Officer Scott said that people get used to parking illegally. When they do it for a month they think it is legal.

Officer Scott said to email him the locations and he’ll write tickets.

Sue Piper said that in District 4, they have been frequently had meetings with Traffic Control along with Engineering and Enforcement (see the 3 E’sw sheet handed out by Hoang). This helps get things coordinated and done. The NCPC could organize this directly without having to go through the Councilpersons. Sue also said that she is sponsoring slowdowns thru radar.

**C. OPD Response to Traffic Priority #1:Mountain/Duncan
Days/Times Actually Ticketing
Number of Tickets Issued**

Officer Scott said to send him an email on where to look for problems. Be specific and tell him exactly where to look. Steve suggested that people should send the requests directly to him or whether the requests should go through the NCPC so that it would be coordinated for the benefit of Officer Scott.

Nancy asked if anyone would volunteer to be the NCPC traffic coordinator, no one raised heir hand. Officer Scott’s email address is jlscott@oaklandnet.com

**D. Establish Times/Places for Officer Mack and OPD Patrol Representative Guided Tours:
North of 24 (Panoramic, North Hills, Caldecott Hill (above tunnel)
South of 24 (Glenarms, Merriewood Hill, Thornhill Hill, Pineneedle Hill)**

Nancy and Officer Scott agreed to coordinate this later after the meeting.

The officer s referred to this as a “drive- along”. The officer s said that they could be allowed to do this under a program they have in place known as a “drive- along”. Although Jim said this wasn’t what the intent of the tour was (‘drive-alongs’ are a citizen being taken along regular shifts in a car, no special tours or specified destinations), the officers said this was an existing rule that would allow them to do what we wanted. Nancy and Officer Scott agreed to coordinate this later after the meeting.

E. Other Discussions

Teresa spoke about 2 dogs and 3 cats being killed by speeders.

The officers said this is our neighbors not strangers that are driving too fast.

Nancy spoke about an article she read that in Europe they are doing some experiments involving doing away with traffic laws to swich to courtesy driving” which seems to be safer.

Someone spoke up about solicitors. Officer Mack said that in Oakland there are no peddlers licensed issued at all even though it is required to have one to go door to door. This means that every door to door solicitor in Oakland is operating illegally. Often “solicitors” are actually checking out our homes for future robberies and crimes. Citizens should ALWAYS call the police on door to door solictors. It helps our neighborhood when we call the OPD because it gets a patrol car up here. It’s also better that the

officers get to know you and the neighborhood. When calling always say you are calling from Beat 13Y. This will prevent the police from thinking you might be in Berkeley, helps them find us and helps identify our area, that there is crime here. Call the non-emergency number for peddlers: 510-777-333.

The Citizen Crime Report can be faxed in even though the Oakland website says to mail it in. The fax number is 238-2249.

Area Command begins on January 12th.

4. January 2008 NH NCPC OPD Priority Decisions (Nancy Mueller)

A. Review of Draft priorities (January 2008 draft priorities attached.)

OPD General Priority # 1: Officer Mack said to ask our future PSA Lieutenant Campbell for additional information.

OPD Patrol Priority Item # 2: Steve said there have been several car break-ins on Duncan just recently and asked if there could be more patrols there. Jim will add this to the priority list.

OPD Traffic Priority # 1 – Stacey Percy is the person for help getting the monitor. Officer Scott could go out and monitor and ticket. We should email him the specific info.

CEDA Priorities – Jim discussed that CEDA now controls the traffic calming division.

CEDA Priorities Item # 2 – Sue Piper said this is actually a Beat 13Z issue and not ours.

5. February 2008 NH NCPC OPD Priority Decisions (Nancy Mueller)

A. Review of Draft priorities (February 2008 draft priorities attached.)

6. Minutes for December 2006 Meeting (Steve Reinlib)

December Meeting Minutes were approved (Attached)

Jim will post the minutes to the website.

7. Status of Election of NH NCPC Officers (Barry Pilger & Nancy Mueller)

A. Nominations Report

Barry received no nominations. He then met with each of the existing officers and now proposes the following slate for the election next month:

Nancy Mueller, Chair

Jim Dexter, Vice Chair

Barry Pilger, Treasurer

Steve Reinlib, Secretary

Additional nominations can still be sent to Barry.

B. Plans for Election Activities

Nancy said that at the meeting, the elections vote will be by show of hands

C. Preliminary Schedule for February 6th Town Hall Election Activities

8. Status of Neighborhood Watch Groups (Barry Pilger)

A. New NH Groups

B. De-Activated NH Groups

C. Plans for Development of New NH Groups

Barry and Melissa are working on staffing the training for the new Neighborhood Watch Group training to be ready by the first of March. Barry would like to use the big maps to track the Neighborhood Watch Groups. There are 10 blocks represented up north Alvarado. Having a network of Neighborhood Watch Groups gives representation to help get a flow of communication.

9. Status of NH NCPC Programs (Jim Dexter)

- A. Existing Plans for Programs**
- B. Plans for Program Development**

10. Status of NH NCPC Publicity (Sara Somers)

- A. Existing Plans for Publicity**
- B. Plans for Publicity Development**

Sara said that she emailed the Montclarion to get an assigned reporter for our meetings. Also she left a message for Chip Johnson as well as Channel 2 news. She will also bring the "A"s tickets again for the raffle. Teresa will also bring the Clubs for sale.

There was a discussion about postcards announcing the 2008 meeting schedule. Claudia will print and distribute 950 cards. Claudia will pay 40% of the cost above that. She will print and mail, we will still have to apply the labels. She needs a week turn around; they need to go to her by about the 15th. It was recommended to call Paul to see if the City could handle the entire mailing and to see what would be required. We need to spend all our funds by the end of May with our receipts to the City at that time.

Sue Piper said she will hand distribute the postcards in the Hiller Highland area (around 400).

Steve said the banners will be ready by the next meeting. 2 were ordered. Steve will change it to 4 banners. The locations are: Alvarado @ Gateway, Firestorm Garden, beginning of Broadway Terrace and Thornhill at Mountain.

Discussion of A-Frames – putting one on Parkwood.

NOTE: Nancy told the officers that there was nothing else in the meeting that they needed to stay for and they left.

Nancy said that she would be purchasing signs, "The "Security Notice; you are on Camera" to bring to the next meeting if anyone else would like to buy one.

11. Planning for February Town Hall Meetings (Nancy Mueller)

- A. February 6, 2008, Topic is OPD 2008 Geographical Reorganization and the Hill Area**
- B. Anticipated Speaker For Meeting:**
 - Area 1 Captain Anthony Toribio

Sue Piper suggests that we have space for the district council representatives to speak if they show up. Nancy would like to have Jean there to speak.

- C. Draft of February 6th Town Hall Meeting Agenda (attached) –**

Discussion of having the extra police there was a good thing but limiting them to introductions, not making a speech.

- D. Plans for Food**

Peets confirmed that they can supply coffee and tea by donation.

- E. Plans for Recognition**

Steve agreed to make up Recognition/Thank you Certificates.

- F. Plans for Registration/Information Gathering**

Discussion of using tickets for the raffle instead of having people fill out a form which slows them down from getting in the room. Sara will buy tickets at the "Party Store" on College Ave. Discussion of using a clipboard to have people fill out their info after they have sat down. Discussion of having people "check the box", if we already have their email address.

- G. Plans for Reception**

12. Open Discussion (Nancy Mueller)

Sara said that the North Hills Phoenix Assoc is about to have their annual meeting on Jan 24 here at the Highlands Country Club. She asked if there could be a police presence at the meeting. She asked if there could be someone mentioning the NCPC so that people know that it is happening. And saying that there would be traffic enforcement happening would help slow people down.

Sue Piper suggested that we contact PG&E for their free light bulb program. We could give out the light bulbs and ask people to leave their porch lights on for safety.

13. Closing Remarks (Nancy Mueller)

Adjournment at 8:40PM

**NORTH HILLS NCPC
2008 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, January 2, 2008 –Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 6, 2008 – Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, March 5, 2008 –Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 2, 2008 –Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 7, 2008 – Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, June 4, 2008 –Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 2, 2008 –Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 5, 2008 – National Night Out Meetings
Wednesday, September 3, 2008 –Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 1, 2008 –Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 5, 2008 – Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, December 3, 2008 –Steering Committee Meeting