



## **Montclair Safety and Improvement Council (MSIC) Public Council and Annual Election Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, May 7, 2015, Montclair Presbyterian Church

**Steering Committee Members Present:** Jim Clardy (Treasurer), Michael Tigges (Community Representative), Nicki Kaiser (Community Representative), Sandra Pohutsky (Community Representative), Barry Klezmer (Community Appointed Representative), Nancy Havassy (Community Appointed Representative), and Josh Shaw (Community Representative), and Doug Mosher (Community Representative).

**Steering Committee Members Absent:** Jill Broadhurst (Chairperson), Peggy Esposito (Community Representative), and Barry Klezmer (Community Appointed Representative).

**Advisory Members Present:** Patricia Rose, OPD Neighborhood Services Coordinator, Nayeli Maxson, Representative from the Office of Oakland Councilmember Annie Campbell-Washington, and Kristine Jurgens-Duenas, Oakland Police Department (OPD) Community Resources Officer (CRO).

**Other Attendees Present:** 17 (from meeting attendance sign-in sheet).

A quorum of MSIC Steering Committee Members was achieved at 7pm and the Open Forum segment of the meeting commenced.

### **(Open Forum)**

A resident reported on the on-going process to turn the Montclair Women's Club into a site for a Montessori School. Part of the program will include Spanish immersion. There will be a meeting on Monday, May 11th at the Women's club at 7 pm to inform residents of their plans. A neighbor who is also a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain reported that the proposal is to enroll up to 150 students, which raises concerns about traffic among other impacts.

The Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Association regular meeting will feature a wildfire protection/prevention presentation. The meeting begins at 7pm at the Joaquin Miller Community Center.

**1. Agenda and Minutes:** The business segment of the meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Jim Clardy acting as meeting Chairperson. The publicly noticed agenda was accepted as written with an additional suggestion that agenda items continue to be addressed while the Steering Committee and Officer votes were tallied. The order of the public safety presentation was changeable pending the arrival of OPD, CRO Jurgens-Duenas.

**2. Election of Steering Committee Members and Officers:** The election of members of the Steering Committee and MSIC Officers was conducted as specified in the revised bylaws. Steering Committee members were elected by ranged voting on paper ballots distributed to MSIC community members as they signed in. The process was overseen and the votes tallied by two representatives from the League of Women Voters.

The candidates for Steering Committee were required to have submitted applications at least a month before the community meeting. Those applications were posted on the MSIC website. Those present running for election were asked to stand and be recognized prior to distribution of the ballots. The other agenda items were addressed during balloting and the vote tally.

All candidates running for Steering Committee membership were elected. Officer candidates were then nominated from the Steering Committee as specified in the bylaws. Officer ballots were distributed, collected and tallied as the presentations continued.

**(Officer Nominations)**

Chair: Carolyn Winters, Nicki Kaiser  
Vice Chair: Michael Tigges, Nicki Kaiser  
Treasurer: Jim Clardy  
Secretary: Nick Vigilante

**(Elected)**

Carolyn Winters  
Michael Tigges  
Jim Clardy  
Nick Vigilante

**3. Build It Green Presentation:**

Presenter: Ms. Karis Ingram of Build it Green  
Contact information: [kingram@bulditgreen.org](mailto:kingram@bulditgreen.org)  
510-590-3360, ext 140.

Build It Green is undertaking community outreach to neighborhoods about the Energy Upgrade California Program. It is a local non-profit organization based in Oakland established to promote green building to local homeowners and contactors. They also train professionals in LEAD (lead hazard) standards.

Highlights of the presentation - Households have a bigger CO<sub>2</sub> footprint than an average car, because energy use is continuous, even when residents are not at home. Upgrade California Program helps residents save energy. Is primarily a resource center chartered by the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and administrated by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). The goal is to achieve net zero energy use by 2020. The presentation was targeted at average residents with immediate small, relatively inexpensive upgrades. More information is available at: <http://www.energyupgradeca.org/en/>

### **(Energy Saving Tips)**

- Programmable thermostat (\$25-\$300 at Lowe's or Home Depot)
- Smart strip (around \$40) - Allows the ability to turn-off appliances plugged into it.
- CFL and LED bulbs. Instant rebates available.
- Next step is to purchase only Energy Star electronics or appliances. Higher upfront cost, but good Return On Investment
- Weather strip windows and doors and use rolled-up towels at thresholds if the door is not weather-stripped.

### **(Home Upgrade Program)**

- Hire a contractor to do an energy audit. Rebates up to \$6,500 are available for major appliances. There is a Contractor Finder at [energyupgradeca.org](http://energyupgradeca.org).
- California Climate Credit is a rebate from the cap and trade fees from major emitters.
- Replace insulation, windows and etc.

## **4. Neighborhood Services Report:**

Patricia Rose reported that on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> is the OPD Open House at the OPD Headquarters on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, from 4-6 pm.

Oakland Public Safety Summit is on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm. Pre-registration for workshops is recommended.

National Night Out is August 4<sup>th</sup>. Those hosting parties are urged to register in order to have visits from public safety and council representatives. Hosting parties may or may not receive visits from City staff due to limited number of staff available to attend parties.

## **5. Council Member's Report:**

Nayeli Maxson reported that on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 9am-Noon community clean-up at Allendale Elementary School.

The Mayor and City Council members are hosting budget review meetings Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm Redwood Recreation Center, and on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Eastmont Community Center. Check Councilmember Campbell-Washington's newsletter for details.

## **6. MSIC Activity Report:**

Doug Mosher reported that there were 9 Communities of Oakland Responding to Emergencies (CORE) groups in the MSIC area that participated in the city-wide exercise at the end of April. MSIC is working on getting more neighborhoods organized with a focus on completing Piedmont Pines neighborhoods, then using that model to roll out to the rest of Montclair. See the MSIC website on how to create a Montclair Organized Neighborhood (MON) Group.

The Oakland Fire Department will be conducting wildfire inspections soon. Special big green waste pick-ups and wood chipping can be scheduled for groups of neighbors.

## **7. Beautification Projects:**

*Antioch Court Re-Grade and Traffic Calming Project.* Jim Clardy and Carolyn Winters reported that at a meeting with Councilmember Campbell-Washington, there was good news about the City of Oakland Public Works Agency participation. The \$90K grant was approved by the bicycle and pedestrian council. Additional funding is pending. Community participation will be accomplished by selling donor bricks which will be used to pave the bulb-outs. This fund is currently at around \$15K.

*Railroad Mural Project:* Josh Shaw reported that fundraising continues for the Railroad Mural Project. The MSIC has raised approximately \$8K so far. Negotiation with artist, Andrew Johnstone, has reduced the overall cost. Mr. Johnstone is a "Burning Man" master artist (designs the edifice). Part of the fundraising effort will include partnering with Friends of the Fox Theater to have a 501c3 fiscal agent. Volunteers are needed to help with large organization fundraising efforts.

## **8. Public Safety Report:**

CRO Jurgens-Duenas reported the following crime statistics since February 2015:

Auto burglaries: 40 mostly in Montclair village (compared to 2,200 city-wide)

Residential & Commercial burglaries: 12 total (two were commercial, and one "smash and grab" from the CVS Pharmacy Store)

Auto theft: 13, versus 21 in the same interval last year

Armed robberies: 3 (one in February, another at the end of March on Azalea Court and a third at the Safeway Grocery Store from a checker, versus 4 in the same interval last year

Huckleberry Trail murder follow-up with East Bay Regional Park's Police Department. A lead has emerged from Folsom prison.

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