



Montclair Neighborhood Council Community Meeting

DATE 4/1/21

Meeting Attendees

Start Time: 17:30 End Time: 19:32

Steering Committee Attendance: 7

Estimated total attendance: 16

STEERING COMMITTEE (SC) MEMBERS	Present
Chairperson - Macy Cornell	x
Vice Chairperson - Nicholas Vigilante	x
Treasurer - Jim Clardy	
Secretary - Lenny Lesser	x
Community Rep. - David Liebman	x
Community Rep. - Neil Planchon	x
Community Rep. - Mary Henderson	x
Community Rep. - Tyrone Eugene	
Community Rep. - Matthew Rowe	
Community Rep. - Josh Shaw	
Community Rep. - Denise Bostrom	x

Advisory/Special Guests/Volunteers:	Present
OPD Neighborhood Services Coordinator - Angela Moore	
Councilmember Thao's Office - Brandon Harami	x

Community Resource Ofcr. (CRO) Aaron Johnson - OPD	x
North Hills Community Association - Elizabeth Stage	x
Desmond I. Jeffries, District At-Large (Kaplan's) Office	x

Community Meeting Agenda

1. **Community Meeting**
2. Welcome/Agenda Review- **Macy (2 min)**
3. Crime Stat Update presented by **CRO Johnson (5 min)**
4. "Staying Safe" Presentation given by **CRO Johnson (10 min)**
5. **Open Forum (15 min)**
 - 5.1. Crime against Asian Americans: Lenny brought up the issue of violence against restaurants in Rockridge. Ofc Johnson said they would try and step up controls in Montclair. Brandon discussed the violence in Dimond and posted this link for donations:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-roseni-and-family-after-home-invasion-attack>
 - 5.2. Vegetation problem: Nick discussed vegetation management along route 24. The Oakland Firesafe council is also supporting this initiative.
 - 5.3. Fire hydrants: EBMUD told Nick they will come up with a program to maintain fire hydrants. Macy reports that this was a root cause of fire spreading in 1991. Macy plans to make sure that EBMUD develops and implements a plan by May 2021.
 - 5.4. Paving Plan for Thornhill: Neil reports that some of the paving plan does not include the problematic part of Thornhill.
 - 5.5. Brush on Shepard Canyon: Lenny brought up brush around the fire station at the bottom of Shepard Canyon. Brandon said brush clearing should happen in the next few months. Nick reported that he worked on this last year and there was lack of budget.
 - 5.6. Macy reminded people about Oakland 311 and Firesafe council webinars.
 - 5.7. Sarah Stefaniuk sent in a message " just missed the open forum but wanted to let you know that I've started a crime and pothole incident tracker for the Oakland Hills and surrounding areas. I was inspired after experiencing both crime and pothole situations this year. I'd spent over \$1000 and countless hours to fix my problems. It made me wonder how much time and money we spend on these issues. And I wondered about

the emotional costs too. I hope the meaningful data I collect can be used as a tool to advance the discussion with the City of Oakland about our challenges. I've been posting the quick survey on Nextdoor and have received compelling responses. But, if this is truly to be a tool to talk about who, what, where, when and at what cost, I need more respondents. Here's the link. Anyone who wants to help with this project will be welcomed! Here is the link.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6G3sjAq5qCoJrklywOaKSSwAvnIOV2xyopF_cAYTQenUFEg/viewform

6. Montclair Park Cleanup 5/15 8am-1pm: Needs: bathrooms, signs, trash, vegetation removal, ponds cleaned up. Brandon will report on what is allowed to happen in parks by volunteers.
 - 6.1. Graffiti can be reported to 311, per Brandon.
 - 6.2. Brandon and Macy will follow up on the individual items and who can help.
 - 6.3. Playground: Brandon will forward the cost of the playground and discuss funding options. Previous playground was funded by a private donor. He reports the playground is on the parks list of things to repair.
 - 6.4. Advertising: We will post on our website. Nick will provide contacts for Montclarion and East Bay Times. Daniel Swafford will advertise in his newsletter. Desmond (Kaplan's office) will put in his newsletter. Will also contact Montclair Railroad Trail. Robbie Neely will include the park cleanup in the PPNA newsletter.
 - 6.5. Macy is asking for sponsors for cleanup. If anyone knows potential sponsors or grants, please let Macy know. Denise has a lead on a Jazz band for cleanup. Macy has applied for \$800 grant to help with funding.

Steering Committee Meeting- Open to Community

7. Treasurer Report-**Jim (1 min)** Macy showed report. No changes.
8. Meeting Minutes Approval -**Lenny (2 min)** March minutes approved unanimously.
9. Fundraising Review- **Denise (10 min)**
 - 9.1. Denise reports there are pros and cons to designating as a 501c3. There are benefits, but significant expenses to setting it up. Denise suggests tabling 501c3 status. If we fundraise under \$5000 per year, we may not even need a business license. She is continuing to check on business license issues. We should continue to pursue fundraising through grants and local businesses.
10. New Business- **Macy (5 min)** Surveillance Camera Initiative: Macy attended PPNA



meeting. PP is mostly in 13z neighborhood meeting. They discussed surveillance cameras and will figure out logistics of this.

11. Bylaws: all SC members should review bylaws, as they need updating. Will discuss next month.
 - 11.1. Lenny to create a motion for the next meeting about postponing the next election cycle.
12. Discussion regarding RR Mural Project- **Macy (30 min)**
 - 12.1. Court date happened 3/24/21. Mediation was attempted but unsuccessful. Court postponed the next step until 6/9/2021.
13. May Meeting: Councilmember Thao will be at the May meeting and would like to hear our budget priorities.
 - 13.1. Nick suggests the next meeting may be mostly focused on budget town hall with the Councilmember.
 - 13.2. Brandon mentioned that CM Thao and Vice Mayor Kaplan would be holding Town Hall budget meetings.
 - 13.3. Nick suggested we could invite someone from Oakland Fire to discuss vegetation management and upcoming inspections.