

Madison Park HOA Membership Meeting March 12, 2018

The meeting started at 7pm with the Welcome. Recognition of Visitors and a Membership Reminder Membership dues are \$20.00 a year and these funds are used to pay for the post office box, the storage shed and other items. There were 20 attendees and 2 visitors.

The announcements included the following items:

- The Annual Madison Park Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday March 31st at 10:00 am in Madison Central Park. This is a great family event for kids under 10. Several volunteers are going to organize this. This event usually anticipates the attendance of 40 children. The HOA funds the purchase of the candy.
- Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools is having a community workshop, this Thursday - March 15th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at The Harris YMCA, 5900 Quali Hollow Road. The purpose of this workshop is to solicit input on the next steps for K-12 education in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. This event is asking for feedback of what folks want from their school system
- The CATS Lynx Blue Line to UNCC opens on March 16th. There are no free rides being offered that we know of.
- The Fourth Annual Madison Park Community Yard Sale will be held on May 5th from 8:00 am to noon, in the parking lot of the Wedgewood Church, 4800 Wedgewood Drive. The city requires all sellers to have a permit. Sara John is the coordinator of the event. Permits have to be acquired ahead of time and in the past Sara Johns has collected the money for permits from participating sellers and purchased them ahead of time for the respective sellers participating. If you are interested in selling or helping to organize, contact Sara John at sarajohn614@gmail.com
- Stephen Gilbert has agreed to lead our next "Madison Park Rides to Open Streets" on Sunday, April 29th. The Open Streets event stretches the Plaza-Midwood area up to NoDa. Our ride will leave from Madison Central Park at approximately 1:00 pm. A police escort may be needed. If needed, Stephen will follow up with CMPD if there is a need to cross significant high traffic roads. It is five to seven miles from Madison Park to Plaza Midwood neighborhood, one way. The ride route may be on the Greenway to reach the destination. It will be an all afternoon venture. This ride event will be publicized through Weekly Rides and the hope is that the attendance will be 30 riders, similar to the October ride to Open Streets. More details to come.
- The Madison Park Book Club (now Mad Book Club) will meet on Tuesday, March 27th at 6:30 pm at The Charlotte Cafe. It is not necessary to have the book completely read before attending the book club. The group is reading *City of Thieves* by David Benioff. For more info, contact Gay Hurst at gay.hurst@gmail.com The book is about a story around Russia and World War 2.
- The next 2nd Friday Social will be held at Librettos Pizza, 1600 Woodlawn Road, on Friday April 13th starting at 6:00 pm

Community Announcements

Saturday, April 21st - An Earth Day Event is planned from 9am to 1pm. The Iron Mountain Shredding Truck is sponsored by Office Depot. There will be a Goodwill Donation Trailer for receiving unused household items. The Mecklenburg County Sheriff will be present to collect unused medications. TreesCharlotte is donating tree seedlings for folks who participate in the Shred It Event.

Saturday, May 5th - Madison Park Munching Tour as part of the month long City Walks Program. City Walks is an annual event held in May where neighborhoods feature "walking tours" of the neighborhood. This first year's City Walk's tour for Madison Park will be a Munching Tour and it will be hosted by Tom Hanchett, Charlotte's historian and Ruth Tansill. The tour will be two hours and spotlight the diversity of ethnic restaurants we have on our South Boulevard border. The tour will visit three restaurants and enjoy samplings of a specialty on their menu. The tour will be popular and limited in attendance capacity. This May will be the inaugural kick off of an annual CITY WALKS tour for Madison Park. More information in April.

Pinewood PTA – There are three open positions at the school which include front desk medical receptionist (bi lingual), bi lingual scheduler and a certified medical assistant. Margaret Sexton provided these job referrals.

Tuesday, March 13th - CROWN is having its monthly program on the second Tuesday and held at the Charlotte Nature Museum (Discovery Place Museum). The program is the Cross Charlotte Trail.

Saturday, March 24th - CROWN is hosting a "I SPY" which will be hosted at McAlpine Creek Park. This program exposes children to the wonder of nature.

Madison Park 5K Run – March 10. Highlight is that there was a course record set by a high school student. More recap to come.

Crime and Safety Report

As of March, this is the fourth year for Officer Mohammed has served in the role of Community Coordinator for the Madison Park neighborhood. As a community coordinator, Officer Mohammed comes to the monthly membership meetings and provides crime reports from our community. The crimes are part 1 crimes which include crimes like auto larceny and home break ins.

There was only one crime in the last 28 days. The crime occurred on March 7th. The crime was an auto related where a right front tire and rim were missing off a car. No further details.

There was concern about shots being fired in the Londonderry and Tyvola. There were no reports on people or property harmed. Residents called 911 before putting the incident on social media. This practice is helpful in effectively addressing the issue. CMPD was able to gather a vehicle description involved. The assumption is that the shooting was random as it did not target a house.

Treasurer's Report

Carly Baker resigned as the treasurer as she is moving from the neighborhood. We want to thank her for her service. A hand off of the treasury responsibilities is in process. Thomas Inn will be serving as the treasurer, going forward.

In February, the expenses were \$62.00 for public storage.

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In February we spent \$5840.00 for tree banding.

In February, there was 514.00 for banking fees.

Beginning balance for February was \$8450.40 and the ending balance was \$2768.26.

The majority of expenses was for tree banding expenses.

President's Report

- Douglas will be participating in the Stitch Together CLT initiative this year. The goal of the project is to help develop the next generation of community leaders in Charlotte. The initiative is scheduled to have a kick-off "summit" in late April. Madison Park will be hosting an event, tentatively scheduled for September 22nd, for all 72 participants in this initiative. More details to come.
- On Saturday, March 24th from 9:00 am til 1:00 pm, the Charlotte Planning Department is holding the *What Can UDO Summit*. The meeting provides an opportunity to share your input on the city-wide effort aimed at updating the policies and regulations that guide growth and development in Charlotte

Douglas spoke with the developer of the property at 700 East Woodlawn. That property was initially rezoned in 2014 for a condominium project. The rezoning was amended in 2016. The project has been delayed, yet again as the developer is trying to find the best product for the market.

- Ken Joyner and Christy Lantis from the Mecklenburg Tax Assessor's Office will be the guest presenters for our May 14th Madison Park Homeowners Association meeting. Mecklenburg county is currently in the process of adjusting tax values for all properties to reflect the current market conditions. Mr. Joyner and Ms. Lantis will provide information about the process being used and how you can prepare by looking at home sales information in Madison Park. They will also have information about special abatement programs for individuals that qualify because of their age, income, military history or disability status.
- Nominations for the Police Community Relations Awards are open. Last year, Officer Shabeer Mohammad was nominated by our community and given an award in recognition of his affect on our community. If you would like to nominate him (or any other officer), send an e-mail to president@madisonParkCharlotte.org and Douglas will e-mail you the form. The form is also available for download here:

<http://www.madisonparkcharlotte.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/PoliceCommunityRelationsAward.pdf>

- Montford Park is having a Community Meeting on next Monday, March 19th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at Pfeiffer University, 1515 Montford Drive. The meeting will cover topics including, the city's traffic circulation study, development on the Cross-Charlotte Trail, and the Montford Park block Party. The circulation study is addressing how to find additional places to park and how can we make it easier to get to Montford Park without having to park there. The need for sidewalks on Montford could be part of the solution which would benefit us.
- Following up from last month's meeting, where Alex Riemondy spoke about the Dockless Bike Program in Charlotte, the City is reporting that since November more than 10,000 people have tried a dockless bike ride.

Presentation: StormWater Project for Wedgewood and Seneca

- Beth Hassenfritz, Engineering and Property Management - Seneca/Wedgewood Stormwater Project
- The upcoming storm water project is going to impact on the intersection of Seneca and Wedgewood. Beth was responsible for the transportation design to include the roadways and sidewalks. The

preconstruction conference was held in January and it was hoped that the construction would have begun in February. The delay to the project was due to utilities. The gas company, Spectrum and AT&T will be moved the week of March 12th. Duke would not make a commitment of when they would get their work completed. A start date will be given to the contractor the week of March 19th. Once the contractor starts, he has a 150 calendar day schedule to get his work completed which is five months. There will be a 21 day period where Wedgewood will be closed due to the major culvert. Seneca will be open and just the south side of Wedgewood will be closed. Continual communication to the residents of Madison Park will be forthcoming for the duration of the project. The main point to the project is that there have been pipe failures and sinkholes and the intersection needing tightening. This project was pursued five or four years ago but the funding to address both issues (pipe repair and intersection improvement) was not available until now. Douglas requested a pdf of the plans so it can be shared. There is no opportunity for input or plan changes from residents, at this point.

- Update from Next Door post 03.20.18
- The Project is scheduled to take 150 days to complete. The current "Official" start date is Monday, March 26th. Work should be completed by August 23rd
- Detour routes will be posted. This may have an unpleasant affect for people on the detour route. There is no ETA for the closure yet.
- Traffic on Lamont Drive (at Seneca) will also be affected. Although that street will remain partially open throughout the project.
- The City of Charlotte will have an inspector on site to deal with any issues that the community has. Please contact that person directly,

The final intersection will be smaller and more compact.

March Meeting reminders

The next MPHOA meeting will be on Monday, April 9th at 7:00 pm. Speaker - TBA.

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