

## Madison Park HOA - March 10, 2014 Meeting Notes/Minutes

Douglas Welton, Board Member and newly appointed Vice President of the HOA, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance, including 10 first time attendees. Douglas informed the new attendees that one of the key purposes of the HOA and monthly meetings is to help improve the quality of life in our neighborhood and invited them to join in our upcoming meetings and events.

### **Crime Statistics (Note: Address is the street Block, not individual home location):**

Since Lt. Tom Gwaltney was unable to attend, Douglas presented the neighborhood crime stats for the past month.

Complaint No	Date	Street Block	Incident Type	Clearance Status
20140305-1513-05	05-MARCH-2014	5000 WHITE OAK	Larceny	OPEN

Douglas also reminded us that any of us can go to CrimeMapping.com to find police reports for an area and sign up with CMPD.org for crime alerts in our neighborhood.

***All issues with code or Non-Emergency police items can be reported to 311.***

### **Board Member Updates**

At a Board meeting held earlier in the evening, the following updates to the Board leadership roster for 2014 are effective immediately:

- Valerie Delby volunteered to assume the position of President
- Douglas Welton volunteered to assume the position of Vice President

A motion was made to vote both candidates into their new roles. All board members voted to approve with no one opposed. The motion was officially Approved and noted in the board meeting minutes. The positions are now filled. The HOA board now reflects a full roster of officers and directors and is in alignment with our bylaws.

### **Facebook and Website Updates**

Additional topics discussed at the Board meeting was the decision to create a Facebook page with the Madison Park Homeowners Association as the owner with a current board members to serve as administrators. Once the new page is created the name will be announced via the current HOA website.

As discussed at the January HOA meeting, the HOA was looking into options to create new website this year and the Board has voted to approve the new site and are working to find the hosting provider with best functionality for the lowest price, we will currently keep the Neighborhood Link site while working on new site. Team Leads for the project are: Valerie Delby, Douglas Welton and Matt Magnasco.

The goal of the new site is to help increase the ease of use the web site and expand our web presence to reach more neighbors! The Board feels it is necessary to update our social networking opportunities as a way to communicate to many of our younger residents and further increase paid memberships.

We are working to create sponsorship opportunities as well, so stay tuned as we progress!

### **Other Neighborhood Updates**

There was also an update on other Madison Park HOA news:

- Tree Banding grant closed out
- Farmers Market Canopy collapsed during snow storm, but will reopen once either a new canopy or more permanent structure has been erected.

### **Meeting Speaker #1**

Ron Law, Executive Director of Theatre Charlotte, presented a brief program on the institution which is 86 years old, making it the oldest art association in Charlotte. It was started in 1927-1928 when Calvin Coolidge was president and has been at its current location since 1941. He offered Madison Park Homeowners association an extraordinary offer of Buy One, Get One (BOGO) tickets by emailing him at: [ron@theatrecharlotte.org](mailto:ron@theatrecharlotte.org) for the remaining shows this season:

- Driving Miss Daisy (March 21- April 6)
- HAIR (May 16 – June 1)
- Peter Pan Jr (July 9 -13)
- Sweet Charity (July 18-20)

Season tickets for 2015 season will go on sale on March 26<sup>th</sup> and the theatre is always looking for volunteers to serve in many capacities (ushers, backstage, onstage, box office, concessions, etc.). Next season's shows beginning in September will include Footloose, To Kill a Mockingbird, A Christmas Carol, Harvey, The Normal Heart, Jesus Christ Superstar.

### **Meeting Speakers #2**

Meredith Hinshaw and Stephen Overcash from Overcash Demmitt Architects (oda) presented plans and spoke about the townhome development proposed for 700 East Woodlawn. The preliminary plans show 15 townhomes ranging in size from 2000-3000 square feet with garages and ranging in height from 2 – 3 stories with a targeted completion date of 2016.

Residents voiced their concerns over tree lines, fencing, ingress / egress, and traffic calming effects on Woodlawn. Speakers addressed the concerns and were eager to answer any questions regarding the proposed project plan.

To contact Overcash Demmitt Architects, please reach out to Stephen Overcash at: [sovercash@odarch.com](mailto:sovercash@odarch.com) or 704-926-3369.

For additional information on Area Planning for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area please visit <http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/planning/AreaPlanning/Pages/home.aspx>

## **Membership**

New HOA President, Valerie Delby, introduced herself to the attendees and made a request to the neighborhood to pay their annual HOA membership dues! Currently there are only 70 households which have paid annual dues of \$20 since Sept. 2013. We will continue reaching out to every household in the neighborhood to pay their dues and help us grow our opportunities for the community.

Membership dues are used for community events and school programs throughout the year and without them we will have to reduce our participation so please take the time to pay your dues and help keep us moving ahead in 2014! Dues are only \$20 per household, per year so every new and renewed membership helps out!

You may pay dues via **PayPal, Postal Service on in person** at the monthly HOA meeting. For new members, please fill out the application (link below) and email or mail back to the HOA for processing. Thanks to everyone who has updated their memberships this year and thanks in advance to those who will have it on the way soon!

For questions please contact us at [madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com](mailto:madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com)

### ***Membership Application Link:***

<http://docs.neighborhoodlink.com/resources/489511/2011MembershipApplication.pdf?AWSAccessKeyId=0C2W8NMC9MHASRBVPN02&Expires=1394475446&Signature=bh8Oigvl96M1T7yLqfyx%2FLAXqQQ%3D>

### ***PayPal:***

[https://www.paypal.com/us/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_flow&SESSION=ARqPI\\_RMXO9jOSPX7\\_IPo9ILagEasaimUV2rw5hsnqRGf6HvTPKojMuW7s0&dispatch=50a222a57771920b6a3d7b606239e4d529b525e0b7e69bf0224adecfb0124e9b61f737ba21b081982546798d23b9808f2b0faaf533a5dbe5](https://www.paypal.com/us/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_flow&SESSION=ARqPI_RMXO9jOSPX7_IPo9ILagEasaimUV2rw5hsnqRGf6HvTPKojMuW7s0&dispatch=50a222a57771920b6a3d7b606239e4d529b525e0b7e69bf0224adecfb0124e9b61f737ba21b081982546798d23b9808f2b0faaf533a5dbe5)

### ***Postal Service:***

Madison Park HOA, PO Box 242432, Charlotte, NC 28244

## **Freedom School**

The application was submitted on Feb. 15 and is now under review. There will be a public meeting held late March at which time the city will make a decision on their level of financial support for the project. We will have representation from the HOA, the Madison Park community, Pinewood Elementary, Myers Park Baptist Church and Selwyn Methodist Church on hand to show our overall community support!

Thanks to everyone who has helped us take this grant request forward! Wish us luck that we are able to win it!

### **Neighborhood School Partnership Initiative for Pinewood Elementary (Upcoming Summit)**

As an update (based on city communications) ...Madison Park was selected to participate in the Neighborhood School Partnership Initiative, which includes a forthcoming community summit facilitated by City of Charlotte staff. The summit will have food and supplies needed to engage school representatives, neighborhood residents and stakeholders. After completion of the summit, the group will be encouraged by the city to apply for a Neighborhood Matching Grant and will receive an **\$8,000 credit towards a project** that will support the shared vision of the community and school.

The *tentative date of the summit is April 5* and we will send out an update once the date, time and location are confirmed. For anyone interested in participating in the summit please contact the HOA at [madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com](mailto:madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com)

### **Disc golf basket**

Great News...The new disc golf basket will be installed in next 2 weeks! Thanks to out to Jeff Stanwick for donating time and money to make this happen, in addition to Justin and Brooke Adler and Ingrid Lachner for supplying the funds to secure the post!

We hope to have upcoming fun events for kids and adults throughout the year!

### **Madison Park Street Sign Toppers**

The Madison Park street sign toppers that were accidently removed by CDOT in late 2013 will be reinstalled at 2 new locations this week. The new sites will be Montford & Bradbury and Montford at Longwood. An additional topper on Murray Hill was found broken but will be repaired and remounted this week as well. If anyone sees a topper that has fallen or is in need of repair please let us know.

### **"Neighborwood" Program – New Opportunity**

Nicole Storey of the city's Neighborhood & Business Services asked if Madison Park would be interested in participating in the "Neighborwoods" program which allows communities to apply to receive free trees to help increase our overall canopy. According to the programs data, the Madison Park tree canopy is only ~37% so the trees could make a huge impact for the entire community long-term. This could potentially be a great park workday, as well as supplementing trees elsewhere.

At the Board meeting held prior to the HOA meeting, the board discussed the benefits of the program to Madison Park and voted unanimously to apply for participation. Matt Magnasco will Lead the application process and update the community as we progress.

Here is more information on the program: NeighborWoods is a community tree planting initiative aimed at keeping our tree canopy healthy and beautiful while achieving Charlotte's goal of having 50 percent tree canopy coverage by 2050. A collaboration between the City of Charlotte and

TreesCharlotte, this community-based initiative is one strategy in a toolbox of measures intended to facilitate the **planting of 15,000 trees in our community each year.**



A healthy tree canopy can:

- Provide energy savings
- Contribute to clean air and water
- Enhance property values
- Create a sense of community
- Improve neighborhood quality of life
- Educate youth and adults on tree benefits and care

#### **Sub-Committees (Contacts, New Additions and Consolidations)**

Based on feedback from the January and February HOA meetings, we identified overlap with a couple of the sub-committees for 2014 and have consolidated to make communication easier. Below are the sub-committees and the named team leads for each. Unless otherwise noted, please contact our general email at [madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com](mailto:madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com) if you have interest in leading or joining these groups.

- **Rose Garden** –Team Lead, Lisa Charde – Please contact Lisa direct at [lisacharde@me.com](mailto:lisacharde@me.com) for more information and/or to volunteer
- **Madison Central Park Trash collection** –Team Lead, Ingrid Lachner - additional volunteers are needed so please let us know if you wish to sign up
- **Membership (formerly Welcome Packs and Membership Drive which have consolidated and renamed)** – Team Lead, Douglas Welton - please contact us if you wish to volunteer or assist
- **National Night Out (NNO)** –We have not had a Team Lead nor Volunteers agree to support the effort therefore we will not hold the event this year. We are looking for alternatives for a community event in late summer or fall so let us know if anyone has ideas for options.
- **Activities & Events (formerly Holiday Social)** – Team Leads will be ongoing so let us know if you would like to setup an event and invite the neighborhood to participate. This committee now includes all Social Events and Activities for the year and will be posted on our new Facebook page as well as the Madison Park HOA website with upcoming events.

**We will have a “Social Interest” gathering in the next couple of weeks so be on the lookout for more information soon.**

*Events with a Team Lead are:*

**Holiday Social** – Team Lead, Valerie Delby – We need assistance in garnering sponsorship for food and drinks so let us know if you want to help get local restaurants to help out. Tryon House has offered to supply the side items (Thank You) so we will work on other organizations for everything else!

**Adopt-A-Street** (now includes Madison Central Park annual clean up events) - Team Leads, Margaret Sexton & Matt Magnasco.

## Quick Links for the HOA website

### **1) Meeting Minutes (listed on the Home Page as "Newsletter")**

[http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison\\_Park/newsletters](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park/newsletters)

### **2) Membership Dues (listed on the Home page under "Pages & Links", "Documents & Pages")**

[http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison\\_Park/pages/366226](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park/pages/366226)

**3) Posts for Ongoing Community Information** (listed on the Home page as "Discussions", if you click the word Discussions then it will take you to this site. We may only have 3 current items on the Home page at a time due to restrictions of the site but all others are active via the link below):

[http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison\\_Park/topics](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park/topics)

**4) Charlotte-Mecklenburg Code Violation Informational Tips** (listed on the Home page under "External Links", "7 Tips to Avoid Code Enforcement Violations"). NOTE: Please call 311 to ask questions or report code violations. You may also visit <http://nbs.charlottenc.gov> for additional information.

[http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/nbs/CodeEnforcement/nuisance/Documents/7%20Tips%20to%20Avoid%20Code%20Enforcement%20Violations\\_3.pdf](http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/nbs/CodeEnforcement/nuisance/Documents/7%20Tips%20to%20Avoid%20Code%20Enforcement%20Violations_3.pdf)

### **Treasurer's Report**

For Feb. 7, 2014 through Mar. 9, 2014, we received 1 new membership (welcome Joseph and Lisa Holmes from 5022 Milford Rd) and 12 renewal payments:

Starting balance:	\$ 3,146.41
Deposits	+ 260.45
Payments	- 0.00
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 3,406.86</b>

*Traffic Calming Funds* in the amount of \$1,253.80 continue to be held by CODT. The funds are earmarked for vinyl replacements on our signs in the future.

### **Open Discussion**

Margaret Sexton announced she discovered that Charlotte has a regional chapter of the NC Wildlife Federation, CROWN (Charlotte Reconnecting Ourselves With Nature). They have a lot of material about inviting wildlife into your landscape. Monthly meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7PM of each month at Queens University, 1834 Selwyn Avenue, Duke Energy Auditorium, Rodgers Hall.

March's meeting will be on March 20<sup>th</sup> (7PM) and presented by Rob Phocas, Esq., Leed AP from the City of Charlotte's Environmental and Energy Department entitled: "Charlotte; The Sustainable City".

**There were 35 in attendance (10 first time attendees). Thanks to everyone who attended and participated!**

Meeting adjourned.