

Madison Park HOA –June 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Valerie Delby, HOA President, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM and welcomed everyone in attendance, including first time attendee's (6 newcomers) who were asked to introduce themselves.

Correction to meeting minutes from May 12

In last month's minutes we left out the following in error: Discussion was held around ongoing issues with tall grass at residents' homes and Madison Central Park. It was explained that the City of Charlotte Codes department should be contacted via 311 to report violations. Valerie Delby stated that she worked with both CMS and Codes to ensure that Madison Central Park will continue to receive mowing service through the summer as there had been a 1 month lapse in mowing from April to May. Codes reported that there was a miscommunication with the contractor who performs the service and that has now been corrected. Resident Edna Alexander spoke to the group and stated that using 311 was both easy and confidential and urged residents to use it as needed.

Crime Statistics

(Note: Address is the street Block, not individual home location)

Madison Park CMPD community representatives Captain Gerald Smith, Lt. Thomas Gwaltney, & Officer Shabeer Mohammad of the Westover Division were in attendance. Lt. Gwaltney presented the following monthly crime statistics for our community from May 12 through June 8, 2014:

SUMMARY

Incident Type	Frequency
Residential Burglary	13
Larceny from Auto	3
Larceny-Other	1
Total	17

LISTING

Complaint No	Date	Street Block	Incident Type	Clearance Status
20140512-1231-05	12-MAY-2014	5100 MURRAYHILL RD	Residential Burglary	CLEARED BY ARREST
20140512-1248-03	12-MAY-2014	5600 MURRAYHILL RD	Residential Burglary	OPEN
20140512-1342-02	12-MAY-2014	5600 MURRAYHILL RD	Residential Burglary	OPEN
20140512-1638-01	12-MAY-2014	5500 WEDGEWOOD DR	Residential Burglary	OPEN
20140512-1732-02	12-MAY-2014	5100 MURRAYHILL RD	Residential Burglary	OPEN
20140512-2145-00	12-MAY-2014	1100 SENECA PL	Residential Burglary	OPEN
20140513-1928-00	13-MAY-2014	800 SENECA PL	Residential Burglary	OPEN
20140515-0935-00	15-MAY-2014	4800 MURRAYHILL RD	Larceny from Auto	OPEN
20140520-2158-04	20-MAY-2014	5000 WEDGEWOOD DR	Residential Burglary	OPEN

20140522-0659-01	22-MAY-2014	600 COOPER DR	Larceny from Auto	OPEN
20140522-1107-01	22-MAY-2014	5500 FARMBROOK DR	Larceny from Auto	OPEN
20140525-1310-00	25-MAY-2014	5300 BAKER DR	Larceny-Other	OPEN
20140527-0039-00	27-MAY-2014	1500 TYVOLA RD	Residential Burglary	OPEN
20140601-1225-02	01-JUN-2014	5300 GLENHAM DR	Residential Burglary	OPEN
20140603-0719-04	03-JUN-2014	4500 BRADBURY DR	Residential Burglary	OPEN
20140603-1132-02	03-JUN-2014	600 GENTRY PL	Residential Burglary	OPEN
20140604-1936-02	04-JUN-2014	4600 BAYBERRY DR	Residential Burglary	OPEN

Officer Mohammad reminded residents to be aware that there are people who come into the neighborhood and stand in front of homes to connect to residents Wi-Fi internet so be sure to **Password protect your Wi-Fi connection** and report anyone suspicious in the area by calling 911.

For an additional listing of crime in the area, the following Crime Mapping link is available:

<http://www.crimemapping.com/map.aspx?ll=-8998793.12186394,4194774.886228889&z=14&mc=world-street&cc=AR,AS,BU,DR,DU,FR,HO,VT,RO,SX,TH,VA,VB,WE>

This Crime Mapping link may also be found on the Madison Park HOA website on the Main page under External Links, Crime Mapping Tool. http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park

If you notice and suspicious behavior in your area please contact 911 immediately!

For additional information please contact Officer Mohammad at smohammad@cmpd.org.

As stated at previous meetings but worth noting again - CMPD suggested be sure to keep blinds, shades and curtains closed at night as well as to secure your outdoor sheds and electrical boxes to help avoid crime.

It was advised by CMPD at a previous HOA meeting that residents should **keep an inventory** of their electronics, jewelry and other personal items (including serial numbers where applicable). Pictures and serial numbers help the police find stolen items faster especially when they are pawned so be sure to take an inventory and keep it in a safe location.

Below are Tips that were presented to the HOA by CMPD a few years ago that are very applicable today:

Safety Starts At Home - What You Can Do To Keep Madison Park Safe

1. Make sure your house is well lit. Turn on outside lights, spotlights, motion lights, etc. Leave several inside lights on timers while you are away to give your home that lived in look.

2. All exterior doors should be steel or made with a solid core. Deadbolts should be used to lock and secure your doors. A good deadbolt should have a 1" throw. If you have glass within 40" of the lock a burglar could reach in and unlock the door. A double cylinder lock (this type needs a key on both sides to unlock) should be used if glass is near the lock.

3. With sliding glass doors a pin through the frame, a locking device or broomstick in the track will help prevent the door from being opened from outside.
4. Do not leave a spare key hidden outside your house. Do not leave extra keys to your home or vehicle inside any of your vehicles, even if they are parked inside your garage.
5. Landscaping should not create hiding spaces or block windows or doors of your residence. Trees and shrubbery should be properly pruned to keep them from providing access to upper floors and creating blind spots.
6. Secure windows with locks or pins for both closed and partially opened positions. Use blinds and curtains for privacy.
7. Remove anything an intruder could use to gain access to your home i.e., ladders, wood, tables, chairs, lawn tools and children toys.
8. As an added since of security some residents have installed alarm systems. Consult with alarm companies for differences in the systems and decide which would benefit you. The alarm system can only help if it used. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department requires that alarm systems be registered with the police department (otherwise they are not notified when alarm is triggered).

Traffic Calming Update

A follow-up question regarding traffic counts for the intersection of Halstead and Montford was asked by an attendee. Lt. Gwaltney responded that the traffic count had been completed and he would update the community with the numbers.

He will also work with CDOT to monitor traffic on Seneca Place and Longwood to help reduce speeding in the area.

Guest Speakers

Deborah Triplett, Founder of Yard Art Day, updated the community in how to participate in the event and encouraged everyone to join in. The art must be created by you and not hired out; you may want to create or just tour participating yards. Look for art when there is yard sign indicating "Yard Art Day" and look on the website to see a map of participants.

"Yard Art Day is a call out to artists of all types (painters, photographers, sculptures, musicians, performance artists) to show their art in their yards for Labor Day weekend. Let's get outside, meet some new friends, and show Charlotte and the world we are much more than just a banking town!"

For more information you may view <http://www.yardartday.org>

Matt Crosland, EDENS Property Management, discussed the ongoing renovations and future tenants at Park Road Shopping Center including local restaurants and retail shops. Matt provided attendees a flyer displaying the rendering of the shopping center for phases 1 (to be completed this year) and 2 which will include the area in the back side of the shopping center next year. The updated spaces will house additional unique retail shops and local restaurants to continue to have something for everyone in the community.

Matt also told the group that EDENS is working with the city to determine if they may create a bridge to connect Park Road Shopping Center to the Greenway and asked for the neighborhoods support of

the initiative. He encouraged us to visit the story wall at Park Road Shopping Center to learn the history of the center and be advised of new developments coming to the center.

For more information visit <http://www.edens.com/centers/NC/Charlotte/Park-Road>

Lee Pardue, Duke Energy, educated the community on the difference between distribution lines (the ones that service our homes and usually runs down a street and on a wooden pole) and transmission (high voltage) lines (which are on large metal structures and located on purchased easements). There are guidelines and rules when planting trees and/or shrubs in a transmission easement. A general guideline specific to transmission lines is to have plantings that will mature to a maximum of 15 feet in height to avoid the Energy company from having to remove the trees once they go beyond that height. Anything taller is a hazard and can cause fire which could result in a power outage. Duke Energy must follow strict guidelines by the Federal Government in regards to tree/shrub height and always alert homeowners of any work that is to be done on their property ahead of time.

For more information, see the attached “Duke Energy Electric Transmission Right of Way Guidelines/Restrictions”

There were 3 attendee’s who requested to make brief announcements:

- 1) **Margie Storch, Candidate running for NC House 88**, who introduced herself to the community and asked for their support. More information on her platform may be found at <http://www.margiestorch.com>
- 2) **Sam Perkins, Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation** – the organization will hold a “Rubber Ducky” kids event at Freedom Park on July 12. More information may be found at <http://catawbariverkeeper.org>
- 3) **Margaret Sexton, Madison Park HOA Secretary** – Asked the communities input on having a friendly neighborhood Yard Competition quarterly with the winner receiving a gift card from a local store. If anyone is interested in the event please reach out to Margaret with the subject line “Yard Competition” to madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com.

Neighborhood and Community

“Park at Montford” mixed use proposed development

Selwyn Property Group (developer) held a Community meeting May 20 to display a revised elevation of the proposed mixed-use facility as well as take questions and suggestions from the neighborhood prior to the City Rezoning meeting. As recommended by the community at previous meetings, the revisions displayed a shorter building (5-story rather than the 6-story that was originally submitted) however the community stated that it was still 1 story higher than is suggested under the “Park Woodlawn” plan of 2012. Discussion around increased traffic opened the door for additional planning and the developer agreed to discuss traffic options with CDOT and CMPD to devise a proposed solution.

After the city reviewed the revised plan submitted by the developer they suggested that the developer postpone their final submission by 1 month to allow for changes to be made that are more consistent with the overall community plan. The following was sent to the community via email from the HOA on May 22:

“The Rezoning meeting for petition 2014-044 known as the “Park at Montford” project has been **postponed until July 21** based on feedback from City Planning and CDOT staff. Below is an excerpt

from the city's response from May 22 to the proposed revised plan as presented to them by the developer, Selwyn Property Group.

Excerpt - *The major areas of concern in no particular order are as follows:*

- *Requesting an urban zoning but not providing an urban product such as operable doors onto Park Rd and asking to opt out of urban open space*
 - *Access to Drexmore and treatment of that connection. We would like to discuss more about the desire/need for this connection. If there is a connection staff would like to see it have a 6 ft. wide sidewalk with a planting strip at back of curb and separation between the sidewalk and property line.*
 - *Transition to single family neighborhood on the Drexmore portion of the site and the architecture and design of the townhomes in relation to the single family homes.*
 - *Buffer treatment at the rear of the parking deck. We would like have more discussions about the appearance of the rear of the deck from the two neighboring single family homes.*
- In addition, staff would like to look at how this project relates to the broader picture of expected redevelopment in the immediate area."*

Rezoning petition meeting to be held July 21 at 6:00 pm located at CharMeck Govt. Center (600 East 4th Street, Second Floor).

For more information on city rezoning:

<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/planning/Rezoning/RezoningPetitions/2014Petitions/Pages/2014-044.aspx>

Housing Development at "700 Woodlawn" – Rezoning Petition 2014-029

Below are the next meetings for the potential development at 700 Woodlawn Road:

-City Council Decision to be made June 16 at 6:00 pm located at CharMeck Government Center (600 East 4th Street, Meeting Chambers)

For more information on rezoning:

<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/planning/Rezoning/RezoningPetitions/2014Petitions/Pages/2014-029.aspx>

CharMeck Planning – Transit Oriented Development (TOD) zoning public meeting

This is an initial public meeting to:

- Review zoning regulations for transit oriented development
- Discuss what's working and what's not with current standards
- Find out how you can be involved in shaping the character and quality of future transit

Meeting to be **held June 12 6:30-8:00pm**, Charlotte Trolley Museum, 1507 Camden Road (Lynx Bland Street station)

For additional information contact Alan Goodwin at agoodwin@charlottenc.gov.

Madison Central Park - Trash Collection and Pet Leash Law

-We are still looking for both a Lead to maintain bags for the can and for people who could help out with the trash collection from July through the remainder of the year so please contact the HOA at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com.

-Residents have reported an increase in dogs off leash in the park and behind Marion Diehl Recreation Center thus the need to remind the community that Charlotte has the following leash law in effect:

“The City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County have strict leash laws that apply to all animals except cats (see the nuisance animal section for laws pertaining to cats). Animals must be on a leash, contained within a fence or an **operable and marked** invisible fence. An animal may be loose in its own yard if there is an adult (18 years or older) immediately next to the animal **and** the animal responds to direct verbal commands of the person.

All regulations aim to protect the health and safety of our citizens. Please be a responsible pet owner and abide by the law. Violations will be investigated and stiff fines may be applied. Fines range from a \$50.00 citation for the first violation and up to a \$500.00 citation and permanent seizure of the animal for a fifth violation.

To report an animal at large, please call 311.

For the exact language of the animal control ordinance(s) summarized above, please consult Chapter 3 of the Charlotte City Code. ”

For more information visit:

<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/CMPD/organization/Support/AnimalControl/Char-MeckLaws/Pages/Leash%20Law.aspx>

Neighborhoods Program

Matt Magnasco, Madison Park HOA Director, updated that Madison Park has been approved to participate in the program under the “Tree Store” option, which means we would receive 50-100 (or more) trees at a single location and residents would go to that location to pickup their assigned trees and install themselves. The program requires 20% neighborhood participation so we need our help to support this project.

As a refresher, the Neighborhoods program is a joint effort between the City of Charlotte TreesCharlotte.org to increase Charlotte’s tree canopy to 50% by 2030 and to kick-start the program communities may petition to participate in the program to receive Free trees to be planted on their personal property. Trees will be approximately 7 gallon in size with varieties selected by the program manager.

To help us obtain 50-100 trees for the neighborhood, we are looking for 3 volunteers to be “Tree Stewards” as is required by the program. One Steward is required for every 50 trees plus an additional steward to oversee the entire project. The Stewards role is to ensure that the neighbors participating in the program plant the trees according to the directions provided for long-term growth and to monitor that the trees are watered properly to encourage root growth.

If you would like to be part of the program, become a Tree Steward, and/or work with Matt on the Grant application please contact the HOA with subject line “Neighborhoods program” and Matt will contact you direct. For more information on Neighborhoods, visit www.treescharlotte.org.

Free Little Library

Mike Brawley of Brawley's Beverage at **4620 Park Road** has installed a Free Little Library at his store. He has invited everyone in the community to visit the library and participate in the book share program.

Thanks to Mike for sponsoring this for the community!

2014 Neighborhood Upcoming Events

Charlotte Knights Baseball game (July 19 @ 7:00pm) – Douglas Welton (lead).

-Tickets are \$14 per person and must be purchased by July 10. Please contact Douglas Welton (douglas_welton@earthlink.net) to secure your seat and make payment.

Midweek on Montford (MoFo) (June 25, 4:00 – 8:00 pm) - Valerie Delby (lead).

-Join us at Braswells Pub for an after work social meet-up and enjoy drink specials and 1/2 price appetizers from 4:00 - 6:00, then...Head over to TEN Park Lanes for bowling from 6:00-8:00. Price for bowling is \$17 per person (incl. shoe rental and taxes) for 2 games. We will reserve 2 lanes for Madison Park unless more space is needed.

Bowling **reservations and payment** must be made **by June 16** to secure the lanes. Please contact us at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com if you would like to attend.

Even if bowling isn't 'up your alley' TEN Park Lanes offers ping pong and cornhole outdoors or you could always stop by to meet other neighbors.

Seniors Center Book Sale – Tyvola Road location

Tyvola Road Senior Center will have a used book sale on **June 18th, from 10 am to 1 pm**. The center is **accepting used books as donations from June 9th - June 16th**. Please drop off paperback or hard cover books at the center...they will be sold for \$1-3 each!

Wedgewood Farmers Market

Located at 4800 Wedgewood Drive (intersection of Tyvola Rd and Wedgewood, the Farmers Market is open **Wednesday Noon-6:00 and Saturday from 9:00-2:00**. Come out and enjoy local food and vendors!

Disc golf and Movie in the Park

Both events are still on the agenda for later this summer so stay on the lookout for more information.

Pinewood Elementary & Madison Park Partnership

Freedom School Neighborhood Matching Grant (NMG) –Freedom School begins June 18 and runs through July 30 and we need your support to ensure success of the program! We are allowed to apply \$22.10 per hour of volunteer work toward our grant match so please sign up ASAP to meet our goal!

Volunteers are needed for reading, chaperones and group leaders so please reach out to Laura Handler, at laurak.handler@cms.gaggle.net, for more information or you may sign up online at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E48A8AF29AB9-pinewood>

Thanks to those of you who have already volunteered and we look forward to more from the community to join in on this very rewarding summer program!

Membership Dues

You may pay dues via **PayPal, Postal Service or 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. Membership is only \$20 per household per year.

Thanks to everyone who has updated their memberships this year and thanks in advance to those who will have it on the way soon!

Application and PayPal (payment option):

On-line through PayPal:

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park/pages/522222 (hold "ctrl" key down before clicking). Note: membership is \$21 through PayPal.

Postal Service:

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

Please include a member application which you will find at

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park (hold "ctrl" key down before clicking) then click on "2014 HOA Membership Application" under Documents & Pages.

For questions please contact us at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com

Treasurers Report

For May12, 2014 through June 9, 2014, we had the following activity:

Starting balance:	2,943.24
Deposits	380.72 dues
Payments	- 19.60 (primarily MP sign repair & new MPHOA website cost)
Ending balance	3,304.36

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

In Closing

The floor was open to any follow-up questions/concerns from the attendees and none were presented therefore we adjourned the meeting.

There were 53 residents in attendance, including three police officers.

Thanks to everyone who attended!