

Madison Park HOA Membership Meeting April 9, 2018

The April HOA Membership Meeting started at 7pm and was opened by the President, Douglas Welton. A Welcome was given to all in attendance and a membership reminder was extended.

A Madison Park HOA is a voluntary HOA. A reminder for membership dues was shared, annual dues are \$20.00 a year. Membership dues can be paid by check (\$20.00) and/or online (\$21.00 which include a \$1.00 for handling). The funds cover storage, PO Box and miscellaneous expenses.

Recognition of Visitors

First time visitors included the following folks

- **Steven Gilbert who lives on Farmbrook**
- **Mr. Walker who is a CMPD Citizen Academy**
- **Pinewood PTA President**
- **Angelique Gaines from Charlotte Urban Institute**
- **Political candidates were invited due to the May 8th primary election. The At Large Board of County Commissioners candidates were invited. Four candidates were in attendance.**

Announcements included:

- Madison Park (along with our neighbors in Montford Park and Park Road Shopping Center) was voted the best neighborhood in Charlotte for 2018 by the readers of Charlotte Five. The details: <https://www.charlottefive.com/2018-neighborhood-bracket-winner/> Madison Park was ranked as 6 out of 32 but brackets were busted. GO MADISON PARK! WE ROCK!
- Stephen Gilbert has agreed to lead our next "Madison Park Rides to Open Streets" on Sunday, April 29th. The event stretches the Plaza-Midwood area up to NoDa. Our ride will leave from Madison Central Park at approximately 1:00 pm. For more info about Open Streets: <http://openstreets704.com>. The last bike ride to Open Streets was held in October 2017 and there were about 30 riders. The October ride was led by Matt but he is unable to lead the ride for April 29th. Stephen gave a highlight of the ride. The ride plan is to meet at the Madison Central Park and wander through the neighborhood, riding up Montford Drive to Park Road, Officer Shabeer will escort riders across Park Road and to the Park Road Shopping Center. The ride will wind through the shopping center to the Greenway. The ride continues to 5th street and Pecan and then the Midwood neighborhood. The ride is about a 6.5 mile ride and the ride will go as fast as the pace of the slowest rider. Children under 14 need to be accompanied by an adult/parent. All are welcome to participate. The streets of Open Streets are closed to automobiles.
- The Madison Park Book Club (now Mad Book Club) will meet on Tuesday, April 24th at 6:30 pm at the Charlotte Cafe. The group is reading *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. For more info, contact Gay Hurst at gay.hurst@gmail.com
- The SouthPark Comprehensive Neighborhood Improvement Program presentation will be available at the Morrison Library from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 10th. This is a drop-in event that will highlight the list of potential projects that will affect the infrastructure within the SouthPark community. Changes will affect many of the neighborhoods immediately (east) adjacent to Madison Park which is what the significance of this meeting. Doug will be attending to learn more about the comprehensive networking improvement monies available as a future possibility for Madison Park. For more info: <http://charlottenc.gov/charlottefuture/CIP/CNIP/Pages/southpark.aspx>

- The Montford Park Block Party is May 19th from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. There will be food, music and games. Many Madison Park residents attended last year. The event takes place in the parking lot of 1515 Mockingbird Lane.
- 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. If you are interested in selling or helping to organize, contact Sara John at sarajohn614@gmail.com. There are 15 families who have signed up so far. Those who are participating need to bring their own display tables. Most folks set up about 7:15am to 7:30am.
- Pinewood has partnered with Chrysler Cars for a fundraiser . On April 12th , Chrysler is coming Pinewood to let people test drive cars from 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. For every person that test drives, 2018 Chrysler Pacifica, Chrysler will donate \$10 to Pinewood and if you take a selfie with the car and post the photo to Facebook, Chrysler will donate another \$10.00. Free drinks and snacks will be served. A free car wash will also be raffled off.
- The next 2nd Friday Social will be held at Librettos Pizza, 1600 Woodlawn Road, on Friday April 13th starting at 6:00 pm. The social activity is an opportunity to get to know your neighbor.
- 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. More info about the process can be found here: <https://www.mecknc.gov/assessorsoffice/meckreval/Pages/Home.aspx>

Trading Spaces on TLC is looking to cast a couple of homes in the Madison Park If you are interested go to Tradingspacescasting.com

Community Announcement

Madison Park Recycles Event will be **Saturday**, April 21st from 9am to 1pm to celebrate Earth Day. Office Depot will sponsor the shredding truck. A Goodwill Donation trailer will be provided. The Mecklenburg Sheriff Department will be hosting a medication drop off. There will be an opportunity to recycle batteries, light bulbs, print cartridges and plastic bags. TreesCharlotte has donated tree seedlings. Volunteers are needed to direct traffic.

Saturday, May 5th is CITY WALKS and Madison Park will have the first of it's kind. Angelique Gaines came and spoke about the event. CITY WALKS a global movement with 1000 walks in 212 cities and 36 countries in the month of May Ruth will be co leading a walk with Tom Hanchett with a well known local historian. The munching tour will be from 2pm to 4pm. The walk starts at Jasmine Grille and the walk will feature three restaurants (Syrian, Vietnamese and Oomincan Republic) on the South Boulevard border of Madison Park.

CROWN will meet Tuesday night (April 10th) at Discovery Place Nature (formerly the Charlotte Nature Museum). The presentation is "Why Grow Natives" and will be given by Dr. Larry Mellancamp, retired professor of botany and horticulture.

On Saturday, May 12th from 2pm to 4pm, there will be a film showing "Hometown Habitat" which is free and open to the public. The event location is at Myers Park Baptist. Brochures are available.

The annual fundraising event, Wild on the Water will be held in June. This is a paddling event. There is no stand up paddle boards but participants are welcome to bring their own. Canoes and kayaks will be available. It will be on Mountain Island Lake and will be held in June. There is a registration fee of \$50.00 and you get a raffle ticket. If you raise \$100.00, you get 3 raffle tickets. If you raise \$250.00, you receive 10 raffle tickets. The grand prize for the raffle winner is a new flat water kayak. Lunch is provided. The start/end time is 9am to 12pm. It is an hour and a half paddle experience. There will be two speakers, one topic is Mountain Island Lake and the Ospreys Nest.

Community Safety and Crime Report - Officer Mohammed Shabeer from CMPD

Six crimes reported are as follows

March 13: (1800 block of Tyvola) Larceny (Other) Resident reported a missing vacuum cleaner. Family member took it and pawned it due to drug issues. Lesson learned: serial #s of your appliance need to be kept in order for recovery verification, when needed.

March 15: (4900 block of White Oak) Auto Larceny - Car door handle was unlocked, no vehicle damage seen. Nothing was taken

March 31: (300 block of Cooper Drive); Auto Larceny - Victim admitted to leave door unlocked, nothing was taken. No vehicle damage. Nothing of value left in car

April 5: (4900 block of Baylor Drive); Auto Larceny: Resident says he locks his car doors but finds car trunk is opened, golf clubs are taken from the trunk. Resident says dispatcher told him to go to work and then report the crime. Officer Mohammed stated that the preference is for residents to stay at the crime scene until a crime report is given versus leaving the scene and reporting the crime at a later time.

April 5: (1200 block of East Woodlawn Road): Residential Burglary: Resident came home and noticed their key was not opening the door. When the door was opened, the resident noticed wood splinters.

April 5: (700 block of Gentry) Auto larceny: The resident wasn't sure if he left the car unlocked but nothing was taken.

Special note: Call 911 is the first call to make if you see a crime. Don't send email or Nextdoor message. Do not take initiative to address crime issue with personal weapons.

Traffic issues were reported to Officer Mohammed about the excessive speeding on the detour path from Wedgewood to Prentice and Stanfield. Officer Mohammed will investigate. Doug is advising that the Wedgewood/Seneca intersection may be reopened on Tuesday, April 10th. Requests were made to have police officers park in visible positions on Seneca to help with slowing traffic. Elaine Aldridge asked if a speed limit could be added to the existing detour signage on Wedgewood. Officer Mohammed

offered to address the speeding and verify how long the detour is going to be needed due to the Wedgewood/Seneca intersection closing. Requests were made to have officers park in plain sight to slow traffic down. Officer Mohammed advised that he would put the request out to other officers to see if they would find opportunities to spend some time in their parked cars "monitoring" traffic, along Seneca to slow traffic.

Treasurer's Report - No report was given.

President's Report

- The Stitch Together CLT initiative is developing the next generation of community leaders in Charlotte. The project kick-off will be on April 28th. Madison Park will be hosting an event, for September 22nd, for all 72 participants in this initiative. More details can be found at this link: <http://www.charlottenc.gov/civinnovation/Pages/Stitch-Together-CLT.aspx?NotFoundURL=http://www.charlottenc.gov/StitchTogetherCLT&Referrer=>

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- On Saturday March 24th, Douglas Welton attended the Charlotte Planning Department *What Can UDO* Summit. The meeting provided an opportunity to share input on the city-wide effort aimed at updating the policies and regulations that guide growth and development. This was one of four meetings held with the Planning department during March. Grant Meacci and (hopefully) Taiwo Jaiyeoba, the new Director of the Charlotte Planning Department will be coming out for a future meeting, hopefully, in November. More information about the UDO initiative can be found at: <https://charlotteudo.org>
- Rezoning petition 2017-195, located south of Woodlawn, near the light rail station is large project that may potentially have an effect of the South Blvd side of the neighborhood. Woodlawn Green is up for rezoning and it entails 20 acres of land. It is going to be for mixed use zoning.

More Info:

<http://charlottenc.gov/planning/Rezoning/RezoningPetitions/2017Petitions/Pages/2017-195.aspx>

- At the Montford Park Community Meeting on March 19th, Sam Barber gave an update on the city's traffic circulation study and Joe Frey talked about the development on the Cross-Charlotte Trail. The effect of the circulation study on Madison Park is that there could be an opportunity for a sidewalk on the Madison Park side of Montford to be included in the solutions offered to address the parking issues in the Montford Park area. At present, only partial funding is available for addressing issues on Montford Drive. Douglas would like Montford Park to add bike racks. Montford Park does not have appropriate lighting yet. A pedestrian/bike bridge from the end of Lamont over to Montford is included in the circulation study. The bridge cost is estimated at \$175,000.00

Info: https://www.montfordpark.org/uploads/9/2/7/4/92746072/montford_parking___circulation_presentation.pdf

- The Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 31st. The response was strong with over 50 people attending. Special thanks to those who stuffed the Easter bags including Kara West, Courtney Clark and team. 40 bags were prepared and 38 bags were given out. Bedder and Moore offered refreshments at the event. An outcome from the event is that a New Parent's Group is getting organized in the neighborhood. A facebook page has been created with about 60 folks initially registered.
- On Wednesday, April 11th, several board members met with Robin Slade, CMS property manager, and Jim Rotherker, from Trees Charlotte, to investigate the possibility of adding more benches and trees into Madison Central Park. There is a process to change CMS property. Joanne Joy is going to write the proposal for this project.
- Seneca/Wedgewood Stormwater project: the road blockage should be wrapping up the week of April 9.. However, the soil underneath the road surface is less stable than they would like. The project team is not sure how they will address the soil issue as there are a couple of options. More updates to come. Douglas will advise the neighborhood if there is a future closing of the intersection to address the soil issue. Stay tuned for further updates
- Several HOA Board members visited the Charlotte Toolbank on April 10 to see what resources are available to be used for events in the neighborhood.

Speaker Presentations

- Four candidates for County Commission at-large were given 3 minutes to talk (Trevor Fuller, Tigress McDaniel, Janie Hildreth, Gerenda Davis)
- Meg Fencil, Sustain Charlotte, gave updates of the organization.

April Meeting reminders

The next MPHOA meeting will be on Monday, May 14th at 7:00 pm. Ken Joyner, Mecklenburg County Tax Assessor.

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