

Madison Park HOA Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 8th, 2019

Location: Pinewood Elementary School

Attendance Count: 21 Attendees

Meeting started at 7:05pm and ended at 8:30pm

7:05pm: Meeting began with introduction and general announcements from president

- Welcome to new guests and recognition of first time attendees; a reminder of need to become membership and description of advantages of doing so was provided
- A brief introduction of the speakers was given
- The Easter Egg Hunt at Madison Central Park is scheduled for Saturday, April 13th at 10:00am
- Madison Park has been selected for a Placemaking Grant which will be used to paint the intersection at Wedgewood and Seneca. Ideas for designs can be submitted to president@madisonparkcharlotte.org by April 30th
- The Madison Park Book Club will be meeting on April 23rd at 6:30pm, location to be determined. Info is available at gay.hurst@gmail.com.
- Madison Park Running Club meets every Thursday at Pasta and Provisions on Park Road. The 5k run begins at 6:30pm and is followed by discounted food and drinks
- 2nd Friday Social is scheduled for 6:00pm on April 12th at Brazwell's on Montford Drive
- Open Streets 704 will take place on April 28th. Routes and general information are available at openstreets704.org
- The Madison Park recycling event will take place on Saturday, April 13th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm, in the parking lot at Madison Central Park. Goodwill will be present, as will the Mecklenburg County Sheriff, who will collect unused medications. Trees Charlotte will also be there to give away free trees for planting
- The City of Charlotte is developing its 2040 Comprehensive Plan. More information can be found at <https://publicinput.com/4113>

7:15pm: Community Crime and Safety Report from Officer Tam Phan

- Dennis Whittington from Code Enforcement introduced the new Community Resource Officer, Officer Phan
- Intro from Officer Phan, including a background on his career at the Westover Division and a description on the process of selecting a replacement for Officer Mohammed
- Officer Phan provided a report detailing crime in the neighborhood from March 1st to April 7th. No major crimes were reported, though some minor thefts and property crimes were reported. Neighbors are reminded to keep house and car doors locked.
- Property and violent crime are down 40% in the Westover Division. In one 7 day period, there were 616 calls for service, division wide. In our neighborhood there only 89
- Concerns about suspicious activity were raised; neighbors were urged to call CMPD with any concerns
- Officer Phan can be reached for information at tphan@cmpd.org

7:35pm: Guest Speakers: Jeff Humbert and Ali Alou, from Turner Construction

- Description of construction on the new Collinswood Language Academy
- Turner Construction has worked on several projects for CMS
- Construction near Tyvola Road is expected to continue through February, 2020
- Traffic on Tyvola should not be affected
- The Smith Family Center and CMS offices will remain on site
- A gym, cafeteria, and play area are being developed, as is a new bus drop-off point
- All information about this and other projects are available on the CMS website

7:41pm: Guest Speaker: Mary Bures from Great Outdoors University

- Great Outdoors University was created in 2012 and is a program of the North Carolina Wildlife Foundation
- The program is designed to connect children of all ages with nature
- 1/3 of NC children are obese, ADD and ADHD are extremely prevalent, and children spend just a few minutes each day in unstructured, screen-free play outside
- The program does not charge for its activities, and works in partnership with organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club
- Activities include hikes, workshops, ropes courses, day trips, and other events
- Great Outdoors University seeks to help address misconceptions young people may have about nature
- Other events include family fun days, the next of which will be on April 27th in Matthews. 300-600 people are expected to attend
- Volunteers are always appreciated and a part time program manager is needed
- For more information, please contact Mary Bures at mary@ncwf.org or visit www.ncwf.org/GoU

8:03pm: Guest Speaker: County Commissioner Susan Harden

- A review of the work the Commissioner has been engaged in since being elected
- A discussion of taxes and property revaluations was presented
 - Average increase in property values of 43% city-wide
 - Increases in Madison Park are based on recent in the neighborhood which have been trending upward
 - An informal review process is ongoing - reviews can be requested through May 26th
 - Tax relief program are available in certain situations for those who are eligible
- On May 2nd, the County Manager will release budget recommendations. Commissioner Harden believes there will be a revenue neutral rate. The Manager will recommend a rate, and a public hearing will be held on May 9th to discuss the matter
- The City of Charlotte will undertake a similar procedure for budgetary purposes
- On April 26th, there will be a Senior Citizen Town Hall at Marion Diehl from 11:30am - 12:30pm
- On May 16th, three listening sessions will take place at various locations:
 - 10:00am - 11:30am
 - 3:00pm - 4:30pm
 - 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- A vote on the budget will take place May 26th to May 29th
- For information about all of these topics, and to connect with Commissioner Harden, who holds open office hours for her constituents, please contact her at Susan.Harden@MeckNC.gov

8:23pm: President's report

- Madison Park HOA is receiving an award for being an outstanding organization. The award will be presented at a breakfast on April 23rd

8:26pm: Treasurer's Report with Tom Im

- The balance at the beginning of March was \$4,384.26
- Membership dues were deposited in the amount of \$80, and there were withdrawals for Bank and storage fees in the amount of \$36.00
- A net ending balance of \$4,420.26 was reported

8:27pm: Additional Neighborhood Announcements

- The Urban Institute City Walk will take place on May 11th and will include a restaurant tour and a local historian to discuss the area. This will be from 2:00pm to 4:00pm
- CROWN (Charlotte Connecting Ourselves With Nature,) a chapter of the NC Wildlife Federation, has several upcoming events, including one on April 9th, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm - How to Teach Your Children About Nature, at Discovery Place Nature

8:30pm: Conclusion of Meeting

- The next Madison Park HOA Meeting will take place on May 13th