**Madison Park HOA Minutes**

**July 9. 2018**

**Meeting Location is the Pinewood School Library**

**Meeting started at 7pm – 8pm**

The meeting was opened with a Welcome, Recognition of Visitors and a Membership

Reminder. There were two visitors. One of the visitor leads the gardening program at

Pinewood School and is looking for volunteers to help weeding this fall. If you are interested

in helping in the garden, please leave your name with the school office and you will be contacted.

**Announcements**

• The Madison Park Book Club (now Mad Book Club) will meet on Tuesday, July 24th at 6:30 pm at the

Charlotte Cafe. The group is reading *Bear Town* by Fredrick Bachman. The book club is open to everyone. The book club is four years old. Reading the book is not a requirement to attend. For more info, contact Gay Hurst at [gay.hurst@gmail.com](mailto:gay.hurst@gmail.com)

• The next Second Friday Social will be held at Triple C Brewing Company, 2900 Griffith St, on Friday July 13th starting at 6:00 pm

• Seneca/Wedgewood Stormwater project: The current closure of the intersection will continue until July

20 and the entire project will be completed by August 23.

• At the August 13, we will have a first reading of the proposed new bylaws for the HOA. A vote on those changes will take place at the September HOA Monthly Meeting.

**Safety and Crime Report – CMPD (Officer Mohammed)**

Officer Mohammed gave an overview of the last three months of crime in the neighborhood.

To recap the crime incidents, there were three B&E in May and in June there were five B&Es

A criminal suspect wearing a red hat was captured by video. The video was shared with the public.

A police officer did incredible detective work. A data entry error was found on pawn tracker which allowed the criminal suspect who pawned a watch to be identified as Robert Kirk. When a warrant for assault on a female came up on this suspect, there was a reason for CMPD to be in contact with Robert Kirk. Furthermore, CMPD ran finger print from the four previous crime scenes to verify if Robert Kirk was connected and he was.

For the house on Cooper Drive, where the power was cut off, this was a tactic that Robert Kirk did four years ago when he was found to be vandalizing Madison Park homes.

On July 9th, a warrant was signed on the Levickey Johnson who took a bicycle from a shed on June 13th. In summary, there have been six arrests over the past three months. This success is due to people providing tips, residential camera systems and residents being willing to speak up. Officer Mohammed stressed the importance for all of us to keep track of serial numbers to our personal possessions.

Officer Mohammed also addressed power breaker boxes which are outside of homes. These power boxes can be locked by homeowners but Duke Energy reserves the right to cut the lock, if they need to get to the breaker switches.

The crime stats for July were reported as:

5 burglaries

2 larceny from auto – doors were left unlocked

1 larceny

1 storage shed break in

Summer Initiative was implemented in Madison Park where officers can come in to patrol streets in off hours.

**Murrayhill Property Update – Dennis Whittington**

This property was written up about a year ago but the process has been challenging.

The property owner has not been compliant and appealed the case to superior court but it was denied.

Taking the case to superior court has taken an extra three to four months. On July 23, the request for property demolition will be submitted to City Council for approval. Anyone who wants to speak at the City Council, has to request time on the docket prior to the July 23rd meeting.

If the City Council supports the property demolition, the home has to be emptied of any items of value in the home before the City can demolish the home. A warrant has to be acquired. All items of value have to be collected, removed and placed in storage. The first month’s storage rent is paid by the City. A letter is sent to the homeowner to advise that the items are in storage. Next steps are the house has to be checked for asbestos and lead. Next, there will be a bidding process from three or four contractors for demolition contracts which will take 90 to 120 days. Once the house is demolished, the City puts a lien on the property until the owner sells it.

Questions came up about the home on the corner lot of Murrayhill. More to come on that after this first property issue is resolved.

**Presentation Speaker**

• Mary Stauble, Clean Air Carolina

**President’s Report – Douglas Welton**

• Aaron, George and Douglas met with neighbors at the Longwood & Bradbury intersection about a proposed place-making project to make the intersection safer and prettier. Preliminary design plans were shared with the neighbors. They were very receptive to the initial plans.

**Treasurer’s Report - Thomas Im**

* Beginning Balance was $5924.32
* Two debits were $91.00
* The debits included $77 for storage unit fees and $14.00 for bank service fees
* Ending balance of 06.30.18 was $5833.32

**Secretary Report - Ruth Tansill**

June meeting minutes are available in print version at this meeting for pickup for anyone interested

A sign in sheet is rotated through the meeting audience to gather a count There were 20 attendees at this meeting at 7pm. The turnaround target for publishing minutes is a two week period. This target is not being met yet and Ruth will continue to strive for.

**Community Announcements – Ruth Tansill**

Madison Park is very fortunate to have Officer Mohammed as our Community Resource Officer. His willingness to help facilitate the June 28th Madison Park Community Conversation with CMPD at Grace United Methodist Church is greatly appreciated. The meeting was an informal setting that allowed greater engagement and dialogue with the audience of 30 people.

July 4th American Flag Curbside Display – There were 7 streets represented with 12 street hosts. Over 400 flags were placed out. A huge thank you for the street host volunteers.

A Madison Park Ice Cream Social is being planned for the first of August. The target audience is the children of the neighborhood, adult children are welcome also

New Year’s Eve Luminaries are planned for this year. There will be a GOFUNDME Page set up to raise funds to go with LED lighting this year.

**August Meeting Reminders**

The next MPHOA meeting will be on Monday, August 13th at 7:00 pm. The speakers will be Ed Barnhart,

the President of Greenways for Mecklenburg as well as the Planning Director of Charlotte.

The next Second Friday Social will be held at Montford Billiards, 1607 Montford Dr Suite G, on Friday August 10th, starting at 6:00 pm