

## **Madison Park HOA Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, August 9th, 2019**

Location: Pinewood Elementary School

Attendance Count: 25 Attendees

Meeting started at 7:03pm and ended at 8:06pm

7:03pm: Meeting began with introduction and general announcements from president

- Welcome to new guests and recognition of first time attendees
- The Madison Park Book Club is reading “The Elephant in the Room” by Tommy Tomlinson. The MP Book Club meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Info is available at [gay.hurst@gmail.com](mailto: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
- The primary election will take place on 9/10/2019
- The City continues its work on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan with meetings scheduled on 10/08/2019 and 10/09/2019
- Open Streets 704 will take place on 9/15/2019 at 1:00pm

7:11pm: Guest Speakers for tonight are candidates for CMS School Board

- Jennifer De La Jara is an educator and small business owner who seeks to attract and retain teachers, get more counselors and support staff into schools, and is an advocate for career/tech programming, Pre-K funding, and working with immigrant communities
- Gregory Denlea is a University of Phoenix professor with 30 years of business experience. He will work on governance and oversight, metrics for CMS board members so that performance can be gauged, and bringing accountability to the board
- Jordan Pineta has been teaching for three years at West Mecklenburg High School and is concerned with the learning gap in this district. He wants to use his experience coaching other teachers to fix issues with reading deficiencies as well as the way students from diverse backgrounds are treated in our schools
- Lenora Shipp has been a principal for fifteen years and has worked all over the district. She is focused on lowering class sizes, building communities and increasing community engagement, bringing in needed support staff and assistants, and providing the necessary training for all levels of CMS employees
- Donna Parker-Tate brings a rich background in education, including working as an educator and an administrator as well as an adjunct professor at UNCC. She has coached principals all over the USA and has worked within schools of varying socioeconomic levels
- Elise Dashew has been on the CMS board since 2015 and has served as the vice chair. She has worked to shift policy making so that students, teachers, parents, and the community are heard and included. She has advocated to ensure that CMS teachers are the highest paid teachers in the state once the budget is approved, and will continue to work on strengthening the relationship with Mecklenburg County commissioners
- Anette Albright is a behavior tech who works with Autistic students. She feels like the community deserves greater transparency and communication from the CMS board and the district in general. She seeks to bring honesty and integrity to the board

7:37pm: A word from Margaret Marshall, CMS board member who serves Madison Park

- Pinewood Elementary has seen a rise in its test scores
- AG and MPHS both suffer from crowding but the leadership in these schools is good
- The departure of yet another superintendent was essentially due to a relationship which did not work out
- The interim superintendent will help to better align the district and improve efficiency

- The district is working to provide emotional support staff, counselors, psychologists, and social workers to meet growing needs; the district has worked with the county to implement this
- The district is also focusing on career pathways and vocational training

7:57pm: Crime and Safety Report

- In the previous month CMPD reports that there were three thefts from vehicles, two “inconsequential” thefts, one report of vandalism, and two sudden death investigations

8:02pm: Treasurer’s Report with Tom Im

- The balance at the beginning of August was \$4104.18
- Membership dues and other deposits were in the amount of \$20.00, and there were withdrawals for bank, reimbursement fees for the National Night Out event, and storage fees in the amount of \$142.19
- A net ending balance of \$3961.99 was reported

8:06pm: Conclusion of Meeting

- The next meeting will feature candidates in the upcoming election for City Council
- The meeting will be held on Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> instead of the second Monday