

Madison Park HOA –Aug. 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Valerie Delby, HOA President, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM and welcomed everyone in attendance, including first time attendees who were asked to introduce themselves.

Crime Statistics

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

Madison Park CMPD community representatives, Officer Shabeer Mohammad of the Westover Division was in attendance. Officer Mohammad presented the following monthly crime statistics for our community from July 14 through Aug. 10, 2014:

Area	Madison Park, Madison Park
Layer	Reported Incidents
Category	Index Offenses (Part I)
Data	For Public Release
Date Range	7/14/2014 - 8/10/2014

Summary

Incident Type	Frequency
Larceny from Auto	3
Auto Theft	2
Larceny-Other	1
Residential Burglary	1
Residential Burglary-Storage Bldg	1
Total	8

Listing

Complaint No	Date	Street Block	Incident Type
20140720-1209-02	20-JUL-2014	4800 GILMORE DR	Larceny-Other
20140725-0750-01	25-JUL-2014	4800 OGLETHORPE PL	Larceny from Auto
20140725-0911-00	25-JUL-2014	5100 FURMAN PL	Larceny from Auto
20140725-1052-06	25-JUL-2014	4900 MURRAYHILL RD	Larceny from Auto
20140728-1110-03	28-JUL-2014	4900 PRENTICE PL	Residential Burglary
20140802-1014-00	02-AUG-2014	4600 HALSTEAD DR	Auto Theft
20140807-1739-04	07-AUG-2014	500 E WOODLAWN RD	Residential Burglary-Storage Bldg
20140810-1159-00	10-AUG-2014	5200 LONDONDERRY RD	Auto Theft

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 .

The following information has been presented by CMPD at previous meetings and we will continue to post this to the Minutes throughout 2014:

- 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.
- 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.
- Residents are 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. Be sure to **Password protect your Wi-Fi connection** and report anyone suspicious in the area by calling 911.

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.

Guest Speakers

Vivian Coleman – CDOT Planning (Cross Charlotte Trail – “XCLT”)

Ms. Coleman updated the community on the planned expansion of the Cross Charlotte Trail, named XCLT, and the positive impact it will continue to have on the community. The trail is a pedestrian and bike-friendly outdoor experience that is not to be missed and it has the possibility of pushing Charlotte to be recognized as a leader as an environmentally progressive city over the next several years.

The XCLT is part of an expansive greenway that started in Uptown and is planned to run through the city in hopes of connecting to larger multi-use trails across North Carolina in the future. The program will require approximately \$35M in funding, which is anticipated to be provided in 2014 (\$5M) and 2016 (\$30M) via bond.

Four miles of the greenway are currently in use across the metro area with a planned total of 26 miles over the next 5-7 years. Support of the community has been great and Ms. Coleman and her department asked to hear

from Madison Park in regards to feedback on the overall plan and the section near the neighborhood.

The 1.4 mile section of the greenway from Brandywine to Tyvola Road named "South Segment" (portion closest to Madison Park) is tentatively scheduled to be completed in the next 2-3 years assuming acquisition of property and funding are approved. The goal of the department is to have the MMM to run from Pineville to City Center in the next 5 years.

Next steps for the continued expansion are:

-Obtain a \$5M bond in November 2014

-Obtain a \$30M bond in 2016

-Master Plan is to be completed in Fall 2014, which will include data obtained through Community dialogue, Citizen education around XCLT, Coordination with the county, and Design Kickoff

For more information visit www.charlottefuture.com or you may reach out to Ms. Coleman direct at vcoleman@charlottenc.gov.

Eric C. Davis – CMS School Board – District 5 Representative

Mr. Davis discussed 2 key topics: 1) Boundary change process and 2) Sales tax increase.

He stated that the most common request he see's in his department is around how to request a communities boundaries be changed to map to schools in closer proximity to a neighborhood and suggested if Madison Park wished to pursue an update to our boundaries that we create a small group/team (2-3 people max) to work on this project. President Delby offered to lead the group and had 1-2 people at the meeting offer to work with her on this effort. The team will work direct with Mr. Davis and the county commissioner to determine how to pursue other than applying for a boundary change online (this is a required step but more work and research is needed to fully pursue with the city).

Mr. Davis updated the attendee's that there will be a vote Aug. 12 to determine if the city will pass a referendum to increase taxes to help increase teacher pay in Mecklenburg County. There had been discussion if the tax increase could have come from homeowner taxes but Mr. Davis said that was not part of this particular referendum.

For information on Eric Davis please visit, <http://www.cms.k12.nc.us/boe/Pages/EricDavis.aspx>

Dennis Whittington – CharMeck Code Enforcement Inspector

Mr. Whittington introduced himself as Madison Park's new Code Enforcement Inspector and as a native Charlottean with relatives who currently reside on Archdale Road. He discussed the most egregious violations are: Dilapidated conditions on premises, Neglect of property, Bulky items placed on the curb early, placing bulky items on curb without calling 311 for a scheduled pickup and weeds and grass violations.

Mr. Whittington stressed the importance of neighbors reaching out to neighbors, where appropriate, to update them on potential code violations as some many not fully understand the code and/or could have an issue (health or otherwise) prohibiting them following the code. An example of the latter would be a person who may have fallen ill and has been unable to roll in the trash carts as required. He stated that by checking in on a neighbor may not only help educate them but also lend a helping hand to someone in need.

The key to keep in mind is that 311 is there to report violations which Mr. Whittington and his department follow-up on and if a violation is on a particular street then he will make sure he does a full code sweep on that street and surrounding to ensure he's covering all codes and not a singular request. He also asked for support of the community to educate our neighbors and alert the city to High priority violations immediately via 311.

Please do you part to keep Madison Park safe and looking it's best by following city codes and reporting any violations via 311 or online at the site listed below.

For more information on Charlotte-Mecklenburg municipal codes, visit <http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/nbs/CodeEnforcement/Pages/default.aspx>

Neighborhood and Community

Housing Development at “700 Woodlawn” – Rezoning Petition 2014-029

Below is an update on the rezoning petition:

- Petition has been approved as of July 21, 2014.
- Zoning changed from R-4 (residential, single family, 4 units per acre) to UR-2(CD) (urban residential, max. floor area ration 1.0 – conditional zoning).

For more information on this rezoning petition:

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

For a full list of Zoning Designation codes:

<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/planning/ZoningAdministration/Pages/ZoningDesignations.aspx>

Tree banding Grant

The HOA has started the application process for this year’s Tree banding Neighborhood Matching Grant. Below is a letter sent to everyone on the HOA’s email distribution list Aug. 11 as well as a post to Facebook.

If you are interested in participating please follow the instructions below.

Madison Park HOA / City of Charlotte Tree Banding Matching Grant Opportunity Lets Band Together to Save Our Trees from Canker Worms!

Madison Park HOA is pleased to offer our Madison Park residents the opportunity to take part in this special tree-banding grant for the fall of 2014. Residents wishing to take part in this grant will be asked to pay 50% of the cost of banding each tree. We have been given a flat rate special price per tree from SilverDuck Tree banding, LLC of \$30 dollars, which reflects a \$10 per tree discount from their 2014 rates.

All residents wishing to participate are asked to remit at once the following information, along with a *check for \$15 per tree*. Upon approval of our grant application we will move forward with hiring SilverDuck Tree banding Services to professionally perform the work on your trees. SilverDuck provided these services for Madison Park in 2013 as part of a Neighborhood Matching Grant program.

Note: This program is a First come, First serve opportunity so do not delay in your response and payment. The maximum amount of this grant is \$3,000, which nets to 200 trees total at the 50/50 match.

The following pledge form must be included with your check to be eligible to participate. **Payment and pledge sheets must be received by the HOA by Friday, August 22, 2014.** This offer is open to all property owners living in Madison Park. We will also extend the offer to any Madison Park due paying Montclair residents who wish to participate. Madison Park does not require residents to be a paid member of the HOA to participate in this grant request.

Payment must be made by check to Madison Park HOA and sent to:
Madison Park HOA
P. O. Box 242432
Charlotte, NC 28224 Direct any questions to Madison Park HOA

For any questions please contact Valerie Delby, Madison Park HOA president at Madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com.

Tree banding Grant Pledge Form - 2014

I, property owner of the following address in Madison Park _____, wish to have the following number of trees # _____ banded through this City of Charlotte Neighborhood Matching Grant Project.

I am enclosing a check for the amount of \$ _____ dollars, to be cashed and used only upon approval of this Madison Park HOA / City of Charlotte Matching grant application this fall. Contracts are scheduled to sign in mid November for this project. If this grant is not approved, I understand my check for the deposit will be returned to me at once and not cashed.

Residents are responsible for showing SilverDuck Tree banding the exact trees you wish banded on your property at the time they come out to perform the work- (In person or by marking them). I understand the HOA is not providing the service, and only helping our community obtain funds to help cover the cost of saving our trees from the Canker Worm. SilverDuck Tree banding will do the banding process in 2 stages. The final stage is the removal of the bands in the spring. My \$15 dollar per tree pays for both stages. Residents are free to contract with SilverDuck Tree banding for additional work at the company's standard rates. Resident will contact Treebanding.com for questions regarding services.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Madison Central Park - Trash Collection

-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 for Oct and December (Aug, Sept & Nov are covered...thank you!). Please contact the HOA at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to remove debris from the container this year!

2014 Neighborhood Upcoming Events

Social Meetup @ Strike City Bowling (DATE TBD) - Valerie Delby (lead).

-To keep the momentum of our social meet-ups bringing neighbors out to meet other neighbors, we will hold our next event at Strike City Bowling! Come out and join the fun for a night of bowling at one of Madison Park's biggest community event supporters! **Madison Park will receive discounted bowling** so we hope you can make it out!

We plan to have events in Oct-Dec as well and will announce location and time at the HOA meeting.

Thanks to everyone who came out to Duckworth's on August 1 for a night of good food and fun!

Senior Center Activities and Events:

-Bake Sale

Thursday, August 28, 2014 from 10am-2pm. The center is looking for help with baked goods so if you are interesting in providing a dish or to Pre-order the baked goods please stop by the center and fill out your information on the sign-up sheet in the binder marked BAKE SALE. For more information contact April McDonald, at tyvola1assist@cmseniorcenters.org or www.cmseniorcenters.org & www.cmseniorcenters.org

-View all programs/services and a full class list on their site.

<http://www.cmseniorcenters.org/tyvolaclasses.htm>

-AARP Smart Driver Course

Brush up on your driving skills and learn new traffic laws on **Tue. August 26 9:00-1:00.**

Fee is \$15 for AARP members & \$20 for non-members (must present AARP card for discount). Pre-registration is required via 704-522-6222 or at the Reception Desk. Payments to be made by Check only and are paid to the Instructor day of event.

-Health Corner

-Every Fourth Thursday of the month from 1:00 – 2:00, presented by the Alzheimer’s Association.

-Aug. 28 – Know 10 signs of normal aging and Alzheimer’s disease.

-Sept. 25 – Holistic alternatives for body and mind.

-Oct. 3 – Good nutrition, Good health. Learn the benefits of a proper diet.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Bullying presentation in July!

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 tournament and Movie in the Park

Both events have been “under construction” through the summer so we are looking to early fall. We are still in need of sponsors for both events as it is estimated to be \$1,500-2,000 for the movie and a yet to be determined cost for the disc golf tournament as that is volunteer-centric.

If you would like to sponsor either event please contact us at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com with the subject “Event sponsor” and we will be happy discuss options.

Thanks in advance!

Yard of the Month

Please contact Margaret Sexton, Madison Park Secretary, if you are interested in starting up this program. You may reach Margaret at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com with subject “Yard of the Month volunteer”.

Holiday Light Ball

Due to the overwhelming success and involvement by Madison Park and Montclair residents at last year’s event Madison Park has been invited to participate again in the annual Holiday Light Ball event hosted by Charlotte Shines.

The event will be led by Andrew Gale with support being provided by many of Santa’s helpers aka volunteers. The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 9am to noon. While a location has yet to be finalized it more than likely will be held at Madison Central Park. Andrew will present the program to the community at the September HOA meeting.

Pinewood Elementary & Madison Park Partnership

Freedom School Neighborhood Matching Grant (NMG)

Freedom School wrapped up July 30 with the Finale at Myers Park Baptist Church! Thank you to everyone who participated by volunteering your time and knowledge to this important initiative (over 400 volunteer hours logged)! The program will run through 2016 so be on the lookout for volunteer sign-up opportunities next summer.

For volunteer opportunities during the standard school year please reach out to the administrator at 980-343-5825 and they will be happy to assist!

School Supply Drive

Pinewood Elementary is holding their annual school supply drive and would like to invite Madison Park to participate! Please take a look at their supply list (link below) to see what is needed. You may drop off purchases at the school in the receptacle in front of the main office. The first day of school is August 25!
http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/pinewoodES/Lists/Announcements/Attachments/25/Pinewood_School_Supply_List_2014-2015.pdf

One of the attendees brought up the Ms. Ely's Kindergarten Class at Pinewood Elementary is trying to do a Flat Stanley project which will cost in excess of \$400; please check out
http://www.donorschoose.org/donors/search.html#search.html?keywords=Pinewood%20Elementary%20Charlotte%20NC&_suid=1408057630719048079316102805447 to donate to this cause or any of the other requests listed for Pinewood Elementary. Donorchoose.org has a 93% organizational efficiency rating which means 93 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to cause.
If you have a Harris Teeter VIC card you can link it to a school for donations; consider going to their website to link your card to Pinewood Elementary <http://www.harristeeter.com/default.aspx?pagelid=32>
Thanks in advance for your participation!

Community Fall Festival (Saturday, October 18, time to be determine)– As stated at the July meeting, Madison Park HOA has partnered with Pinewood Elementary PTA to co-host this year's Fall Festival at Pinewood Elementary. The Fall Festival will include local arts and crafts vendors, banking sponsors as well as bouncy houses and outdoor fun for the entire family.

We are looking for individuals and business to Sponsor and Volunteer for the event; please contact Valerie Delby at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com for more information.

This will be our first combined event which incorporates elements of National Night Out and the schools Fall Festival into one community event and we hope to hold it annually! It will be an afternoon of fun for everyone! There will be school tours so people can meet the teachers and tour the school; hopefully everyone will see what gifted teachers and physical facilities Pinewood Elementary offers to our neighborhood.

Thanks again to the Madison Park community for supporting all of the events and school programs!

Membership Dues

You may pay dues via **PayPal**, **Postal Service on 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 July 15, 2014 through August 10, 2014, we had the following activity:

Starting balance:	\$ 3,503.25
Deposits	100.18 dues
Payments	- 0.00
Ending balance	\$ 3,603.43

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.

One attendee ask if we had a Madison Park Moms group....if there is interest in forming one, please contact us madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com and reference **MP Moms**; If residents are interested, then we can put interested parties in touch with each other.

There were 40 residents in attendance, including one police officer.

Thanks to everyone who attended!