

Madison Park HOA January 12, 2015 Meeting Notes/Minutes

Douglas Welton, President of HOA, began the meeting at our **NEW starting time of 7PM** by welcoming everyone to the meeting at our **NEW location at the Pinewood Elementary Media Center**. He began by welcoming all and having first time attendees introduce themselves: Winston & Kate Sheppard (Seneca Place), Kay Tawney (Wentworth Place), Beth Shuey (Lamont) and Carley Baker (Baylor Drive).

Announcements / Volunteer Opportunities:

- NEW HOA webpage: <http://www.madisonparkcharlotte.org> Please check out all it has to offer (Calendar of Events, Neighborhood Resources, Minutes, Sponsors, Boundary Map, Bylaws, Law Enforcement info, Public Safety Tips, Code Enforcement Info, Animal Control info, HOA contacts). Please register, write on our blog, and give us your feedback of the new site. The officers of your HOA feel it is easy to use and find information.
- Introduction of HOA Officers and Board Members present so attendees would know who we are. Those in attendance included: Douglas Welton, President; Heidi Dopp, Vice President; Margaret Sexton, Secretary; Mitch Jackson, Treasurer; Valerie Delby, Past President along with the following directors: Daniel Beckham, Russell Hodge, and Richard Todd.
- Madison Park HOA now has regularly scheduled Neighborhood Meetup Socials for the 2nd Friday of each month. This is a great way to meet your neighbors in the neighborhood over a drink and munchies. We had over 30 neighbors come out to Brazwells on Montford on January 9th from 5 – 8. Plan on attending our next one on February 13th at Libretto's located at 1600 Woodlawn in the ParkTowne center beginning at 5:30.
- The next HOA meeting will be on Monday February 9th beginning at 7PM at the Pinewood Elementary Media Center. Scheduled speakers include Perry Mixter of the Charlotte Arts and Science Council and Ken Joyner from the Mecklenburg County Tax Assessor's office.
- Workshops for the **NeighborWoods Program** for 2015 will begin in late January. Last year Matt Magnasco tried to get neighborhood participation for Madison Park, due to lack of interested neighbors we did not participate. If someone is interested in volunteering to pilot this program for 2015 please contact Douglas Welton.
- Pinewood Elementary Genius Hours (1st & 3rd Thursday of each month) from 6 to 7 PM needs our community's help. Students choose between "clubs" they are interested in (gardening, yoga, art, bikes, chess, cooking, science & sports) while the parents / community volunteers are able to participate and be involved with Pinewood. Check out Pinewood's webpage for more information: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/pinewoodES/Pages/Default.aspx> You may also contact Laura Handler for more information: LauraK.Handler@gmail.com
- The Little Free Library Kit that the HOA purchased through a Neighborhood Matching Grant (NMG) has arrived and is in need of painting and installation. On Saturday, February 7th anyone interested in assisting please contact Russell Hodge as we will be assembling and erecting the Little Free Library at 615 Gentry Place.
- The week of January 19th is MLK holiday and all trash pickups will be shifted by a day. Madison's Park trash and recycling will be picked up on THURSDAY of MLK week only.

Remember to roll out your cans Wednesday night (NOT Tuesday) and bring them in on THURSDAY afternoon after pickup. We don't want anyone getting code violations over the one time change in pickup days.

- Madison Park HOA is starting a book club. If you are interested in joining please contact Gay Hurst at [gay.hurst@gmail](mailto:gay.hurst@gmail.com) to get added to the participant list. More details to come in near future.

Treasurer's Report presented by Mitch Jackson as follows for the time period of November 11, 2014 through January 11, 2015, we had the following activity:

Starting balance:	\$ 9,462.38
Deposits	\$ 240.54 membership dues
Deposits	\$ 1,100.00 sponsors – Beth Smith Realty
Deposits	\$ 349.90 Grant proceeds from Charlotte – for Little Free Library
Payments	- 349.90 Purchase of Little Free Library
Payments	- 3,000.00 Silver Duck Tree Banding (portion contributed by Charlotte)
Payments	- 745.00 Payment to Pinewood PTA-sponsor contributions from Fall Festival
Payments	- 418.42 Holiday Party
Payments	- 142.00 Public Storage
Payments	- 131.97 Website and Misc. expenses
<u>Ending balance</u>	<u>\$ 6,365.53</u>

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.

As a reminder you may pay dues via **PayPal, Postal Service on in person** at the monthly HOA meeting. 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! Help us continue to offer great events and make improvements to OUR NEIGHBORHOOD by paying annual dues.

Crime Statistics were presented by our neighborhood Officer Shabeer Mohammad of the Westover Division as follows (**Note: Address is the street Block, not individual home location**):

Geography	Neighborhoods
Area	Madison Park, Madison Park, Pinewood ES
Layer	Reported Incidents
Category	Index Offenses (Part I)
Data	For Public Release
Date Range	12/8/2014 - 1/11/2015

Incident Type	Frequency
Larceny from Auto	3
Larceny-Other	1
Residential Burglary	1
Total	5

Please go to Madison Park HOA website <http://www.madisonparkcharlotte.org/safety/> for a complete listing of safety issues including law enforcement, public safety tips, code enforcement and animal control.

Complaint No	Date	Street Block	Incident Type
20141208-0753-05	08-DEC-2014	700 COOPER DR	Larceny from Auto
20141216-0709-06	16-DEC-2014	5300 BAKER DR	Larceny from Auto
20141218-0852-07	18-DEC-2014	5500 WEDGEWOOD DR	Larceny-Other
20141219-1001-02	19-DEC-2014	1200 BARKLEY RD	Larceny from Auto
20150103-1235-03	03-JAN-2015	600 SENECA PL	Residential Burglary

If you notice and suspicious behavior in your area please contact 911 immediately! For additional information please contact Officer Mohammad at smohammad@cmpd.org .

President's Report from Douglas Welton included the following:

Request that we treat our new meeting space with respect, and that we are good neighbors while we are on the school's property. Help us to leave the meeting space as we found it and to respect Pinewood's personnel by starting our meeting promptly at 7 and end our meetings in a timely fashion (1 hour). He introduced Assistant Principal Bethany Gullion, attending in Principal Natasha Pegram's absence.

Announcement that Heidi, Margaret, Daniel, Russell and I will be attending a Feb. 7th Neighborhood & Business Services Workshop.**

Valerie, Margaret and I are working with the Pinewood Partners on a Marketing and Communication Grant that is due to be submitted before February 15th (more information to come at future meetings).

The date for the Christmas Balls event has been selected (the first Saturday in November – November 7th). I am working with Andrew Gale to make sure the event is successful as possible.

Valerie and I attended the Board of County Commission's meeting on December 15th for the hearing regarding Spectrum properties request to redevelop the Abbey Place apartments. Valerie read a letter from the neighborhood supporting the plan as currently proposed.

Announced the Board's priorities for 2015

1. Develop a Street Lighting Plan for the entire neighborhood
2. Update and maximize the value of our current e-mail list
3. Identify and develop new leadership talent with the HOA. Each board member has been tasked with finding two people to "replace" themselves, if needed
4. Update and amend the current HOA bylaws
5. Get portable/mobile payments enabled for membership payments and other incidentals
6. Create at least one fundraising event that benefits the HOA (without the benefits of grant monies)
7. Build Bridges with the surrounding communities

All community residents interested / have expertise in any of these areas is encouraged to volunteer in assisting with these initiatives. Please contact a board member if you are interested in volunteering in any way.

** We found out on January 14th that the workshop is full with new communities and therefore there will not be space available for our officers to attend.

Meeting Speakers

Ms. Jennie Davis, Senior Library Assistant at Scaleybark Library located at 101 Scaleybark Road was our first speaker. She made several announcements regarding staff changes at the branch, updated us on the number of patrons / checkouts the branch handles each month. The library lease will expire in 3 years at which time a building will be purchased and the branch relocated. Some of the programs / services the Scaleybark Library offer are: book clubs, Job Search / Resume Writing Workshops and AARP sessions.

For more information, please contact her at jdavis2@cmlibrary.org or check out the library at <http://cmlibrary.org/>

Mr. Chip Gallup, Manager Field Services Section of Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) was our second speaker of the evening. He has been doing his job for 27 years and working in Madison Park for 15 years.

He talked about what was needed for us to apply for a street light program. We would need to determine which streets, 25% of the people on a street has to agree to the plan, 60% of the residents on a street has to agree to the placement of the lights on the street.

In Madison Park the lights would be on wooden poles with LED lighting and no cost for the HOA. The lights are paid for by the city which means our tax dollars pay for them. It takes approximately 6 weeks for the lights to be placed by Duke Energy after all is agreed upon by the city / neighborhood.

Mr. Gallup also spoke about traffic and street design. Traffic count of 600+ cars/ day with 85% of the cars going 5+ miles over the speed limit is required for a 4 way stop. The city does not pay for speed humps; they cost \$2400 each and must be paid for by the requestors. The placement also has to meet traffic / speed study.

There was questions and discussion of possible traffic calming solutions for the Seneca / Wedgewood intersection as well as at the Longwood / Bradbury intersection. For more information, you may contact him at rgallup@charlottenc.gov or go to www.charlottenc.gov for general information.

The floor was open to any follow-up questions/concerns from the attendees and none were presented therefore we adjourned the meeting.

There were 29 residents in attendance including one police officer.

Thanks to everyone who attended!