

	Subject:	Madison Park Homeowners' Association Meeting
	Date:	May 11, 2015
	Time:	7:00 p.m.
	Location:	Pinewood Elementary Media Center
	President:	Douglas Welton
	Presenters:	Judy Barnes, Past President of NC Garden Club
		Attendance:
		27 attendees
		1 CMPD officer
		1 Code officer
http://www.madisonparkcharlotte.org/		

Welcome

President Welton, opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance

Recognition of Visitors

The speakers were our only first time attendees along with mural artist Bree Stallings.

Membership Reminder

Dues are \$20 / year / household and cover January – December. Our membership dues pay for our expenses such as events, PO Box, postage, supplies, and rentals. Each resident is encouraged to pay in person or on-line via pay-pal from our webpage: <http://www.madisonparkcharlotte.org/membership/>. Please help improve the quality of life in Madison Park by paying your dues and encouraging your neighbors to pay theirs.

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Announcements

- County Commissioner Trevor Fuller will have a Town Hall Meeting on May 18th at Pinewood Elementary from 6:30 - 8:00. Chairman Fuller will be joined by Dena Diorio and representatives from several county agencies to discuss economic development, the Cross Charlotte Trail, immunizations, the Digital Library and smoke-free Mecklenburg.
- Sara John has organized a neighborhood-wide Yard Sale for May 16th. The event will take place in the parking lot at Wedgewood Church. The event begins at 8:00 am. Also, starting at 9:00, there will be a shredder onsite for those who need to dispose of personal documents.
- Pinewood has a number of volunteer opportunities available. In particular, they are looking for lunch buddies, mentors, office assistants and media center helpers.
Kathryn Trill who is the Math Facilitator and Volunteer Coordinator at Pinewood spoke more about volunteer opportunities at the school. The school offers Therapy Dog Tutoring where students practice reading while relaxing with a therapy dog; studies show the child improves at a greater pace in the relaxed environment. She also spoke about opportunities which abound at Genius Hour (1st / 3rd Thursdays during school term which volunteers can offer to teach a short class in any area that is of interest (chess, running club, animal care, cooking, etc.). The school desperately needs Proctors for EOG testing (May 21st, 22nd, 27th & 28th); must volunteer through CMS Volunteer Website:
<http://www.cms.k12.nc.us/cmsdepartments/vp/Pages/VolunteerScreening.aspx>
- Freedom School will be held again this summer at Pinewood Elementary from June 18 – July 29th from 8 AM until 3 PM each day. **Kenya Smith**, who is the volunteer coordinator for Freedom School told us that the Pinewood Freedom School is one of 19 being offered in Mecklenburg County this summer. There will be 50 kids selected to attend the 5 classes. Freedom School focuses on advancing literacy and social / emotional skills of the attendees. There is a multitude of ways to get involved, such as: on site activity leader, field trip chaperone, Lunch Buddy, Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Reader, Harambee Reader, help with set-up. For more

information go to the volunteer website: <http://freedomsschoolpartners.org/get-involved/summer-volunteer-opportunities/>

- The Madison Park Book Club is reading *The Bone People* by Keri Hulme. They will meet to discuss it on May 26th (fourth Tuesday) at 6:30 pm in the side room of Charlotte Café in Park Road Shopping Center. Contact Gay Hurst for more information: gay.hurst@gmail.com

Community Reports

I attended forums with Chief Monroe at the YWCA on April 23rd and the Cops'n'Barbers event on May 3rd. Both were designed to increase communication between CMPD and the communities they serve.

Officer Shabeer Mohammad from CMPD brought out one of the regular patrolmen (Dennis McClain) in our neighborhood to meet us. He gave the following crime reports / statistics. Remember, all reports note the BLOCK ADDRESS not actual address.

Incident Type	Frequency		
Larceny from Auto	1		
Larceny-Other	1		
Residential Burglary	1		
Total	3		
Complaint No	Date	Street Block	Incident Type
20150426-1557-04	26-APR-2015	4500 WEDGEWOOD DR	Larceny from Auto
20150430-1809-03	30-APR-2015	5200 LONDONDERRY RD	Residential Burglary
20150506-1154-02	06-MAY-2015	700 E WOODLAWN RD	Larceny-Other

Dennis Whittington from Code enforcement reminded us he is getting lots of "tall grass complaints" during this time of the year. Whenever more than 50% of the parcel has grass over 12" high this is a violation. He tries to knock, talk, and teach the homeowner the city's codes before giving a citation.

Treasurer Report

For April 13, 2015 through May 11, we had the following activity:

Starting balance:	\$ 6,725.12	
Deposits	200.54	membership dues
Deposits	2,056.84	matching grant – MP and Pinewood partnership
Payments	-3.00	Bank fee
Payments	- 40.00	Public Storage
Payments	-271.35	MCP sign repair
Payments	-50.03	Easter Egg hunt - candy
Ending balance	\$ 8,618.12	

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.

Presidents Report

- The Madison Central Park Sign has returned!
- About seventy-ish people came to the 2nd Friday Social at Brawley's last Friday. This was our biggest crowd yet.
- The Parents Group had a January-June birthday party on May 3rd. About 30 kids and parents attended that event.

- I have asked Russell Hodge to head up the fall cleanup of Madison Central Park. That event has been scheduled for October 3rd. We will also be having another Adopt-a-street roadside cleanup that day, as well.
- Marty and Russell have been working on a grant from Keep Charlotte Beautiful. The grant is due May 17th and the proceeds would be used to rejuvenate parts of Madison Central Park.
- Matt Magnasco was heading up our NeighborWoods effort. Unfortunately, due to scheduling oversight, we did not get our grant in before the deadline.
- I met with the Pinewood Elementary Partners on April 16th and Sedgefield Middle Partners on April 27th. Both of these partnerships are designed to help build stronger relationships between the schools and their surrounding communities.
- Park Road Shopping Center has petitioned for rezoning of the old Monkey Joe's space, which fronts Woodlawn Road. (2015-57). On Tuesday, April 28th, I met with Matt Crosland and Lyle Darnall to discuss the changes that were coming to the center. It was a very positive meeting. I think our neighbors will greatly enjoy the changes that are forthcoming. A community meeting to discuss the rezoning petition is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 pm at the YWCA on Park Road. Matt and/or Lyle will be coming to our June 8th meeting to present details of the changes coming to the center. There will be a bank, and two restaurants replacing the existing building.
- All attendees were reminded / encouraged to get their hand painted and added to the mural on the wall of the media center. Artist Bree Stalling has been commissioned to do a mural regarding the history of Pinewood Elementary and Madison Park. The mural should be finished for all to see by our next meeting

Speaker

Judy Barnes, Past President of the North Carolina Garden club spoke to us about what a garden club is. They ARE NOT about silver tea sets and white gloves. She is active in the Charlotte Council of Garden Clubs whose purpose is to promote interest in all areas of gardening and to provide education to the general public. The clubs help teach children where food comes from as well as promoting environmental / naturalist issues involving gardening in the community. To form a garden club, most can do what they want, encouraged to provide annual report to be filed with the state. Presence of a garden club usually means someone is looking at your yard. Some clubs have Yard of the Month or recognize the best holiday decorations. For more information regarding Charlotte Council of Garden Clubs go to: <http://charlottecouncilofgardenclubs.org/> . The North Carolina Garden club maintains three public gardens in North Carolina: Daniel Boone Native Gardens in Boone, the Elizabethan Gardens in Manteo, and the Martha Franck Fragrance Garden at the Governor Morehead School for the Blind in Raleigh. For more information regarding the North Carolina garden club go to: <http://www.gardenclubofnc.org/>

June Meeting reminders

- The next 2nd Friday Social will be held at Librettos on Woodlawn Road on Friday June 12th starting at 5:30 pm
- The next MPOA meeting will be on Monday, June 8th at 7:00 pm. speakers will include Matt Crosland/Lyle Darnall talking about the future of Park Road Shopping Center, Trevor Fuller, Chairman of the County Commission, Eric Davis, member of the CMS board, and Scott Curry of the CDOT's Pedestrian program - Charlotte WALKS

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.