

	<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Madison Park Homeowners' Association Meeting</b>		
	<b>Date:</b>	<b>June 8, 2015</b>		
	<b>Time:</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>		
	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Pinewood Elementary Media Center</b>		
	<b>President:</b>	<b>Douglas Welton</b>	<b>Attendance:</b>	
	<b>Presenters:</b>	<b>Eric Davis, Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education and Scott McCully, Executive Director of Planning and Student Placement</b> <b>Matt Crosland, EDENS Properties (Park Road Shopping Center)</b> <b>Scott Curry, Pedestrian Program Manager, City of Charlotte</b>		<b>44 attendees</b> <b>1 CMPD officer</b>
	<a href="http://www.madisonparkcharlotte.org/">http://www.madisonparkcharlotte.org/</a>			

**Welcome**

President Welton, opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance

**Recognition of Visitors**

There were several visitors in attendance from Montclaire and Sedgefield Communities as well as Madison Park residents who were first time attendees from Furman, Mockingbird and Farmbrook.

**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.

**Sponsor Acknowledgement**

- Platinum:** Auto Bell
- Gold:** Spectrum Residential, Beth Smith Shuey Team @ Keller Williams Realty
- Silver:** Dry-Pro, Queens University, Carolina Pest Mgmt., The Angel Agency

**Announcements**

- As a part of the joint Marketing and Communications grant between the Madison Park Homeowners Association and Pinewood Elementary School, new benches and tables were installed in Madison Central Park this past weekend. Special thanks to Valerie, Margaret, Mitch, Russell and Richard for their sweat and hard work on Friday evening / Saturday morning.
- Freedom School Partners is looking for volunteers for the upcoming Freedom School session at Pinewood this summer. Freedom School starts on June 17th and runs through July 29th. Freedom School provides six weeks of enrichment for 50 scholars over the summer and eager to have Madison Park neighborhood involvement again this year. Volunteers can serve in a variety of capacities and time commitments. To sign up or find out more info, follow this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e48a8af29ab9-pinewood2>
- Pinewood Elementary is having Field Days on the mornings of June 8 and 9th from 8:30 till 11:30 am. Neighbors are asked to not use the park during those times
- NC Attorney General Roy Cooper will be speaking at the Tyvola Senior Center on Wednesday, June 10th at 10:30 am. He will be addressing scams that target older adults.
- Murrayhill Road is about to be resurfaced. More details coming.
- The Madison Park Book Club is reading *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman. They will meet to discuss it on June 23rd (fourth Tuesday) at 6:30 pm in the side room of Charlotte Café in Park Road Shopping Center.

- The Scaleybark branch of Charlotte Mecklenburg Libraries is celebrating its 30th anniversary on June 15th with a community drop in at 12 noon.
- June 28<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) at 7:00 pm we will have a family kickball game in Madison Central Park. All are welcome; regardless of the amount of athletic ability you have (or don't have). We need a ball and something to use as bases, if anyone in neighborhood can let us borrow or use such would be great. Come out and play, watch, cheer, or just meet your neighbors....hope to see you there!
- The next 2nd Friday Social will be held at Librettos on Woodlawn Road on Friday June 12th starting at 5:30 pm. Last month we had a record 70 neighbors attending .... Can we beat that record??? Librettos will furnish some appetizers for the event.

**Speakers** (In order to accommodate speakers' schedule, first two speakers presented at this time)  
Eric Davis, Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education / Scott McCully, Executive Director of Planning and Student Placement The presentation was prepped by a brief report of actions that been taken by Valerie Delby who met with the CMS boundary review committee last week to present (in person) the application that was submitted in March. The request was to change Madison Park feeders' schools from Sedgewood Middle to A.G. Middle and Harding Univ. High to Myers Park High schools (keeping Pinewood as our Elementary). Daniel Beckham and Douglas Welton also attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of the community and to share their personal experiences with our public schools which they were happy to provide. Kevin Nunnery was unable to attend but we updated the committee of his family's dedication to Pinewood where they have a child in attendance and his wife will be PTA President next year. Our goal was to show community support of our schools, student scholars and teachers.

The feedback we received from the committee was that the data provided was clear and on point in making a solid case of why this change provides a positive impact on the community and CMS. That said, CMS kicked off their Comprehensive Review this week which will encompass the entire county so they are reviewing our request now to see how it may map to the overall plan. A decision on this request will likely not be provided until Oct-Nov of this year, with the comprehensive review decision in the same time period in 2016.

Eric Davis spoke first by thanking us for voting for the school bonds and supporting the school system. He mentioned the Boundary Request above was presented in an excellent fashion and gave the Board a good understanding of the requested changes. He stated the boundaries are normally reviewed every 6 years and takes about 18 months to complete. Individual request (such as the one presented) are reviewed in March / September each year.

Scott McCully addressed that Student Assignments is a Board Decision. The Board began their comprehensive review for 2017-2018 school term on May 26<sup>th</sup> of this year. Community / Individual boundary requests are not held up but some may end up in the comprehensive review. Boundary reviews decisions are normally announced in late summer / fall for the following school term and prior to lottery signup so parents will know the school assignments. There are restraints as to what can be done based on various school capacities, proximity, stability and effective use of capital. The Board looks at data involving race, lives, age, and facility as well as population growth and demographic shifts in making their decisions regarding boundary changes.

CMS has 120,000 students in home schools and 20,000 in magnet schools. Primary issues of CMS is to focus on the concentration of poverty in the schools, how to restore stability to schools and what to do to address greater number of charter schools in system. For more information go to CMS website:

<http://www.cms.k12.nc.us/Pages/default.aspx> or contact the speakers at [ericc.davis@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:ericc.davis@cms.k12.nc.us) or [scott.mccully@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:scott.mccully@cms.k12.nc.us)

### **Community Reports**

Shabeer Mohammed from CMPD introduced our new Lieutenant Kevin Caviness

He spoke briefly about unleashed animals in open city areas and residents not picking up after their pets. He advised us to call Animal Control (call 311) if we have a concern; they can do an animal welfare check. Fines for not abiding by the city's leash law begin at \$50 and can go to \$500 with permanent animal seizure. For more information: <http://charmec.org/city/charlotte/CMPD/organization/Support/AnimalControl/Char-MeckLaws/Pages/Leash%20Law.aspx>

Officer Mohammed reminded us to **CALL 911 if you see anything suspicious**. He also reminded us to take pictures, create a home inventory by writing down make/model/serial numbers of our electronics and home

maintenance equipment, and also reminded us to keep any weapons locked up. With that he provided the crime report for the last month (all reports by BLOCK area, not actual address):

Incident Type	Frequency
Residential Burglary	6
Larceny from Auto	1
Total	7

Complaint No	Date	Street Block	Incident Type
20150513-1717-01	13-MAY-2015	5400 FARMBROOK DR	Residential Burglary
20150514-1012-01	14-MAY-2015	5300 FURMAN PL	Larceny from Auto
20150526-1738-02	26-MAY-2015	4700 GILMORE DR	Residential Burglary
20150528-0710-04	28-MAY-2015	4900 BAYLOR DR	Residential Burglary
20150529-1631-00	29-MAY-2015	5000 FURMAN PL	Residential Burglary
20150601-1006-01	01-JUN-2015	100 HOLLYDAY CT	Residential Burglary
20150604-0929-04	04-JUN-2015	600 E WOODLAWN RD	Residential Burglary

He noted that some of the break-ins had nothing removed as resident’s burglar alarm sounded and scared the perpetrator away. This resulted in the only damage being the physical damage to the home owner’s resident.

**Treasurer’s Report**

For May 12 through June 8, 2015, we had the following activity:

Starting balance:	\$ 8,618.12	
Deposits	+180.18	membership dues
Deposits	+ 19.45	Donation
Payments	- 96.73	admin / park supplies
Payments	- 40.00	Public Storage
Payments	- 4549.19	NMG supplies (Picnic tables, park benches, History Wall)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 4,131.83</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.

**President’s Report**

- On May 18th, Trevor Fuller hosted a town hall community meeting. Speakers at the meeting included Dena R. Diorio, Mecklenburg County Manager, Jim Garges, Park and Recreation, Joe Frey, City of Charlotte, Lee Keesler, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, Peter Zeiler, Economic Development Department and Dr. Marcus Plescia, Health Department Director.
- We have received a \$1,913.81 grant from Keep Charlotte Beautiful to be used for refreshing parts of Madison Central Park. I will be signing the grant later this month. We plan on implementing the grant as part of the fall cleanup day at MCP on October 3rd.
- On May 19th, Valerie Delby, Daniel Beckham and I meet with CMS regarding a Boundary Change Request that has submitted for Madison Park. This was brief meeting to provide clarity for any issues raised by our application. The process will continue. We may be asked to meet again with CMS later this summer.
- In Mid-May, Lee Strait (Pinewood’s Literacy coordinator) asked the HOA to help gather books for the summer book exchange at Pinewood. A number of books were gathered at the May 16th community Yard Sale and several other community members dropped books off at the school. I got a note from Lee last week, thanking us for our generous contributions.

## **Speakers**

Matt Crosland, EDENS Properties (Park Road Shopping Center) along with Morgan Parker gave us a little history about EDENS and how the company wants to enrich the community by center design, blending local and national into the merchandise mix and fostering community engagement. The old Monkey Joes building (Casa Gallardo's/Champs/Quaker State) will be demolished during 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2015 with new tenants moving in summer of 2016. There will be 2 restaurants and a financial institution to occupy the site. The back lot (behind the center) will be more developed in early 2016 with a concentration of more restaurants. The company is looking at how to make the lower portion (basements) of many of the stores into more eye appealing destinations as well as how to make the center more of a destination after 6PM.

Scott Curry, Pedestrian Program Manager, City of Charlotte is an urban designer and his job is to make Charlotte a more walkable city. Walking is a mode of transportation and for 30% of the population it is their only mode of transportation. By making our area more walkable, our public health can be improved. One fourth of the population has obesity / high blood pressure issues; which all can be reduced by walking. Economic Development is increased as more residents want to live in a walkable neighborhood. Many people care more about the walkability of the area than the size of the house. City improvement bonds help to construct new sidewalks and pedestrian crossing.

Prior to World War II (1890-1940's) most suburban neighborhoods were streetcar neighborhoods. You would walk to the nearest streetcar for public transportation to services. During the 1950's developments became auto oriented with walking amenities left out of many neighborhood plans. Charlotte currently does not have stand-alone Pedestrian Plan, but recognizes that walkability can only happen when transportation and land-use policies are aligned to plan for people. The city pedestrian polices are incorporated into many city adopted plans and policies such as Transportation Action Plan, Urban Street Design Guidelines, Zoning / Subdivision ordinances. For more information contact [spcurry@charlottenc.gov](mailto:spcurry@charlottenc.gov)

## **July Meeting reminders**

The next MPHQA meeting will be on Monday, July 13th at 7:00 pm. Speakers will include Tim Porter, Assistant City Arborist for the City of Charlotte.

Our July 2nd Friday Social will be at Brawley's on Park Road on July 10th starting at 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30