



## Summary

Madison Park Homeowners Association Monthly Meeting for June 12, 2017 began at 7:00 pm at Pinewood Elementary School, 805 Seneca Place. The meeting had 24 attendees. Guest speakers were Beatriz Guevara and Carolyn Allred.

## Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by MP HOA president Douglas Welton.

## Recognition of Visitors

4 first time attendees were recognized. All were welcomed after their introductions.

## Membership Reminder

Dues are \$20 per year per household and cover January through December. Our membership dues pay for our neighborhood events and expenses such as our PO Box, postage, supplies, and rentals.

Each resident is encouraged to pay in person or on-line via pay-pal from our webpage: [www.madisonparkcharlotte.org/membership/](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.

## Treasurer's Report

The report consolidates all transactions from February 13th through May 31st

13.February	Dues Received	40.18
13.February	Key Replication(Eric)	-14.36
21.February	SilverDuck Treebanding	-6720.00
6.March	Public Storage	-55.00
31.March	Monthly Banking Service Fees	-14.00
4.April	Public Storage	-55.00
28.April	Monthly Banking Service fees	-14.00
4.May	Public Storage	-55.00
31.May	Monthly Banking Service fees	-14.00

Our account balance going forward is \$3,339.18

## President's Report

- Madison Park Marketplace – was great!
- Montford Block Party – great event and was great to see people walking down the street to the event
- The Madison Park HOA Board met June 11th to discuss several future initiative, including projects related to schools, traffic and the organization of the HOA itself. Not all of the ideas discussed are fully– baked at this point, but over the next several months look forward to an increased focus on making Madison Park a vibrant, unique and active community to live in.

## Community Crime Reports – Officer Mohammed

In May 2017, Officer Mohammad was recognized as one of the best community officers in Charlotte. We appreciate all you do for our neighborhood Officer Mohammad!

Below is a summary of incidents in Officer Mohammad's June report. If you have questions or need to contact with Officer Mohammad directly, send e-mail to [smohammad@cmpd.org](mailto:smohammad@cmpd.org).

### Listing

Complaint No	Date	Street Block	Incident Type
20170514-1222-02	14-MAY-2017	4500 PARK RD	Larceny-Other
20170528-0816-01	28-MAY-2017	1200 TERRENCE PL	Larceny-Other
20170529-1455-04	29-MAY-2017	5300 FARBROOK DR	Larceny-Other
20170609-1538-07	09-JUN-2017	5100 SEACROFT RD	Residential Burglary

## Safety Tips and Crime Discussion:

Lock your cars, do not leave money, iPads, cell phones, laptops, anything of value in your car. DO NOT leave guns in your car.

If you see a crime please call 911. Do not chase the bad guy. Be the best witness you can be by being vigilant and getting as many details as you can to share with officers.

We did discuss the panhandlers which are becoming and increasing problem across Charlotte. Officer Mohammad talked about the campaign he led to try to get these folks the help they need to get off the streets. Many don't want help. The best thing we can do right now is to not give them money and help advocate that more needs to be done.

## Code Enforcement Report – Dennis Whittington

Dennis came out to discuss a few things that he's witnessed and been asked about recently. If you have questions or need more information about code enforcement, contact Dennis directly at [dwhittington@ci.charlotte.nc.us](mailto:dwhittington@ci.charlotte.nc.us)

- All money aside (seriously), everyone in Madison Park is held to the same city ordinances that govern all of Charlotte. No matter how long you've lived here or how much you bought your house for – there are things that the city governs appropriate and not that you must abide by. Call Dennis if you have questions.
- Be a good neighbor. If a neighbor's grass isn't cut, or there is something that needs to be addressed, if you feel comfortable, reach out to them to get more information and ask how you can help. When it comes to crime your best defense is the neighbors who look out for you.
- Several folks asked about the house on the 5600 block of Murrayhill Road that is set to be torn down. The assessment and decision about the outcome of this property followed proper procedures. More than 65% of the property (based on property value) was deemed to need repair and thus a demo was ordered. This case is now in the Superior Court and we await a judge and the court system to review. We will know more once this case is heard and the Superior Court rules.

## Neighborhood Announcements

- The Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Board of Education adopted a new Student Assignment plan, which beginning in 2018 will change the high school assigned to Madison Park students from Harding High to Myers Park High. In 2019, the middle school will be changed from Sedgefield Middle to Alexander Graham.
- Murrayhill, Milford and Brockbank are currently being resurfaced. All work should finish up in the next couple of days.
- The Madison Park Book Club is reading *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. They will meet to discuss the book on Tuesday, June 27th at 6:30 pm in the side room of Charlotte Cafe in Park Road Shopping Center
- The Madison Park Running group meets in the parking lot at Pinewood on Tuesdays at 6:30 for a sweat filled romp thru the neighborhood. Runners and walkers of all skill levels are welcomed.
- The next 2nd Friday Social will be held at Sir Edmund Halley's in Park Road Shopping Center on Friday July 14th starting at 6:00 pm
- Stacy Raynor gave an update of construction at the Queens University Sports Complex at Marion Deihl. The person that Stacy has been working with at Queens is no longer responding. He has now asked that they begin coming to our HOA meetings to provide updates to the neighborhood on behalf of Queens. As of now the master plan for the property has not changed as we had hoped it would and we are still at risk for losing more woods/buffer between the complex and our neighborhood. We will continue the good fight.
- Margaret Sexton's home is now a certified Wildlife Habitat. You only need to provide proof of food, water and cover to have your property certified as well. Margaret is happy to help any neighbors with this process. You can reach to Margaret at [Margaret.B.Sexton@wellsfargo.com](mailto:Margaret.B.Sexton@wellsfargo.com).

- Ruth Tansill provided an update on her recent neighborhood poll and July 4 flag celebration. The survey had 51 responses as of our HOA meeting. Flags will be going up July 1 – 8. Last year there were 175 flags put up and this year there will be more than 500 flags throughout the neighborhood. Be on the lookout for more details and information about future events from Ruth. If you would like to volunteer or help with this or future events please reach to Ruth at [ruthkansill@gmail.com](mailto:ruthkansill@gmail.com).

## **Guest Speakers**

### **Beatriz Guevara, Charlotte Mecklenburg Libraries, Scaleybark Branch**

Summer Break is the summer reading program and you put in your time online and you get free prizes. If you have ideas about programs you'd like to see, please visit and let them know. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings is story time.

**Carolyn Allred, Freedom School Partners** -16 different sites around the city. The site partner for Pinewood Elementary School is Myers Park Baptist and they love their neighborhood volunteers. One goal of this program is to prevent summer learning loss. At 8:30am every morning there is a pep rally for the kids with different volunteers reading to the kids. In the afternoon they look for volunteers to share a talent/abilities; yoga chess cooking and 2 field trips a week. Freedom School meets every day at Pinewood now – July 27. There is an extended reading time with a one-on-one 12:45 – 1:45pm. If you'd like to participate please reach to Carolyn.

## **Announcements**

The next MPHOA meeting will be on Monday, July 14th at 7:00 pm. Speakers will include Joe Frey from the Charlotte Mecklenburg Department of Engineering & Property Management. Joe will give us an update on the latest news concerning the Cross Charlotte Trail (XCLT). Also, Laurie Reid Dukes, Charlotte Mecklenburg's Tree Management program manager for Tree Planting and Preservation. Laurie will provide an update on the emerald ash borer.

In August, a representative from Google Fiber will be coming along with the candidates for Charlotte mayor, city council and school board.

Our July 14th Friday Social will be at Sir Edmund Halley's in Park Road Shopping Center starting at 6:00 pm.

Meeting ended at 8:10pm