

Madison Park HOA Meeting: February 12, 2018

Welcome / Recognition of Visitors / Membership Reminder

Welcome to Margaret Lowery to the February meeting. She was the only visitor and newest member of the Madison Park HOA. . A number of attendees was not recorded for this meeting.

Announcements

- Construction on the stormwater project at the intersection of Seneca Place and Wedgewood Drive is scheduled to begin in early March. Becky Chambers, the project manager for this little adventure will be our guest at the March meeting and she'll provide an accurate set of dates at that time.
- The CATS Lynx Blue Line to UNCC opens on March 16th
- The Madison Park Book Club (now Mad Book Club) will meet on Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30 pm at the Charlotte Cafe. The group is reading *Serena* by Ron Rash. For more info, contact Gay Hurst at gay.hurst@gmail.com
- The next 2nd Friday Social will be held at The Queens Park Social, 4125 Yancey Road, on Friday March 9th starting at 6:00 pm
- The Madison Park 5K Run will be Saturday, March 10th. The run will begin at 8am. More information will be coming. Emily Bartlett is the contact person.
- Earth Day Celebration will be Saturday, April 21 from 9am to 1pm. There will be a Shred It Truck and a Goodwill Donation Trailer. Office Depot will be the sponsor. More information to come. Ruth Tansill is the contact person.
- 4th Annual Madison Park Yard Sale is Saturday, May 5th 8am to 12pm at the Wedgewood Church parking lot.
- CROWN will be presenting Mammals of Mecklenburg County on February 13th at 6:30pm. Their meetings are held at the Charlotte Nature Museum. Repurposed bird feeders and bird houses are given to homeowners who get their property Wildlife Habitat Certified.

Safety and Crime Report – given by Officer Shabeer from CMPD

There were two incidents (January 15th and February 2), both being larceny. The locations were Wentworth Place and Carey Court.

Skimmers was removed from a 7/11 store pump (at corner of Park Road and Woodlawn) on February 12th. When using gas, use a credit card and never use an ATM card so that a pin code does not have to be typed in. It is important to notice if there are stickers (VISA, DISCOVER, etc) cut or peeled from the pump, that is a key indicator the pump has been tampered with. It is safer to buy your gas from the outside aisle of pumps versus the center aisle of pumps. Gas gift cards are also a smart idea of how you pay for your gas to protect the credit card being hacked. The person who placed the skimmer at the pump was arrested on Sunday, February 11th.

Wedgewood Church was vandalized. The church has not installed a camera system and the police are still looking for a suspect for this most recent incident. A Go Fund Me Page has been set up to raise money for repairs.

The exit and entry to the Chick-Fil-a on Woodlawn Road will be improved within the month. Signage on the street and on poles are being improved to assist with traffic entry and exit issues.

A Madison Park family who has a daughter with special challenges has a need for sensitivity for access for MEDIC to their home on Montford Drive. They have had challenges with parked cars on the street blocking access to emergency vehicles. CMPD and CDOT were made aware of this recent impact.

Treasurer's Report

Opening balance for the month was \$8465.02 Expenses include \$64 for public storage and \$12.89 at FedEx for copies. Income consists of \$60.27 for membership dues. Ending balance is \$8450.40

President's Report

- The joint social event with Montclaire last Friday was a tremendous success. We had upward of 50 people at the event and got to make valuable connections between the neighborhood. This event will be replicated in the future.
- Last week, Douglas met with Jeremy McIlwaine, Bridgette Schuch & Ms. Pegram at Pinewood to discuss how the neighborhood could help with a mentoring program for young Pinewood Men.
- Douglas will be participating in the Stitch Together CLT initiative this year. The goal of the project is to help develop the next generation of community leaders in Charlotte. One of the things we will be doing with these "new leaders" is some-type-of community project in each of our neighborhoods. Details are unclear at this moment. I hope to have more by the end of March.
- On January 24th, Tom Im and Douglas attended the Open Streets 704 Neighborhood Leaders Input Session. Only a handful of neighborhoods were represented. We hope that our input will influence how the Open Streets project roll-out this year. The next Open Streets is April 29th. We are planning to do another group ride from Madison Central Park to the Open Streets event. (wherever that may be)
- Nominations for the the Police Community Relations Awards are open. Last year, Officer Shabeer Mohammad was nominated by our community and given an award in recognition of his affect on our community. If you would like to nominate him (or any other officer), send an e-mail to president@madisonParkCharlotte.org and I'll e-mail you the form. The form is also available for download here:

<http://www.madisonparkcharlotte.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/PoliceCommunityRelationsAward.pdf>
- Douglas has reached out to Dennis Richter and Dwayne Deese to find out the status of their redevelopment projects on Woodlawn. Dennis' project, the Townes at Montford Park is currently in "permit hell", but he expected that to be addressed soon. Once the project gets started he sees continues work until the complex is completed. Dwayne's project, which will redevelop the Melrose Place apartments is not scheduled to begin construction
- The City of Charlotte is doing a circulation study of the Montford Park area. The next steps in this study will be discuss in March. This has an indirect affect on Madison Park because it may influence our ability to get greater pedestrian connectivity to the Montford area.

Speakers

Alex Riemondy,
Charlotte Department of Transportation - Dockless Bike Sharing Program

- There is an unmet bike demand in Charlotte.
- The challenges of Dockless Bike Sharing is that bikes are left blocking pedestrian pathways.
- There is some vandalism of the bikes and crowding existing bike racks.
- There are four operator companies with 500 bikes per each company which sponsors the bikes.
- This program is a one year pilot ending in October.

Dennis Whittington
Code Enforcement - Changes to the code enforcement ordinance

On September 11, 2017, Charlotte City Council approved an update for Chapter 10 of the City of Charlotte Code of Ordinances. The changes, which take effect January 1, 2018, created stand-alone ordinances for code enforcement. The code ordinance updates include changes in fines and new definitions for repeat and chronic offenders. The changes that will have the most impact are:

- An increase in fines from \$50 to \$150 for most violations which may include, but not be limited to, curbside violations, neglect of premises, obstructions of rights-of-way and overgrown vegetation.
- A property owner who has had four or more violations of any type on any property that they may own in the previous calendar year is now defined as a chronic offender.
- A property owner who has had four or more repeated violations in the previous calendar year is now defined as a repeat offender.
- An increase in fines for chronic and repeat offenders to \$250 for the fourth offense and \$500 for the fifth and each subsequent offense.

March Meeting Reminders

The next MPHQA meeting will be on Monday, March 12th at 7:00 pm. Speaker - Becky Chambers will give an update on the Seneca Place/ Wedgewood Drive stormwater project.

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