

Madison Park HOA February 09, 2014 Meeting Notes/Minutes

Douglas Welton, Board Member and Interim President of the HOA, welcomed everyone to the meeting & introduced virtual Officer Katie (Lt. Tom Gwaltney) to deliver the crime stats. Our neighborhood officer, Katie Schwartz, has accepted a position with the Police Training Academy which is a great career opportunity for her. Lt. Gwaltney will be selecting a replacement for her in the near future.

Crime Statistics as presented by Lt. Gwaltney (**Note: Address is the street Block, not individual home location**):

<u>Complaint No</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Street Block</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Clearance Status</u>
20140123-1628-03	23-JAN-2014	1200 TERRENCE PL	Rape	OPEN This occurred between known parties. Neither of them lives in neighborhood, but was traveling through and stopped at a house on Terrence Place where the assault allegedly occurred.
20140124-1115-01	24-JAN-2014	1300 MONTFORD DR	Auto Theft	OPEN. Stolen vehicle from street, since recovered in adjoining county. Not sure if keys were left inside the vehicle; no leads on suspect yet.
20140208-0846-00	08-FEB-2014	5200 MURRAYHILL RD	Vandalism	OPEN. Between occupants of the household.

Lt. Gwaltney noted that our speaker for the evening would be addressing the illegal dumping within our neighborhood boundaries which affected the wastewater treatment facilities. Lt. Gwaltney also reminded us if we see anything suspicious around manholes to call 911. He also reminded us that a major winter storm was approaching and to be safe, stay in and stay off the roads unless absolutely necessary.

Duke Energy

Many members may remember a few years ago when we had Mike Lewis from Duke Energy come to address the HOA regarding the power outages that had occurred in the neighborhood. Douglas has spoken with a representative from Duke, and was told that crews are again in the neighborhood (as of last week) doing some trimming along the power lines.

Pinewood Freedom School grant – Volunteers Needed

Madison Park has joined Pinewood Elementary in their pursuit to obtain a grant from the city to help provide a Freedom School this summer for 50 children in the community. We are in process of writing the grant which is due Feb. 15.

HOA Volunteers are NEEDED to help at Pinewood Elementary's Freedom School this summer. The six-week program focuses on literacy and character education, providing an award-winning enrichment program for students who otherwise may not be able to afford such learning opportunities over the summer. We are required to supply a list of potential volunteers as part of the application thus the need for people to sign up early. We are working to create an online signup sheet, however just sending an email to the HOA will suffice for now. All we need is your name and contact information and the hours you think you may be able to volunteer this summer. The program runs over 6 weeks during the school break so there will be a lot of volunteer opportunities. Volunteer activities could be reading to the children, being a room monitor for activities, and/or assisting with field trips. Pinewood Elementary is working on the agenda but will not have the formal sign up roster until later (hopefully March) so all we need for this part of the grant process is a list of people who can dedicate a few hours per week over the 6-week program and that should help us demonstrate Madison Park residents support.

There are 2 local churches, Myers Park Baptist and Sharon United Methodist, who will also supply volunteers and cash donations so this is truly a community project!

For more information, check out <http://freedomsschoolpartners.org/> or email laurak.handler@cms.k12.nc.us. A sign-up sheet was available at the meeting for anyone wishing to sign up at that time.

Attic Sale

Sharon United Methodist Church will be having an Attic Sale on March 8th, 2014 from 8 AM until 1 PM. Please consider donating items to the sell. If you can't donate, then please plan on stopping by and shopping the Attic sale. Proceeds will be going to the Pinewood Freedom School effort.

If you have items or would like to help, contact:

Bill or Nancy Berry - 704.560.2624

Joan McGill - 704.366.9166 ext. 11

Drive Through Girl Scout Cookie Sale

February is Girl Scout Cookie Sale time. Many neighborhoods will see the troops throughout their neighborhood selling door to door but our area Girl Scouts will make it easy for us by offering Drive Through service. Area scouts will be at Madison Central Park at Pinewood on Thursday, 2/13, 2:45-6:00 (most likely will have make-up time) and Saturday, 2/22, 2:00-5:00 selling Girl Scout cookies in the parking lot. Just drive right up and make your purchases.

Street Sign Toppers

A few of the Madison Park street sign toppers were removed in error by the city in December and we are working to have them reinstalled as soon as possible. CDOT was made aware of the issue and is addressing internally to help avoid this in the future.

Sub-Committee/Volunteer Online Signup site

We are currently testing a product to see if we may use it for all Volunteer and Sub-Committee signup information. We will continue to keep the community updated as we move through the process and launch its use.

If you are interested in volunteering for any project currently underway or upcoming then please feel free to contact us at: madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com

Committees:

- Madison Central Park trash collection
- Welcome Packets
- Holiday Social
- Rose Garden
- Madison Central Park
- Adopt-A-Street
- National Night Out
- Membership Drive

Disk Golf Basket Replacement

We are happy to update everyone that we have had a member of the community, Jeff Stanwick, volunteer to donate a replacement basket to Madison Central Park! A huge Thank You to Jeff for offering to not only purchase but to install the basket for the community! We would also like to Thank Justin & Brooke Adler and Ingrid Lachner for donating funds to help lock and secure the basket to help avoid any future theft!

Madison Central Park - Rose Garden replanting

The HOA was notified by the Rose Garden committee that 8 plants were either dead or diseased and have been removed. They asked the HOA to make a donation to replace 4 of the plants and the remaining 4 will be replaced by donations from the Rose Garden committee and the community. The officers of the board have approved the donation and the plants will be installed when weather permits by members of the committee.

Code Violations on Woodlawn

Jessica, zoning enforcement officer assigned to our area of the city, currently has a zoning case on the sign in question (Dog Training Academy on Woodlawn), and they have 30 days to correct the violation before citations are issued.

We will keep our eyes out for 842 Woodlawn. The sections related to the sale of motor vehicles in residential are as follows:

- 1) No more than two (2) motor vehicles, whether licensed or unlicensed, may be displayed for sale or trade on the premises at any time and such display of a given vehicle for sale or trade shall not be for a period as to that vehicle exceeding 60 days.
- (2) During a twelve-month period commencing January 1 and ending December 31 of each year, no more than three (3) such licensed or unlicensed motor vehicles shall be displayed for sale or trade on the premises. Further, no more than three (3) sales or trades of such licensed or unlicensed motor vehicles displayed for sale on the premises shall occur within the same twelve-month period.
- (3) No motor vehicle, whether licensed or unlicensed, if not registered to the occupant of the premises or immediate family member of the occupant as the record title owner of the vehicle, may be displayed upon the premises for sale or trade.

As you can imagine, it is very difficult to prove the amount of vehicles that have been sold from a property. Zoning can cite the section; however the owner would have to volunteer the transferred titles of the vehicles for them to be able to prove that case (which is very unlikely to occur). Zoning will focus on the nuisance violation of parking on the lawn, the zoning violations of making sure that no more than 2 vehicles are marked for sale at any given time, and that those vehicles are parked outside of the city right of way. Usually zoning can curtail the vehicle sales simply by reducing their options for display.

Zoning will schedule a sweep of Woodlawn in the near future, and will continue to welcome any community involvement to help identify code issues.

Illegal Dumping at the Water Treatment plant

Our speaker for the evening, Karen Whichard, representative from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department (CMUD) addressed the recent illegal dumping that occurred within our Neighborhood boundaries. Any questions regarding this incident can be addressed to Karen @ kwhichard@charlotte.nc.gov. On Sunday afternoon, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department (CMUD) officially opened an Emergency Operations Center to respond to the illegal chemical dumping at Mallard Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sugar Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Creek access

As a precaution, the public is advised to refrain from human and animal contact with Sugar Creek / Little Sugar Creek (Tyvola Road downstream or south to Hwy51 or South Carolina border) until further notice.

As a precaution we are advising people to avoid human or animal contact with Mallard Creek and the Rocky River in Cabarrus County until more testing is completed. N.C. water quality officials are aware of the situation and we also are notifying downstream authorities to share this advisory with folks along Rocky River in Cabarrus, Union and Anson counties.

Sewer testing

Advanced testing has confirmed that the substance that entered the Sugar Creek Wastewater treatment plant does not contain PCB as originally suspected. Tests indicate that the substance flowing into Sugar Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant was ethanol, which is typical of a fuel spill. There appears to be no connection

between the Sugar Creek and the Mallard Creek incidents. Staff of CMUD is on alert due to the Mallard Creek incident. The substance that entered Sugar Creek had similar characteristics, which led to the public notification at 4:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Testing continues at the Mallard Creek plant and shows continual fluctuations.

Drinking water

The city drinking water supply was not affected by the incidents at Sugar Creek or Mallard Creek treatment plants. Testing of the water processed for drinking has no PCBs detected. As a precaution, additional tests are being taken at all wastewater treatment plants and drinking water treatment plants. Test results take several hours. City officials continue to reiterate that drinking water is safe to drink, bathe and cook with. This incident did not affect drinking water in Mecklenburg County.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department criminal investigation

Given the seriousness of this offense, The Mayor and City Manager have authorized the creation of a joint task force to investigate this incident. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department has joined forces with Local, State and Federal agencies in an effort to identify and prosecute those involved in this egregious criminal act.

Members of the task force include

- The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD);
- The Charlotte Fire Department (CFD);
- The Environmental Protection Agency's Criminal Investigation Division (EPACID);
- Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities Department (CMUD); and
- North Carolina State Highway Patrol.

The extent of the offense for unlawfully dumping toxic chemicals can include both state and federal charges. The most serious of these charges would be a felony state charge of "dumping of toxic substance" and a felony Federal charge of "violation of the Clean Water Act."

The public is asked to call CRIMESTOPPERS at 704-334-1600 if you have information that could lead to the apprehension of the person(s) responsible for the illegal dumping.

Quick Links for the HOA website

At last month's meeting attendee's mentioned the need for quick links to frequently asked questions to make it easier to locate and view information on the site, so here are the top items that were requested:

1) Meeting Minutes (listed on the Home Page as "Newsletter")

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park/newsletters

2) Membership Dues (listed on the Home page under "Pages & Links", "Documents & Pages")

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park/pages/366226

3) Posts for Ongoing Community Information (listed on the Home page as "Discussions", if you click the word Discussions then it will take you to this site. We may only have 3 current items on the Home page at a time due to restrictions of the site but all others are active via the link below):

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park/topics

4) Charlotte-Mecklenburg Code Violation Informational Tips (listed on the Home page under "External Links", "7 Tips to Avoid Code Enforcement Violations"). **NOTE:** Please call 311 to ask questions or report code violations. You may also visit <http://nbs.charlottenc.gov> for additional information.

http://charmec.org/city/charlotte/nbs/CodeEnforcement/nuisance/Documents/7%20Tips%20to%20Avoid%20Code%20Enforcement%20Violations_3.pdf

Treasurer's Report

Mitch Jackson, our treasure presented the Treasurer's Report:
For Jan. 1 2014 through Feb 6, 2014, we added 1 new membership.
Starting balance: 3037.72
Deposits 430.90
Payments (322.21)
Ending balance 3,146.41

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.

Open Discussion

Douglas then opened the floor to any follow-up questions/concerns from the attendees. Since the HOA is going through a transition, he asked us to go around the room, introduce ourselves and say why we were there and what we would like to see the HOA accomplish in the coming year. Great discussion from everyone; Douglas challenged us to double our paid membership during the upcoming year.

Board Member, Matt Magnasco who works with the city, informed us of rezoning petition #2014-29 that is within the Madison Park neighborhood. An area on Woodlawn petitioned for 10-15 townhome development.

There were 18 in attendance (17 residents + police officer) including two new residents (Jason & Melissa Klink from Wedgewood Drive)

Thanks to everyone who attended!