

Madison Park HOA –May 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Valerie Delby, HOA President, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Crime Statistics

(Note: Address is the street Block, not individual home location)

Madison Park CMPD community representative, Officer Shabeer Mohammad of the Westover Division, presented the following monthly crime statistics for our community **from April 14 to May 11**:

| Incident Type | Frequency |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Residential Burglary | 3 |
| Larceny-Other | 1 |
| | |
| Total | 4 |

| Complaint No | Date | Street Block | Incident Type | Clearance Status |
|------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 20140415-2036-01 | 15-APR-2014 | 600 E WOODLAWN RD | Residential Burglary | CLEARED BY ARREST |
| 20140425-1359-01 | 25-APR-2014 | 4400 PARK RD | Larceny-Other | OPEN |
| 20140429-1240-01 | 29-APR-2014 | 800 STANFIELD DR | Residential Burglary | OPEN |
| 20140509-1853-06 | 09-MAY-2014 | 5300 MURRAYHILL RD | Residential Burglary | OPEN |

Officer Mohammad also shared with the community that there had been **5 burglaries reported on May 12 with locations in or around Murray Hill and Seneca Place**. CMPD has increased their patrols of the neighborhood and will continue with their pursuit of leads regarding possible suspects.

CMPD stated to be sure to keep blind, shades and curtains closed at night as well as to secure your outdoor sheds and electrical boxes to help avoid crime. He also advised to keep the shrubs around your home trimmed and know your neighbors; if something looks suspicious, **CALL 911**; better to be safe than sorry. The police would rather come out and investigate so the bad guys can be caught.

It was advised by CMPD at a previous HOA meeting that residents should keep an inventory of their electronics, jewelry and other personal items (including serial numbers where applicable). Pictures and serial numbers help the police find stolen items faster especially when they are pawned so be sure to take an inventory and keep it in a safe location.

For an additional listing of crime in the area, the following Crime Mapping link is available: <http://www.crimemapping.com/map.aspx?ll=-8998793.12186394,4194774.886228889&z=14&mc=world-street&cc=AR,AS,BU,DR,DU,FR,HO,VT,RO,SX,TH,VA,VB,WE>

This Crime Mapping link may also be found on the Madison Park HOA website on the Main page under External Links, Crime Mapping Tool. http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park

If you notice and suspicious behavior in your area please contact 911 immediately!

For additional information please contact Officer Mohammad at smohammad@cmpd.org.

Wildlife Reports

We have had a couple of **reports of coyotes in the area** and below is a post that was sent out last week in response:

Coyotes fall under the jurisdiction of the North Carolina Wildlife Commission. NC Wildlife will not typically respond to a coyote sighting because they are indigenous to this area and it is not uncommon to see them. Leave them alone! Call 311 ONLY if they are aggressive.

However, if you have questions or concerns, you may contact them at 919-707-0030.

Guest Speakers

Jenny Davis, Scaleybark Library She spoke about the various story times and activities available to both young and school-aged children during the school year and special summer activities. There are book clubs and computer training for adults. They would love to hear from us as to how they can better serve our community. For more information, please go to their website: <http://www.cmlibrary.org/Locations/branches.asp?id=19>

Ivan Cohen from Marion Diehl Recreation Center presented upcoming events and available programs for spring and summer 2014. There are activity programs available for all ages and all skill levels. Some of the programs he mentioned were Zumba, Badminton, Volleyball, Water Aerobics, and Swim Lessons. There is also rentable space at the facility for special events. For more information, please go to their website: <http://charmec.org/mecklenburg/county/ParkandRec/Facilities/RecreationCenters/Pages/MarionDiehl.aspx>

Next month:

Lee Pardue of Duke Energy will be a guest speaker to educate the community on energy savings throughout the year as well as an update on proper placement of trees and shrubs in relation to Duke's power lines.

Dan Shumaker, Actors Theatre, he will present upcoming shows at the theatre as well as provide a history of the facility.

Neighborhood and Community

"Park on Montford" mixed use proposed development

City rezoning meeting was held May 5th as a first step to determine how the potential mixed use development may be constructed. Members from the HOA and neighborhood attended the meeting and Kevin Nunnery, resident on Drexmore, was on hand to provide an update on the meeting as well as the neighbors next steps.

Kevin shared that the primary concern is around increased traffic and property values in the neighborhood specifically on Drexmore. This concern, along with many other such as

building height, parking and whether the facility will be apartments or condos were presented by the neighborhood attendees. Kevin along with other resident on Drexmore has yard signs that are on display in protest to the current developments plans. For information regarding signage please contact Kevin at kunnery@st-peters.org. **Reminder** – any signage must be placed in a residents yard and at least 11 feet from the curb otherwise it is considered a City Code violation.

Note - A Community Meeting will be held May 20th at 7:00 pm at Park Road Baptist Church (in the former Chapel) located at 3900 Park Road. The meeting will be lead by Selwyn Partners Group as an update to the community following their feedback from the city on their revised development plans and elevation.

To view more information on this project you may go to rezoning.org petition 2014-044:
<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/planning/Rezoning/RezoningPetitions/2014Petitions/Pages/2014-044.aspx>

Housing Development at “700 Woodlawn”

Below are the next meetings for the potential development at 700 Woodlawn Road:

-A public hearing with the Charlotte City Council has been scheduled for Monday, May 19 at 6:00 pm located at the Char-Meck Government Center (600 East 4th Street, Meeting Chambers).

-A Zoning Committee Work session is scheduled for May 28 at 4:30 pm located at Char-Meck Govt. Center (600 East 4th Street, Second Floor).

-City Council Decision to be made June 16 at 6:00 pm located at Char-Meck Govt Center (600 East 4th Street, Meeting Chambers)

To view more information on this project you may go to rezoning.org petition 2014-029:
<http://www.charmeck.org/city/charlotte/planning/Rezoning/RezoningPetitions/2014Petitions/Pages/2014-029.aspx>

Adopt-A-Street & Madison Central Park Clean Up

Margaret Sexton and Matt Magnasco of the Madison Park HOA board lead our first Adopt-A-Street & Madison Central Park clean up event on **Saturday, April 26th**. We had 5 people show up to help lend a hand so Thank You to those who took time to help out!

Another event will take place last summer/early fall so please contact Margaret or Matt if you would like to participate.

(margaretsexton@carolina.rr.com / nggofers@bellsouth.net)

Madison Central Park Trash Collection

Great work everyone for helping keep this park trash collection program running smoothly! Ingrid Lachner has been leading the charge but will take time off for the remainder of the year and we are looking for a new Lead to maintain trash bags for the volunteers who take on a 1-month basis (roughly 1 pickup per week).

We are now looking for both a Lead and for people who could help out with the trash collection from June through the remainder of the year so please contact the HOA at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com.

2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Mother nature didn't allow us to have the event during Easter weekend however we rescheduled the following week and had approximately 25-30 attendees! We hope to continue this event annually and would like to thank the families who came out to have fun in the Park as well as all of the folks who provided candy!

We did have a bit of extra candy, which was donated to Pinewood Elementary!

2014 Neighborhood Upcoming Events

Charlotte Knights Baseball game (June)– Douglas Welton (lead).

We would like to have a Madison Park event at the new Uptown ballpark in June! Discounts tickets are available for groups of 20 or more so please let us know if you are interested in attending and will secure a location and seats. The HOA will take cash or checks for payment once we have confirmation of the per seat cost which ranges from \$9-14. So far we've had roughly 15 people contact the HOA with interest so we only need a few more to take advantage of discount tickets.

This would be a fun family night out in Uptown Charlotte so we hope to see you there!

For more information please contact Douglas Welton, MPHOA vice president, at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com.

Pinewood Elementary Garden Wellness Day - Laura Handler (lead).

The event being held on **June 7 from 9:00 – 12:00** will promote health and wellness of the students and communityeveryone is welcome to participate. There will be a soccer, Frisbee golf, exercise and possibly a bike event if they have enough interest. In addition, they will have a Garden tour and cooking demonstration from a local chef from Harvest Moon Grille! There will be a Healthy Cooking contest with the winner receiving a \$20 gift certificate to Earth Fare so come out and join the fun!

Midweek on Montford (MoFo) - Valerie Delby (lead)

Head out to Montford Drive on **Wednesdays from April 30 through July 2** for discounts that several restaurants are offering! Participating restaurants and retail are: Brazwell's, Angry Ale's, 10 Park Lanes (bowling), & The Roasting Company. The HOA would like to have a "**social meet-up**" during this promotion so please contact us at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com if you are interested in selecting a location to meet from drinks, food, and/or bowling.

Disc Golf Tournament – Valerie Delby and Sam Perkins (leads).

We had hoped to hold the event during spring however schedules for our sponsors and CMS have been challenging to pin down so be on the lookout for more information in late summer.

Summer Movie in the Park – Valerie Delby (lead).

An update from CMS Grounds is pending to determine if use of Madison Central Park will be allowed for this event. If not, then Mike Brawley, owner of Brawley's Beverage on Park Road, has offered to use his parking lot and facility to host the event in late Summer to early Fall.

We will post the

Date/time on the website and announce the event at an upcoming HOA meeting once final permission has been provided.

Wedgewood Farmers Market

Located at 4800 Drive, the Farmers Market has added Wednesdays to its Spring/Summer hours starting May 21 from Noon-6:00! This is in addition to their year-round Saturday opening from 9:00-2:00. They also are starting a Community Garden so come out and enjoy local flavors of NC with events for kids and adults!

Pinewood Elementary & Madison Park Partnership

Neighborhood School Partnership Initiative

A meeting between Pinewood Elementary, Char-Meck Neighborhood Matching Grant (NMG) program and Madison Park on May 1 to determine next steps for project planning. Attendees were Valerie Delby, Laura Handler, Elizabeth Mitchell and Rashaunda Lanier-Jackson. Based on the discussion, it was decided that the allocated funds will be spread across the Extended Learning program and Joint Marketing Planning for next school year. The Fall Festival will fall outside of the timeline for use of the funds therefore we will rely Fully on sponsors and donations (more to come on how you may support this effort) for this event.

Though the \$8K is allocated for these programs, the NMG program requires a grant application be filled out and approved Prior to any programs kickoff. The next grant submission that we are eligible for is in Sept with approval likely by Nov so we will move forward with that process. Valerie Delby and Laura Handler will lead the project through approval.

Freedom School Neighborhood Matching Grant (NMG) –Freedom School begins June 18 and runs through July 30 and we need your support to ensure success of the program! We are allowed to apply \$22.10 per hour of volunteer work toward our grant match so please sign up ASAP to meet our goal!

Volunteers are needed for reading, chaperones and group leaders so please reach out to Laura Handler, at laurak.handler@cms.gaggle.net, for more information or you may sign up online at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E48A8AF29AB9-pinewood>

Thanks to those of you who have already volunteered and we look forward to more from the community to join in on this very rewarding summer program!

A 2nd Pinewood Elementary Kindergarten Beginners Day will be held **May 20 at 9:00 am!** Come out and join the teachers and staff to take a tour of the school, visit classrooms, meet the principal and learn about all of the great things the school has to offer students!

FUNraising event with California Pizza Kitchen (CPK) at SouthPark was a success! The school received almost \$600 from CPK for use on their current programs. Thanks to everyone who participated in this Fundraising event!

Volunteers needed (School Nurse for Mon, Wed, and Fri) until end of school year and someone to help with **office/phone support**, and **classroom proctors** for end of grade testing. Please contact Laura Landler, Pinewood Elementary, at laurak.handler@cms.gaggle.net to volunteer!

Membership Dues

You may pay dues (**\$20 annual per Household**) via **PayPal, Postal Service on in person** at the monthly HOA meeting. For new members, please fill out the application (link below) and email or mail back to the HOA for processing.

Thanks to everyone who has updated their memberships this year and thanks in advance to those who will have it on the way soon!

Application and PayPal (payment option):

Please visit our website at: http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park to access the application and to pay via PayPal.

Postal Service:

Madison Park HOA, PO Box 242432, Charlotte, NC 28244

For questions please contact us at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com

Treasurers Report

For Apr. 15, 2014 through May12, 2014, we received 1 new membership (welcome David and Sandra Hager) and 2 renewal payments:

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|-------------------|--|
| Starting balance: | 3,524.84 |
| Deposits | 60.00 dues |
| Payments | - 641.60 (for storage unit rental and roses for rose garden) |
| Ending balance | 2,943.24 |

Traffic Calming Funds in the amount of \$1,253.80 continue to be held by CODT. The funds are earmarked for vinyl replacements on our signs in the future.

In Closing

The floor was open to any follow-up questions/concerns from the attendees and none were presented therefore we adjourned the meeting.

There were 55 residents in attendance, including one police officer.

Thanks to everyone who attended!