

	Subject:	Madison Park Homeowners' Association Meeting
	Date:	April 13, 2015
	Time:	7:00 p.m.
	Location:	Pinewood Elementary Media Center
	President:	Douglas Welton
	Presenters:	Joe Frey, Cross Charlotte Trail Mike Davis, CDOT
		Attendance:
		28 attendees 1 CMPD officer
http://www.madisonparkcharlotte.org/		

Welcome

President welcomed all attendees to the April meeting.

Recognition of Visitors

We had a newcomer attending, Sara John who lives on the Woodlawn end of Murrayhill

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 paypal 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

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Gold: Spectrum Residential, The Beth Smith Shuey Team @ Keller Williams Realty

Silver: Dry-Pro, Queens University, Carolina Pest Management and the Angel Agency

Announcements

- The property on the southwest corner of the Park Road and Montford Drive intersection is up for rezoning. Lat Purser and Associates will be holding a community meeting on Tuesday, April 14th @ 6:30 pm in their office at 4530 Park Road, suite 300. Lat was in attendance with site plans, introduced himself and gave a brief announcement as to the plan and offered to stay at end of meeting and answer any questions residents may have regarding the proposed plans.
- The Madison Park Book Club is reading *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. They will meet to discuss it on April 28th (fourth Tuesday) at 6:30 pm in the side room of Charlotte Café in Park Road Shopping Center. Please contact Gay Hurst if you have any questions regarding the club at gay.hurst@gmail.com
- City Councilman Kenny Smith is having Town Hall Meeting on Thursday April 16th from 6:30 till 8:00 pm at Sharon United Methodist Church, 4411 Sharon Road. RVSP at 704.336.2180 or koliver@charlottenc.gov
- County Commissioner Trevor Fuller will have a Town Hall Meeting on May 18th at Pinewood Elementary beginning at 6:30PM. Other people from the county will be attending as well as commission chairman with more details forthcoming.
- Sara John is organizing a neighborhood-wide Yard Sale for May 16th. The event will take place in the parking lot at Wedgewood Church. For more info contact Sara at Sarajohn614@gmail.com. Each participant will need to pay \$5 which will pay for the yard sale license and provide your own table. Sara will advertise on Facebook and via postcard. Beth Shuey will provide a shredder for anyone wanting to shred personal information.
- Pinewood has a number of volunteer opportunities available. In particular, they are looking for lunch buddies, mentors, office assistants and media center helpers. For more information <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/pinewoodES/Pages/VolunteerResources.aspx>

- Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation is offering free swim lessons program for youth, ages 3-12, at Ray's Splash Planet, 215 N. Sycamore Street in uptown Charlotte. Swim lessons are offered in monthly sessions and take place on Saturday mornings. Children must attend a pre-registration event with a parent or guardian at Ray's Splash Planet. The next registration session is April 28 at 5:30 p.m. Lessons take place on May 2, 9, 16 and 23. For more information, visit www.parkandrec.com
- Starting March 2015, Charlotte Water (CLTWater) will realign the billing cycles into 17 cycles whose boundaries are more efficiently defined by thoroughfares, neighborhood boundaries and townships. The realignment of cycle boundaries allows CLTWater to significantly reduce the gap between meter reading and billing to around eight days. The project will be finished by May 2015. More Info here: <http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/Utilities/CustomerService/Pages/Billing-Cycle-Alignment.aspx>
- The Madison Park Parents Group is hosting a weekly walk on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 am. The group will meet at Madison Central Park, 805 Seneca Place. For more info contact Stephanie at stephaniejlawson@gmail.com. The Madison Park Parents Group will also have a community play date in the park on Sunday, April 19th at 2pm.
- Madison Park Kids Birthday Party at the park on May 3rd from 3:30-5:30 to celebrate the birthdays in January-June. More info contact Lauren Jones at laurenmary@live.com
- Park Road will be reduced to one lane in each direction between Seneca Place and Cortland Road on Friday, April 17, 2015 at 7 P.M. and will re-open on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at noon. Two way traffic will be maintained on the northbound side of Park Road. Turns from Park Road on to Seneca Place will NOT be allowed. This closure is necessary for utility work on the southbound side of Park Road.
- The Thursday Crochet club begins at the Tyvola Senior Center on April 16th and runs thru May 28th. The group will meet from 10:00 am till noon.
- The Senior Center is also offering "Computer Help with the Guys" every Friday from 9:00 am till Noon, starting May 1st thru May 29th.
- Matt Magnasco has taken the lead for the NeighborWoods grant the city is offering. Gordon Little went to the meeting and the application is due May 15th for Madison Park to participate. We are looking to have 100 people to help plant trees in the neighborhood.
- The 23rd edition of Hands On Charlotte Day will be held on Saturday, April 18th as part of our observation of National Volunteer Week. Each year as many as 1,000 volunteers spend the day serving at dozens of diverse projects across the city, ranging from sorting donated clothing and landscaping Charlotte schools to clearing neighborhood debris and repairing nature trails.
- The next 2nd Friday Social will be held at Brawley on Park Road on Friday May 8th starting at 5:30 pm

Community Reports

Officer Shabeer Mohammad from CMPD addressed the group stating we had a VERY GOOD month; only two events; one larceny from auto and one larceny from residence. He reminded us all to contact him with any questions smohammad@cmpd.org and to call 911 if we see anything suspicious. No reports received as of minutes preparation time.

Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Whittington sent word that not everyone in the neighborhood takes code enforcement seriously.....he wanted to let residents know that he takes his job seriously. If there are violations residents can be issued a citation and fined. If the city has to hire a contractor to correct the violation; the property owner is responsible for paying the invoice for the contracted work. Failure to pay the invoice can result in a lien being placed against the property. For more information see:

<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/nbs/CodeEnforcement/Pages/default.aspx>

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mitch Jackson supplied the following report of HOA funds:

For March 10, 2015 through April 12, 2015, we had the following activity:

Starting balance:	\$ 6,508.76
Deposits	180.36 membership dues
Deposits	25.00 Donation to sign repair
Deposits	80.00 Donation to HOA from Jared Sweet
Payments	- 69.00 Public Storage (2 months)
Ending balance	\$ 6,725.12

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.

Presidents Report

- Madison Park HOA has received approval for a \$7,916 Neighborhood Matching Grant. Moneys from this grant will be used to improve joint communication efforts by the HOA and Pinewood Elementary. The grant was signed off on April 9th. We have one year to spend the money.
- Repairs to the Madison Central Park Sign are currently in progress. The board is working on a long-term strategy for managing future maintenance-related expenses. The sign should be repaired and reinstalled within the next two weeks.
- About thirty-ish big and little people showed up for the Third Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Madison Central Park. Special thanks to Carly Baker for being an uber-volunteer for the event.
- Pinewood Partners meeting is April 16th. Includes school personnel, HOA and other community organizations.
- Park Road Shopping Center has petitioned for rezoning of the old Monkey Joe's space, which fronts Woodlawn Road. (2015-57). I have reached out to PRSC to see if we can have someone come out and talk at an HOA meeting. I haven't gotten any feedback yet.
- Margaret and I attended the Neighborhood Matching Grant orientation meeting on March 12.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools is taking the first steps in a wholesale review of how it assigns students to schools, and everything will be on the table – from school boundaries to the rules for the magnet lottery. The HOA is specifically working on requesting a change to our middle school and high school assignments for our neighborhood. These requested changes could increase our home values by the sheer fact that we would be in a "more desirable" school district. Let your voices be heard and help us to hopefully get the boundaries changed.
- Hard copies of the March meeting Minutes were made available in the Little Free Library on Gentry Place. This will continue as long as copies are being taken and read.

Speakers

Joe Frey, Cross Charlotte Trail

This is a 26 mile trail from Pineville to Cabarrus County that will allow users to bike / hike across the county in an area separated from vehicular traffic. Currently there are 7.6 existing trail miles of the Cross Charlotte Trail; the county will complete 5.5 miles of the trail and the city to complete 12.8 miles for a total of 25.9 miles. It will be more than JUST a place to walk....it becomes a Transportation System. Access to trails ranked as second most important community amenity and effects transportation, economic development, property values and quality of life. This trail will also create Economic Development around it by drawing businesses to the area. People want to live close to trails, businesses move close to where the talent that resides there. Currently Charlotte is the 16th most populous city in the US and ranks 36th for the miles of trail we have (including the 26 miles of Cross Charlotte Trail). There are 80,000 residents and 98,000 jobs located within ½ mile radius of the trail. The #1 priority is to complete the section between Brandywine and Tyvola within 5 years. Funding will come from street bonds with voters deciding. The

schedule for construction would be conceptual design / modeling to be complete by Fall 2015; real estate acquisitions to be complete by Spring 2017; Final design / permitting through 2016 and bidding and construction to happen 2017 -2019 if funded by Public Improvement Bonds in 2016. This trail will become part of the Carolina Thread Trails system. For more information you may call Joe at 704-336-5276 or email at jfrey@ci.charlotte.nc.us or go to website: <http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/charlottefuture/CIP/Pages/Cross-Charlotte-Trail.aspx>

Mike Davis, CDOT, Developmental Services Division Manager

Mike explained that his job is to look at the whole impact of redevelopment in an area (not just one project; but multiple ones). Charlotte Department of Transportation's key goal isConnecting Charlotte. CDOT is committed to enhancing the driving, bicycling and walking experience through planning, operating and maintaining the City's transportation choices for residents and visitors. An important objective is to sustain, maintain and enhance the City's transportation infrastructure. CharMeck Metropolitan area ranks 20th in US populations and 21st in congestion. The city / county is focusing on transportation corridors (i.e. South Boulevard Corridor) and mixed use activity centers (i.e. Southpark and Park Road areas). The millennials are not necessarily interested in getting in a car to access amenities. They want more walkable, bikeable areas so growth happens around activity centers. The goal is to make every rezoning fit the puzzle better.....being safer with better connectivity. There is more interest in infield development instead of going farther outside of the city to create new areas of development. For more information contact Mike at 704-336-3938 or madavis@ci.charlotte.nc.us.

May Meeting reminders

The next MPHOA meeting will be on Monday, May 11th at 7:00 PM; the speakers will include Judy Barnes, former president of the Garden Club of North Carolina, and Ernie McLaney from Charlotte Reconnecting Ourselves With Nature (CROWN).

The April meeting was adjourned shortly after 8 PM.