

## Madison Park HOA – April 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Valerie Delby, HOA President, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM and welcomed everyone in attendance including our guest speakers (below) who presented during the second half of the meeting:

**Rashaunda Lanier-Jackson, CMS Community Partnership Coordinator**, attended the meeting to introduce herself to Madison Park as our new community liaison to help support the neighborhood and Pinewood Elementary joint programs. The HOA is currently working with Ms. Lanier-Jackson on multiple projects at Pinewood and look forward to great collaboration efforts in the future.

**Grey Poole, Selwyn Property Group and Susanne Todd, attorney for Johnston, Allison and Byrd representing Selwyn Property Group** for their proposed “Park at Montford” mixed use development project.

**NOTE:** Selwyn Property Group presented at the end of the HOA meeting and discussed the current proposed plan that has not yet been presented to the city. The elevation and plans should be considered tentative and are expected to change after a review from the city in addition to input from the neighborhood. Mr. Poole and Ms. Todd offered to have a separate Neighborhood meeting to discuss site plan revisions and the date/time are noted below.

**-City Rezoning meeting will be held May 5 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm** on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the CharMeck Government Center located at 600 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street. This meeting will be an open forum and include multiple proposed rezoning projects.

**-Selwyn Property Group will hold a Community meeting** to discuss Comments that the city should provide after the May 5 meeting along with their Revised plan. This meeting will allow for additional discussion from Madison Park Residents with the developer. The meeting will be held **May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Park Road Baptist Church (in the former Chapel) located at 3900 Park Road.**

***New Update:*** **Malcolm Sanders from Marion Diehl Recreation Center** had a previous meeting so will present upcoming events and available programs for spring and summer 2014 at the May HOA meeting.

**Crime Statistics (Note: Address is the street Block, not individual home location):**  
Officer Thomas Gwaltney of the Westover Division introduced our NEW community police officer, Shabeer Mohammad who told us a little about himself. He then presented the following monthly crime statistics for our community:

Complaint No	Date	Est. Day	Address	Incident Type
20140319-1436-05	19-MAR-2014	UNK	4700 block of HUNTER CREST LN	Larceny from Auto
20140325-1228-00	25-MAR-2014	MON	1500 block of TYVOLA DR	Sexual Assault (between known parties)
20140325-1719-00	25-MAR-2014	TUE	1900 block of TYVOLA RD	Residential Burglary

Numerous residents voiced their concerns regarding the dangerous intersection at Montford and Halstead. Cut through traffic, running the stop signs and speeding through the intersection were some of the concerns addressed. The officers said they would do some patrol / observations regarding the residents' concerns in the upcoming weeks. Email for our new community officer is [smohammad@cmpd.org](mailto:smohammad@cmpd.org).

### **Neighborhood School Partnership Initiative for Pinewood Elementary (Summit Completed)**

On Saturday, April 5 approximately 20 people attended the Neighborhood Summit sponsored by the City of Charlotte to help discuss projects we could work on jointly between the school and neighborhood to better serve the students and community.

After a half-day session the group came away with 3 potential projects for 2014 (Extended Learning, Marketing Planning & a Fall Festival) that will be vetted over the next couple of months. Based on the participation and completion of the summit, the city awarded Pinewood \$8,000 in Grant funding to support their projects!

A Thank You goes out to those in the community and City of Charlotte volunteers who participated in the summit! The HOA will continue to update you on the progress of the projects throughout the year!

### **Ongoing Projects:**

**Freedom School Neighborhood Matching Grant** – Madison Park was approved for just under \$10,000 in the form of a neighborhood matching grant by the City of Charlotte to help fund Year 1 of a Freedom School program at Pinewood Elementary!!

Volunteers are needed for reading, chaperones and group leaders so please reach out to Laura Handler, at [laurak.handler@cms.gaggle.net](mailto:laurak.handler@cms.gaggle.net), to lend a helping hand!

Many Thanks go out to Laura Handler, Marty Doss, Atalie Secoy and Elizabeth Mitchell for their support and guidance through this process!!

### **Pinewood Partners Quarterly Meeting**

The quarterly meeting was held April 10 at Pinewood Elementary with participants from the school, neighborhood, city and civic organizations. Below were the key topics discussed during the meeting:

***Pinewood Elementary Kindergarten Beginners Day*** is **April 22 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*** at SouthPark Mall location from **April 13-17!** The school will receive 20% of your check total will be donated to the school. So head out to CPK for a great meal and a wonderful cause!

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

Representatives from the City of Charlotte's Nutrition team (in collaboration and partnership with the Aetna Foundation, UNC Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, and No Kid Hungry) presented the:

**NOURISH (Nutritious Options United with Research to Improve Students Health)** program whose underlying mantra is:

Feeding students breakfast = Feeding students brains!

The program helps support students in achieving their nutritional goals by starting their day with a meal to help he achieve their health and academic goals. The program is available to 3 schools and Pinewood is one that is in consideration to be a host site.

If you would like to know more or how to support this program please contact Dr. Spring Dawson McClure at [srdm@live.unc.edu](mailto:srdm@live.unc.edu) and reference the Pinewood Elementary program!

### **Greenway Update**

There will be an open forum meeting on April 21 at 6PM at Queens Sport Complex to discuss the next section of Greenway construction. This section will run from Queens to Huntingtown Farms Park, connecting the Greenway from the current end section behind Park Road Shopping Center.

### **Neighborwoods Program**

On March 13th, Matt Magnasco attended a pre-application workshop for the Neighborwoods program. It went through the process and the steps necessary to get a Neighborwoods tree day to happen in Madison Park. Matt submitted the HOA's letter of intent on March 26th.

Louise Bhavnani and Nicole Storey of Neighborhood & Business Services have offered come out to the HOA one month and present the program to the community.

Neighborwoods is 1 program out of many run/sponsored by Trees Charlotte. Their goal is to plant 10,000 trees per year, as part of the City's larger effort to achieve 50% tree canopy by the year 2050.

There are 2 types of events that can occur: Tree Days and Tree Stores.

- Tree Days are just what they sound like -- the neighborhood and Trees Charlotte volunteers plant a bunch of trees in the neighborhood. This would be more likely for Madison Park as we have ~35% tree canopy today.
- Tree stores are for neighborhoods with a better existing canopy and is intended to fill in gaps. For this, they deliver a bunch of trees and people install them themselves.

The City staff and Trees Charlotte specifically say that the neighborhood has to take ownership of this program. They want to see 20% neighborhood participation, and the grant application requires people to fill specific roles.

The specific roles that must be filled are the following:

1. Project manager

2. Tree Stewards (1 per 50 trees planted plus 1 per common area planted) 3. Community correspondent

The project manager is the City's contact and is in charge of getting everything applied for, implemented, coordinated, and reported. Matt has volunteered to be the PM for the community.

The tree stewards ensure that trees are being watered on a consistent basis; remind residents of how to properly care for their trees; and, in the case of the common area tree stewards, for watering the trees. [

The community correspondent handles PR, marketing, and publicity.

#### SCHEDULE:

Now: Landscape Management is reviewing the neighborhood to see if we're a Tree Store or a Tree Day neighborhood

August 15: Applications due

September: Notification of if we've been selected or not

Neighborhoods workshop -- logistics & planning meeting for the Tree Day/Tree Store event October 15, 2014 through March 15, 2015: Planting -- date & time to be our choosing.

More info: <http://treescharlotte.org/what-we-do/neighborhoods/> <http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/nbs/communityengagement/Pages/NeighborWoods.aspx>

**Adopt-A-Street** - Margaret Sexton and Matt Magnasco of the Madison Park HOA board are scheduling TWO Adopt-A-Street events for this year; the first of which will be **Saturday, April 26th** with another in the fall when it is cool. Please contact either Margaret or Matt to volunteer for the event which will start at 9:00 AM at Madison Central Park. ([margaretsexton@carolina.rr.com](mailto:margaretsexton@carolina.rr.com) / [nggofers@bellsouth.net](mailto:nggofers@bellsouth.net) )

All persons interested in helping should show up at the Park at 9AM (the more volunteers, the quicker we finish), with plans of completing all work before noon. Those interested in doing the Adopt a Street roadside pickup will move over to Marion Diehl off of Tyvola to begin cleanup and return to Madison Central Park after all roadside debris has been disposed of. The people remaining at the Madison Central Park will work on cleaning up trash, clearing walking trail of weeds and digging and placing timbers to keep crush & run from spilling off the ends of the trails. Volunteers please wear closed toed shoes, bring work-gloves and any tools that might be helpful. Roadside cleanup crew will be supplied with brightly colored work vests, bags, and pickup tools.

**Trash Collection** – Ingrid Lachner (Lead) will continue to maintain trash bags and Rebecca Mihalko & Sharon Wilkerson volunteered to remove the trash for March and April. Thank you for jumping in to help out!

We are now looking for people who could help out with the trash collection from June through the remainder of the year so please contact the HOA.

**New Website and Facebook page**– We are working with a neighborhood volunteer web developer to help build the new website and Facebook page and hope to have them live over the next few months. More to come soon!

**Social Meetup update:**

The HOA held a Social Meetup on March 24 to open the door for the community to let us know the type of events you would like to see the HOA participate in this year and below are the top events discussed that we will hold this year. Thanks to those who were able to come out and brainstorm on things of interest to the entire community!

As you can see there will be a lot of great events throughout the year and we hope to everyone comes out to meet your neighbors and have fun!

If anyone is interested in participating in any of the events as a volunteer or sponsor please contact the HOA at [madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com](mailto:madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com).

**2014 Neighborhood Events in the works:**

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Valerie Delby (lead). Join us on April 19 from 10:00-11:00 at Madison Central Park to have a day of fun at old fashioned Easter Egg Hunt! All kids welcome!

**Disc Golf Tournament** – Valerie Delby and Sam Perkins (leads). Event to be in partnership with Brawley's Beverage and Catawba Riverkeepers and will have sessions focused on kids and adults. Look for more information in late Spring!

**Summer Movie in the Park** – Valerie Delby (lead). We are working with local sponsors to have an evening of fun in Madison Central Park with popcorn, ice cream, snacks and a movie. More to come in the next couple of months!

**Fall Festival** – Valerie Delby & Pinewood Elementary PTA (leads). We will be co-sponsoring a Fall Festival with Pinewood Elementary tentatively in late October. We are looking for sponsors and volunteers to take part in planning discussions in June. Please contact the HOA if you are interested in participating!

**Trunk Or Treat** – Madison Park HOA (lead). The Madison Park Mom's group will hold their annual holiday social in Madison Central Park in October. We will need donations of candy and treats plus volunteers to help out at the event so everyone is welcome to participate.

**Holiday Hope Ball Event** – Andrew Gale (lead). We are happy to take part in creating Hope Ball's (lighted ornaments meant to hang from trees) again this year. This project, which supports the local charity A Child's Place, will be held tentatively in November and we will update everyone once a date and location has been set. If you would like to volunteer to help Andrew with this project please contact him directly at [andrewgale@carolina.rr.com](mailto:andrewgale@carolina.rr.com).

**Annual Holiday Social Dinner** – Madison Park HOA (lead). We will hold our annual event again this year at the Wedgewood Church Annex building in early December. More information will be provided later in the year but early volunteer sign-up is always welcome!

***Other events of interest that need Leads are:***

Bike Outing, Community Consignment and Yard Sale, Pet Parade, Dodgeball tournament, & Garden Club.

**Membership Dues**

You may pay dues 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](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](mailto:madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com)

**Treasurers Report:**

For Mar. 10, 2014 through Apr. 14, 2014, we received 2 new memberships (welcome Arch Legrone and Lisa Fabian) and 20 renewal payments:

Starting balance:	\$ 3406.86
Deposits	\$ 540.72 (all dues, except \$100 from O.J. Paris for disc golf replacement)
Payments	\$ 422.74 (for storage unit rental and roses for rose garden)
Ending balance	\$ 3,524.84

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 51 residents in attendance, including two police officers.

Thanks to everyone who attended!