

Madison Park HOA January 13, 2013 Meeting Notes/Minutes

Valerie Delby, VP of HOA, welcomed everyone to the meeting & introduced guest speaker Laura Handler, Math Facilitator at Pinewood Elementary, to discuss the HOA's joint effort with the school to launch a Freedom School starting in summer of 2014. (See below for more details)

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. Martin Doss, Valerie Delby and Laura Handler (Pinewood Elementary) met on 12-18-13 to discuss the grant application process and set a plan in action to attempt to obtain a grant to support the program. One of the requirements from the city (pre-application) is to attend a Grant Workshop which Mitch Jackson, Laura Handler and Valerie Delby completed on 1-9-14.

Part of the grant match is made of volunteer time (approximately \$20 for each volunteer hour); we would like to ask that anyone interested in helping with the program please let us know by Feb. 13. The deadline for the grant application is Feb. 15 and 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 in the year 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 Freedom School 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!

Once the application is submitted, it will be reviewed by the city and a meeting will take place in March where the application will be "graded" based on a point system. If we have enough points to pass then we will be approved for the grant. We will be give 3 minutes to speak at the meeting prior to approval and Laura Handler will be the spokesperson for the submission with onsite support from Madison Park members as well as the local churches.

The HOA provided as Volunteer sheet during the meeting and 8 people signed up to volunteer...Thank You!
The Freedom School project costs approximately \$60,000 for six weeks with 25% of the cost going toward transportation. The grant will help offset the cost of supplies and books and the participating churches will also be offering monetary support and volunteers.

For more information on Freedom Schools you may visit: www.freedomschoolpartners.org

Please contact us at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com if you are interested in working on this wonderful project!

Crime Statistics were presented by Office Katie Schwartz and are as follows (**Note: Address is the street Block, not individual home location**):

Complaint No	Date	Street BLOCK	Incident Type	Clearance Status
20131213-0639-00	13-DEC-2013	500 E WOODLAWN RD	Residential Burglary	Boyfriend/girlfriend got into argument – boyfriend leaves residence to “cool off”. When he returns home, he finds his tv’s and gaming system was taken. When detectives follow up on the case, turns out girlfriend took items but has since returned them.
20131224-0817-02	24-DEC-2013	5300 FURMAN PL	Other Criminal Charge	Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle – Victim advised a friend took their car without their permission and have not returned it.
20131229-1249-01	29-DEC-2013	5300 MILFORD RD	Auto Theft	Victim reported the theft of his Jeep from his residence. The theft occurred sometime in a two day period while victim was gone. Vehicle was recovered in Rowan County several days after report was made

Office Schwartz stated during the holidays violent crime and break-ins are normally up; but not the case in our neighborhood, in fact we had neither during the time period. She also reminded us to call 911 if you see ANYTHING that looks suspicious; better safe than sorry. Make sure your window / door locks and flood lights are working properly. Also record the serial numbers of your electronics and yard equipment; if stolen, they can be easily identified for recovery. If you have an alarm system, MAKE SURE it is REGISTERED with the police department; **if not registered the police department cannot respond if the alarm is activated.**

2013 Recap

Holiday Social – Thanks again to the following for making this a wonderful event:

Sponsor – Tryon House Restaurant for the side dishes
 Food Servers - Margaret Sexton, Richard Akers, Jennifer Delorm and Valerie Delby
 Punch and Drinks – Sue Valentine Plyer and Martin Doss
 Decorations – The Gunter family and Bernice Ledford
 Flowers – Ingrid Lachner
 Singers – The fantastic Pinewood Elementary children’s choir

Many helped setup and clean-up afterward so thanks to everyone who participated.

We also participated in the Angel Tree donation for Pinewood Elementary supporting 2 families with a cost to the HOA of \$288.79. The families sent a Thank You card to the association and community for making their holiday special.

Board Elections

During the Nov. 11, 2013 meeting we accepted Board nominations and closed the nomination period. The slate was read for 2014 and a motion was made and seconded to approve the 2014 list. The Board voted to fill the Treasurer role that was to become vacant Jan. 1, 2014. The new Treasurer is Mitch Jackson, an active member of the community with a background in Finance. We welcome Mitch to the Board!

Going into 2014 we do not have a named President so the Board met at 6:30 this evening to determine how we should proceed. It was decided by vote that we will move forward with the current officers and board members rotating the position until a named person is selected. During this period, the person who is acting as interim President will be responsible for running the monthly meetings and reporting back to the officers. Currently Douglas Welton has agreed to serve as interim president for February, March, and April with Valerie Delby serving in the role January, May and June. We will keep this in place until a time at which we have the position filled. As a reminder the President role may only be filled by current Board members so we hope to have someone full time soon.

The 2014 Board members are:

Officers (1 year term):

Rotating (interim) - President
Valerie Delby – Vice President
Margaret Sexton – Secretary
Mitch Jackson – Treasurer

Directors (2 year term):

Martin Doss
Cheryl Furr
Matt Magnasco
Dee McCandlish
Russell Hodge
Douglas Welton
Richard Todd

For additional contact information please visit our site at:

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

Minutes Correction

The crime statistics provided by CMPD from the Nov. 11, 2013 **HOA meeting minutes are listed by block as opposed to individual street location.** We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

On to 2014...Community Updates and Ongoing Efforts

Membership Dues

It's that time of year again to pay your annual membership dues (\$20). You may do so by mail, online or at one of our monthly association meetings. For more information about the association and the link to pay online please check out http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park

Thanks to those who have paid their dues to date!

Disk Golf Update

We have had several people from the neighborhood email their support of taking donations to replace the disk golf basket that was stolen a few months ago (replacement cost is approximately \$400). If you would like to make a donation or know of any organization who would like to contribute then please contact the HOA and let us know.

Our goal would be to collect half the money in donations if possible then the HOA would pay the remainder. We also have volunteers from the community offer to setup the new basket once it's purchased.

Thanks for everyone's support and donations to date!

New for 2014 – Sub-committees and project team leaders:

To help keep projects running smoothly the board met earlier this evening and discussed the creation of sub-committees for each project we take on this year. We've done similar things in the past but we will move to be a bit more formal by having named team leaders who will run the project and report activities to the board. The sub-committees can rotate members but the team leader will be responsible for reporting progress to the board. The goal is to help keep our projects on target with any timeline requirement(s) from the city, provide the association and community a current update on the status of each project and hopefully get more community involvement.

Currently we are reviewing options of having an online project calendar to allow people to login and select any projects they wish to participate in. An online calendar would be a positive step forward but we have to keep in mind maintenance and cost so we will keep everyone updated on our progress if that is something we can put in place. In the meantime, to request to participate in any current or future project (or offer to create/lead a new project) you may email the HOA at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com and let us know what you are interested in.

Projects that need Sub-committee Leaders are:

- 1) Madison Central Park trash collection – We have someone from the community collecting the trash on a weekly basis (Thank you!) but need extra hands to help out. We would like to have collection duties on a monthly basis with members from the community so if you are interested please let us know. If we do not continue to maintain the receptacle then it will be removed so it is very important that we have volunteers to help out on an ongoing basis.

- 2) Welcome Packets – We have had success in mailing welcome packets to new homeowners in the community and would like to continue this project for 2014 and are looking for someone to lead that effort. The packets include information on the community, including the CMPD approved Madison Park auto clings, HOA membership application and city regulations with contact information so it's a nice starter kit for someone just moving into the neighborhood.
- 3) Holiday Social – Though it's many months away we still want to make sure anyone who is interested in working on the social feel free to let us know. Even with bad weather the event this year was a great success and we look forward to the next one.
- 4) Rose Garden – Ongoing upkeep and maintenance. Need residents with knowledge of proper care and upkeep of rose bushes.
- 5) Madison Central Park – We have clean-up workday events twice a year involving a large number of people from the community to assist in whatever is needed at the time usually lasting about 3 hours.
- 6) Adopt-A-Street – Roadside Trash pick-ups which typically take place twice a year and lasting less than 2 hours (depending on the number of volunteers that assists).
- 7) National Night Out – We had a hugely successful NNO in 2013, which was recognized across the U.S. so we hope to continue that momentum into 2014!
- 8) Membership Drive – To help drive new membership we are looking for a group of folks to brainstorm on ideas to reach more people in the community so if you want to get involved in the neighborhood this would be a fantastic place to start.

After discussion regarding the option to create Sub-committees, Valerie Delby asked the board to make a motion to institute Sub-committees for HOA projects for 2014. The motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to move forward.

We asked for any volunteers to lead or participate in the committee's I have mentioned or others and several people are considering leading or participating in the ones listed above.

Everyone is encouraged to jump in and give one of them a try! By getting involved in a committee it is a great way to get involved in the community, give back, meet your neighbors and continue to make our neighborhood a great place to live.

While we are on the topic of Projects, here is an Update on Closed and Open projects:

Treebanding:

The neighborhood treebanding project was a success, Thanks to everyone who participated! We have requested that the grant be formally closed. For any questions or concerns regarding the bands, please feel free to contact Silver Duck Treebanding Services at 704-779-4395 or info@Treebanding.com.

Art Sculpture:

We applied for a grant to obtain an art sculpture to be placed in the community but we were not selected as a recipient. No formal information was provided as to why Madison Park was not selected but the city uses a point system when making their final decision and we were not in the Top 5. Thanks for everyone's efforts in

applying for the grant, especially Douglas Welton and Martin Doss who used their time to attempt to obtain the artwork for the community!

HOA and Pinewood Retreat grant (one day community-school project)

The grant was approved in December for \$8,000! The grant requires a retreat for the HOA Board and Pinewood Elementary and will be held in the spring.

Thanks to everyone who assisted in making this happen!

The Treasurers report was presented by Mitch Jackson as follows:

For Nov. 12 through December 31, 2013, we added 1 new membership. We started with a balance of \$4789.22, added deposits totaling \$791.26 and made payments of \$2542.76, leaving an ending balance of \$3,037.72.

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.

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

There were 22 residents in attendance including two new residents (Daniel Lyon and Chris Gardner).

Thanks to everyone who attended!