

Madison Park HOA – July 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Valerie Delby, HOA President, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM and welcomed everyone in attendance; including first time attendee's who were asked to introduce themselves.

Crime Statistics

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

Madison Park CMPD community representatives, Officer Shabeer Mohammad of the Westover Division was in attendance. Officer Mohammad presented the following monthly crime statistics for our community from June 6 to July 13, 2014:

Area	Madison Park, Madison Park		
Date Range	6/9/2014 - 7/13/2014		
Complaint No	Date	Street Block	Incident Type
20140612-1513-00	12-JUN-2014	800 STANFIELD DR	Residential Burglary
20140629-1212-01	29-JUN-2014	800 BROCKBANK RD	Larceny-Other

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.

Traffic Calming (speeding) on Halstead:

Officer Mohammad reported that CMPD continues to monitor Halstead to help with traffic calming on the street. Both warnings and citations have been given to persons speeding in the area.

NOTE: See section, "**Traffic Calming Speed Hump – NEW CDOT INFORMATION**", for additional information on Speed Hump requests.

The following information has been presented by CMPD at previous meetings and we will continue to post this to the Minutes throughout 2014:

- CMPD suggested be sure to keep blinds, shades and curtains closed at night as well as to secure your outdoor sheds and electrical boxes to help avoid crime.
- 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.
- Residents are to be aware that there are people who come into the neighborhood and stand in front of homes to connect to residents Wi-Fi internet. Be sure to **Password protect your Wi-Fi connection** and report anyone suspicious in the area by calling 911.

Safety Starts At Home

What You Can Do To Keep Madison Park Safe

1. Make sure your house is well lit. Turn on outside lights, spotlights, motion lights, etc. Leave several inside lights on timers while you are away to give your home that lived in look.
2. All exterior doors should be steel or made with a solid core. Deadbolts should be used to lock and secure your doors. A good deadbolt should have a 1" throw. If you have glass within 40" of the lock a burglar could reach in and unlock the door. A double cylinder lock (this type needs a key on both sides to unlock) should be used if glass is near the lock.
3. With sliding glass doors a pin through the frame, a locking device or broomstick in the track will help prevent the door from being opened from outside.
4. Do not leave a spare key hidden outside your house. Do not leave extra keys to your home or vehicle inside any of your vehicles, even if they are parked inside your garage.
5. Landscaping should not create hiding spaces or block windows or doors of your residence. Trees and shrubbery should be properly pruned to keep them from providing access to upper floors and creating blind spots.
6. Secure windows with locks or pins for both closed and partially opened positions. Use blinds and curtains for privacy.
7. Remove anything an intruder could use to gain access to your home i.e., ladders, wood, tables, chairs, lawn tools and children toys.
8. As an added since of security some residents have installed alarm systems. Consult with alarm companies for differences in the systems and decide which would benefit you. The alarm system can only help if it used. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department requires that alarm systems be registered with the police department.

Guest Speakers

Brian Sturgill & Sophia Hollingsworth - CharMeck Connected Government - Connected government (also known as e-gov, digital government, or online government) refers to the use of information technology to transform government operations, engage citizens, and provide government services. It is an enterprise's predominant customer service strategy and drives technology priorities and resources. In general, it is a way of connecting local government with the public in an electronic format that the public can easily access.

They opened their session, by asking some questions about how well residents knew about their local government. Did you know city elections are held on odd numbered years and county elections are held on even numbered years? Thus this year's elections are all county elections, county council NOT city council. Did you know if you need a speaker for an event, you can go to meckconnect.org to find one?

Initiatives currently in place:

- CharMeck.org – redesign of the County website to represent modern browser experience including addition of responsive design and accessibility features.
- Enterprise Architecture – establish a common terminology across agencies and consumers to define structures, people, places, and things. Provide better ways for business partners to interact with and integrate with existing County data sources.
- Open Data – currently engaged with the City of Charlotte and Code For America to deliver a What's Happening application that will allow citizens to subscribe to a variety of events happening within a geographic location (demo of ongoing product: <http://vimeo.com/99661866>)
- Business Intelligence – provide dashboards and other data representations to Citizens to access current and relevant information (Budget Dashboards: <http://charmeck.org/mecklenburg/county/CountyManagersOffice/OMB/dashboards/Pages/default.aspx>)

For more information on the Connected Government plan visit: <http://maps.co.mecklenburg.nc.us/cgplan/>

Jodi Anderson & Reed Hunt – Charlotte District Attorney's Office. They discussed how the District Attorney's personnel are assigned to various teams and may work on different types of crimes. The teams are: Misdemeanor, Misdemeanor Appeals & Probation Violation, Domestic Violence, Drug, Crimes Against

Property, Crimes against Persons, Homicide, Sex Offense, Juvenile and Habitual Felons. More information regarding the local office structure may be found on:

<http://charmeckda.com/districtattorney/officestructure.html>

They briefly discussed the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina devised by the NC General Assembly. Structured Sentencing is the method of sentencing and punishing criminals based on the severity of the crime along with the extent and gravity of prior criminal record. Based on these two factors, it provides judges with sentencing options for the type and length of sentences which may be imposed upon a guilty verdict. Class A felonies results in automatic prison sentence while a Class I felony results in Probation. For more information regarding NC's Structured Sentencing go to:

<http://www.nccourts.org/Courts/CRS/Councils/spac/Documents/citizenguide2010.pdf>

They also briefly discussed the Three Prior Felonies are considered three separate occurrence – convictions without crossovers. They explained the difference between B & E (no one at home) and Burglary (B&E when someone is home). They also discussed legal process from a DA's perspective and provided updates to current open items. Individuals who have been victims of crime may contact the DA's office at 704-686-0700 to obtain a status on the case. Note, the DA's office does not post or publish case information nor do they provide information to citizens who do not have an open or pending case. For more information see: <http://charmeckda.com/index.html>

Hannah Turner – Charlotte Eagles. The Charlotte Eagles are an American professional soccer team based in Charlotte; they play in the American Division 3rd tier and have home games at the Queens Sports Complex on Tyvola Road. They have both men's and women's teams and this year the **women's team is playing in the playoffs with a game at 7:00 pm Saturday July 19.** Come out to root for your home team and help support this great organization.

For more information visit, <http://www.charlotteeagles.com/index.html>

Neighborhood and Community

"Park at Montford" mixed use proposed development

Park on Montford rezoning petition has been withdrawn by developer, Selwyn Property Group. Based on feedback from the community in regards to the proposed development, Selwyn Property Group has withdrawn their rezoning petition for the properties between Park Road, Woodlawn and Drexmore. It has not yet been determined if the developer will pursue purchase of the property as the proposed development was contingent upon rezoning. The area is currently zoned for commercial use and the developer was petitioning to rezone to allow for residential (apartments) and commercial use.

Housing Development at "700 Woodlawn" – Rezoning Petition 2014-029

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

-Petition has not yet been approved. The HOA has contacted the city representative for more information and will update when we have something confirmed.

For more information on rezoning:

<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/planning/Rezoning/RezoningPetitions/2014Petitions/Pages/2014-029.aspx>

Tree banding Grant – The HOA will apply for a neighborhood grant to obtain funds to allow the community to receive discounted rates to band their trees in the Fall for canker worms. We have partnered again with SilverDuck Tree banding to meet with the city and apply for a grant.

There will be a pre-application meeting in August that Valerie Delby will attend on behalf of the community, and then we will officially begin the application process which is due Sept. 1.

It should be noted that Tree banding is the only grant eligible to apply for when a community is in process of another primary grant. Madison Park will apply for grant funding for Pinewood Elementary's after school program and marketing efforts in Sept, which is the same time period that we will also apply for Tree banding.

We will continue to update the community as we move through the process.

Traffic Calming Speed Hump – NEW CDOT INFORMATION

There was an open discussion regarding the desire for an additional speed hump off Wedgewood. The HOA contacted CDOT in regards to rules for speed humps and Chip Gallop of CDOT informed us that **CDOT no longer funds speed humps (regardless of traffic count)** as they deem this as the responsibility of the neighborhood. This is a change to the former regulations that allowed CDOT to fund the speed hump if a threshold of 1,000 vehicles per day used a road (or section thereof). That is no longer the process.

As part of the current rules, CDOT is available to install speed humps as a fee of \$2,400 each.

For more information please visit:

<http://charmack.org/city/charlotte/Transportation/Traffic/Pages/Speed%20Humps.aspx>

Madison Central Park - Trash Collection

-We are still looking for both a Lead to maintain bags for the can and for people who could help out with the trash collection for August, Sept., Oct and December (July & Nov are covered...thank you!). Please contact the HOA at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to remove debris from the container this year!

Neighborhoods Program

Matt Magnasco, Madison Park HOA Director, spoke to the attendees and updated them that he received less than 2% of community interest in the program therefore we will table the program until 2015 to allow time to continue to promote the program. If you are interested in participating and/or working with Matt to reach out to everyone in the neighborhood please contact the HOA at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com with the Subject "Neighborhood Interest".

For more information on Neighborhoods, visit www.treescharlotte.org.

2014 Neighborhood Upcoming Events

Charlotte Knights Baseball game (July 19 @ 7:00pm) – Douglas Welton (lead).

-Group tickets were purchased and distributed to participants earlier this month. Madison Park will be sitting in **section 102**. If you would like to attend feel free to purchase individual tickets and stop by the Madison Park area to socialize. We will be recognized on the scoreboard during the game so thanks to everyone who pre-purchased tickets as it is sure to be a family-friendly event at the new BB&T stadium!

Social Meetup @ Duckworth's (August 1 @ 5:30) - Valerie Delby (lead).

-By popular demand we will hold another **social meet-up** in August! Come out and meet your neighbors while enjoying good food and half price bottles of wine at **Duckworth's**! We hope to see you there!

Thanks to everyone who came out for Midweek on Montford for our "Pub & Pins" night at Braswells Pub and TEN Park Lanes!

Senior Center – Bullying presentation and Bake Sale

-Presentation on Bullying Tue., July 15 at 10:00. The presentation will focus on how to recognize signs of bullying, ways to help cope and deal with the situation, as well as roles we can play to reduce bullying

-Bake sale Thursday, August 28, 2014 from 10am-2pm. The center is looking for help with baked goods so if you are interesting in providing a dish or to Pre-order the baked goods please stop by the center and fill out your information on the sign-up sheet in the binder marked BAKE SALE. For more information contact April McDonald, at tyvola1assist@cmseniorcenters.org www.cmseniorcenters.org

- View programs/services and a full class list for July & Aug on the site.
Thanks to everyone who participated in the Basket raffle and Golf Classic!

Wedgewood Farmers Market

Located at 4800 Wedgewood Drive (intersection of Tyvola Rd and Wedgewood, the Farmers Market is open **Wednesday Noon-6:00 and Saturday from 9:00-2:00.** Come out and enjoy local food and vendors!

Disc golf tournament and Movie in the Park

Both events are still on the agenda for later this summer so stay on the lookout for more information.

-Thank You to Stacy Raynor & Lisa Charde who have volunteered to co-chair the Movie in the Park event with Valerie Delby! The committee is in process of determining site location, sponsors and date in cooperation with CMS (and Pinewood Elementary) so stay tuned for more information in the next few weeks!

Yard of the Month

Please contact Margaret Sexton, Madison Park Secretary, if you are interested in starting up this program. You may reach Margaret at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com with subject "Yard of the Month volunteer".

Pinewood Elementary & Madison Park Partnership

Freedom School Neighborhood Matching Grant (NMG) –Freedom School kicked off on June 18 and is in full swing! We are still looking for **volunteers through July 30** so please contact 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 for those of you who plan too soon!

Community Fall Festival (Saturday, October 18, time to be determine)– Madison Park HOA has partnered with Pinewood Elementary PTA to co-host this years Fall Festival at Pinewood Elementary. The Fall Festival will include local arts and crafts vendors, banking sponsors as well as bouncy houses and outdoor fun for the entire family.

We are looking for individuals and business to Sponsor and Volunteer for the event so please contact Valerie Delby at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com for more information.

This will be our first combined event which incorporates elements of National Night Out and the schools Fall Festival into one community event and we hope to hold it annually! It will be an afternoon of fun for everyone!

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. Membership is only \$20 per household per year.

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):

On-line through PayPal:

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park/pages/522222 (hold "ctrl" key down before clicking).

Note: membership is \$21 through PayPal.

Postal Service:

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

Please include a member application, which you will find at

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Madison_Park (hold "ctrl" key down before clicking) then click on "2014 HOA Membership Application" under Documents & Pages.

For questions please contact us at madisonparkhoa@hotmail.com

Treasurers Report

For June 10, 2014 through July 14, 2014, we had the following activity:

Starting balance:	3,304.36
Deposits	406.45 dues
Payments	- 207.56 various
Ending balance	3,503.25

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.

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 35 residents in attendance, including one police officer.

Thanks to everyone who attended!