

**MADISON SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF April 7, 2016**

OPENING AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chair Dave Smith called the meeting to order at 7 pm and welcomed all attendees.

Neighborhood Officers-

Officer Andrea Bianchini was present and reported that the neighborhood has been relatively quiet. There was a recent shooting at 82nd and Broadway believed to be gang-related. At this time there are no plans in place to allocate additional officers to deal with gang related activity up at Rocky Butte. Officer Bianchini did share that she and other officers do go up there nightly. There have been some home break ins in the neighborhood adjacent to the Banfield HQ. She encouraged neighbors to call the bureau's non-emergency number with concerns about vacant house issues as well as concerns about transient camps on neighborhood sidewalks. The NRT (Neighborhood Response Team) officers will respond to these issues during the daytime hours.

Minutes-

Pat Smith made the motion to accept the minutes of February 4, 2016; seconded by **Michael Botter**. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report-

Pat Smith reported that as of February 1, 2016 the beginning checkbook balance was \$10,136.47. There were deposits of \$370 and expenditures of \$178, with an ending balance of \$10328.47. Remaining on the balance sheet are restricted funds: \$184.95 for MSNA sign repair and the CNN Communication fund for 2015-2016 of \$1176.29 for a total of \$1361.24. Non-restricted funds total \$8967.23. **Lisa Walsh** made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read; seconded by **Ruth Hander**. Motion passed unanimously.

Neighborhood Cleanup-

Ruth Hander reported that all the plans are underway for the May 7 event. There was brief discussion regarding a memo from Metro that noted many unacceptable materials; there were concerns raised about the feasibility of having the event this year. It was agreed that Chair Dave Smith would contact Metro as soon as possible to clarify what we can accept, then will make an executive decision following feedback from other Board members.

Beneficiary of Cleanup-

Jenny Stine raised the idea of having an emergency fund to assist neighbors; referencing a recent situation involving a neighbor in Sumner who lost her home to a fire. It is the Chair's understanding that the 501c3 status of neighborhood associations only permits donations to non-profits, not individuals. The Executive Director of CNN is presently checking with an attorney to clarify the issue. Following additional discussion, **Pat Smith** made a motion that MSNA donate 50% of funds generated by the cleanup (if held) to benefit the Jason Lee Food Pantry. Seconded by **Lorajean Kelley**; motion passed unanimously.

Movies in the Park-

Michael Botter reported that this event has been scheduled for Saturday, July 16 at Glenhaven Park. The film will be **Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark**. Pre-film music and vendors TBA. Sumner Neighborhood Association is meeting on April 12 to vote on partnering with MSNA to host the event.

Banfield HQ Update-

Dave Smith met with the principle for Seven Hills Properties previously, and prior to this evening's meeting, contacted him via email to request an update. He learned that SHP has decided to pass on the property as they have not been able to come to financial terms. Dave has also spoken with Kim Koenig, Banfield's Public Relations Rep; they will be relocating to their new complex in Vancouver as of June 30 of this year. MSNA will need to find a new meeting site effective our August meeting. Possible alternates discussed this evening (in order of preference) include: Dharma Rain Zen Center, City Bible College, The Lumberyard and CNN. More detail to come soon.

Land Use-

Land Use Chair **Kimberly Botter** gave the following update:

LUTOP and 82nd Avenue Improvement Coalition-

At the recent CNN LUTOP meeting, Brian Wong reported that they are still waiting for the ODOT Community Advisory Council to reconvene soon to decide on focus areas for 82nd Avenue. Also, there was discussion about the Portland Comprehensive Plan at the LUTOP meeting.

CNN Update

MSNA Rep Doug Fasching provided the following update from the recent meeting:

- Discussion about neighborhood clean ups, Movies in the Park, Board Elections
- PBOT has been attending all Neighborhood Coalition meetings to share the national program, "Vision Zero", in an attempt to minimize traffic fatalities in High Crash Corridors.
- Rose City Park is hosting a Candidates Fair on April 26 at the German American Society, NE 57th and Sandy Blvd.
- Beaumont Wilshire is hosting Taste of Beaumont on April 11 at Beaumont Middle School.
- Hollywood reported planned construction of a 100 unit apartment complex just off I-84 at the 43rd Street exit, featuring a hydraulic parking structure which will share ingress/egress with adjacent 24 Hour Fitness.

Growing Transit Communities-

Sue Ludington is a member of this Citizens Advocacy Group and reported that they are looking at three bus lines, 77, 20 and 87. The goal is to work with TriMet to identify improvements in the following areas: safety, connectivity and bike-ability, including cross-walks and sidewalks. GTC will be holding an informational open house on April 26 at Floyd Light Middle School. Neighbors are also encouraged to complete an online survey to share their ideas.

Columbia Slough Watershed-

Dave Smith shared that construction has begun in this area, near 88th and Skidmore, which will expand the existing pump station at the Grotto.

Old Business-

There was no old business.

New Business-

Ruth Hander reported that MSNA Board Member Geneva McArtor suffered a back injury recently and is currently staying at a rehabilitation center in Joseph Oregon near family. It is likely she will remain there for a few months; a get well card was circulated for those in attendance to sign.

Doug Fasching shared that a new business located in the strip mall adjacent to the McDonalds on 82nd Avenue has applied for a liquor license.

Michael Botter reminded those present that Jason Lee School will be holding their annual carnival on June 3.

There being no further business, **Pat Smith** made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by **Doug Fasching**. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

The next meeting of the Madison South Neighborhood Association will be held on Thursday, June 2, 7 pm.