

**Madison South Neighborhood Association General Meeting**  
**April 6 , 2017**

Dave Smith opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and everyone introduced themselves.

**OFFICERS REPORT:** Officer Rich Holthausen was present; there was discussion related to the recent officer-involved shooting in our neighborhood. Additionally, he advised neighbors to expect an increase in crime due to the the warmer weather. Discussion and concerns raised regarding homeless camps transitioning from various locations within Madison South.

**MINUTES:** Lisa Walsh made the motion to accept the minutes of February 2, 2017. Bill Edwards seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pat Smith presented the Treasurer's report and asked for questions and comments. There being none raised, Ruth Hander made a motion to approve the report as read. Lorajean Kelley seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**Shannon Singleton, Executive Director of JOIN** shared information about the organization, which has provided homeless services and outreach to the community for 25 years. JOIN provides assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness, including rental assistance and ongoing support for housing retention. In 2016, the organization served 800 individuals, including 300 children. A day center at NE 81<sup>st</sup> and Halsey will be reopening soon and will offer mail service, clothing, showers, a computer lab and support to access Social Security benefits, including access to mail service. Ms Singleton described the day center as a place where people can come to be safe. She also shared information about the Welcome Home Coalition, which looks at ways to secure funding for affordable housing. Their first project is the Ellington Apartments. In closing, Ms Singleton took questions from the floor, which included ways that neighbors can mitigate unsafe situations; she noted that some instances may be best addressed by law enforcement rather than social services. Ms Singleton provided her contact information to those present for more follow up; she was invited to return to upcoming MSNA meetings to engage and update neighbors.

**April Bertelsen, with Portland Bureau of Transportation** provided information regarding the Growing Transit Communities Advisory Group, which has been meeting since 2015. There are plans to present GTCAG's findings with the City Council in May. Ms Bertelsen handed out information on the draft plan. The goals of the group are to identify and prioritize improvements that will make transit safer and more convenient. MSNA Board member Sue Ludington serves on the group and shared additional information with those present. The #77 bus line serves Madison South neighborhood via its route on Halsey Street from NE 47<sup>th</sup> to NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Recommended improvements include crossings at NE 69<sup>th</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> Avenues and opening pedestrian access around the MAX station. Ms Bertelsen expressed confidence that the City Council will support the improvement proposal, but encourages neighbors to become involved by providing letters of support as well as in-person testimony at City Hall. Neighbors may also check the PBOT website for the current draft or contact her by email with questions.

**CLEANUP:**

**Ruth Hander** reminded all that the MSNA cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Glenhaven Park. Lorajean Kelley made the motion that we donate 50% of the event's proceeds to the Jason Lee Food Pantry; Bill Edwards seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (In 2016 the amount donated was \$528, which stocked the pantry with 6-8 weeks of food and essentials.)

**LAND USE & 82<sup>nd</sup> AVE COALITION:** Land Use Chair Kimberly Botter reported the following:

- The 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Improvement Coalition Forum was held on March 18 and was well attended. Lauren Golden Jones with Capstone Partners provided an update on the Siskiyou Square development. She reported that the storm water project plan is in process with the City. Capstone is incorporating more "park like" elements into the planning, including a berm rather than wall between the development and the Dharma Rain Center. No word yet on the identity of the anchor tenant.
- Glenhaven Park is on the short list for renovation, part of the second phase of a grant from Portland Parks and Recreation.

- Duff's closed on April 5; new tenant is Eastside Bar and Grill. They have applied for a liquor license.

**CNN UPDATE:**

Doug Fasching reported the following:

- The second phase of the Portland Parks and Recreation bond will repair playground equipment per asbestos and do some retrofitting to accommodate all abilities.
- Grant Park Neighborhood Association: Grant HS is being remodeled; all students will attend Marshall HS for the next two years. Neighbors have expressed concerns about what the area will look like post-renovation.
- Beaumont Wilshire: Will host taste of BW on April 10 at Beaumont Middle School.
- Cully; Received approval for sidewalks on one side of 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from Prescott to Killingsworth.
- Hollywood: Hosting a Farmer's Market every Saturday through the summer. The former Rhinelander, Taco Time and Umpqua Bank sites have been razed, to be replaced by several six story, mixed use buildings with minimal parking.
- Madison South: Portland Parks and Recreation is hosting an Asian New Year at Glenhaven Park on Saturday, April 29, from 9:30 am till 6 pm. The event will feature music and food; the event received a grant from CNN.
- On May 3, CNN will host the first meet and greet designed for neighborhoods in the coalition to showcase what's special about their areas. It will be held at the Lumberyard, hosted by Madison South and will begin at 7 pm. The next meet and greet is set for June 7 at the Hollywood Senior Center, hosted by Grant Park.
- On April 26, City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly will visit CNN (as well as the other neighborhood coalitions over time.) Ms Eudaly oversees the Office of Neighborhood Involvement and would like to learn more about the support coalitions provide to their neighborhoods. CNN grant recipients are encouraged to attend.

**82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue of Roses Parade:**

Ruth Hander reminded all about the event, to be held on Saturday, April 29, and will feature 55+ entries.

**Movie in the Park:**

Michael Botter reported the film selected via neighborhood input is BFG (Big Friendly Giant.) There will be an opening musical act, with the film starting at dusk.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- It was agreed that there will be no August MSNA meeting. Neighbors are encouraged to participate in National Night Out events typically held during that week.
- Question from the floor regarding mitigating graffiti; contact ONI
- Rebecca Levison reminded all that a school bond will be on the May 16 ballot. If passed it will fund improvements to Madison High School, among others. School Board positions are also on the ballot.
- Discussion regarding the current location of MSNA meetings not being easily accessible to neighbors without cars.
- Topic raised re: ways to increase MSNA's inclusiveness; agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.
- Concern raised regarding presence of Portland Police Officer attending MSNA meetings and how this might potentially affect neighbors' comfort level. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Chair would discuss this matter with interested neighbors following this meeting.
- Question raised about the possibility of starting committees in MSNA to address member issues and concerns.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, Chair Dave Smith adjourned the meeting at 9 pm.

The next MSNA meeting will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at City Bible campus.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Walsh*