

MADISON SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
REVISED GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF February 1, 2018

OPENING AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chair Dave Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, welcomed all attendees, and everyone introduced themselves.

MINUTES:

Will Heiberg moved to accept the minutes of the December 2018 meeting. Bill Edwards seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bill Edwards reported that we began October 1, 2017 with \$8874.99 in our account. There were no deposits for the period, and \$301.88 in expenditures. The ending balance on January 31, 2018 was \$8573.11. On the balance sheet we have restricted funds in the amount of \$184.95 for the insurance for sign damage and \$887.86 in the CNN Communication Fund. Will Heiberg moved to accept the report as read, Kimberly Botter seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Butte Update: Barbara Ritt, president of the Rocky Butte Neighbors Association, reported that their organization has voted to approve accepting the pilot Program that was presented to us at the December meeting from the City of Portland and the Portland Parks Bureau. The hope was that it could include managed hours opening and closing of the area, however the Parks Bureau has no funding for timed gates at this time. The pilot program will run from May through October, with data collected from the Portland Police Bureau on calls for service, Portland Park Rangers, and observations from neighbors and residents. Although parking space will be reduced, people will still have 100% access to the park itself on a 24-hour basis.

The program will include the installation of 3 bollards with chains across the roadway on the eastside of the Butte. This will allow access if needed for fire trucks and other emergency equipment. The city is open to modification as the program progresses. The city already has a baseline for calls for service and incidents related to police, fire, and park rangers. Neighbors can access information on PPB calls for service online and can also contact Dave.Benson@portlandoregon.gov.

Chair Dave Smith facilitated 10 minutes of discussion regarding the experiment. Highlights of the discussion included:

- Will the roadway be opened for special events? *On a case by case basis.*
- What types of data will carry more weight: police and park records or neighbors' comments? *All equal*
- Do you already have baseline information? *Yes*
- People are encouraged to give their input.

In October, the City, Parks Bureau, and Rocky Butte Association will return to MSNA meeting to report on this pilot project.

Gary Burch made a motion that Madison South Neighborhood Association support this pilot project, Herb Griffin seconded the motion. Motion passed by a majority vote of 16 hands with 5 opposed.

NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICER: Portland Police officer Sgt. Norm Staples was present and was filling in for our District Officer and asked for questions or concerns. Homelessness is a very big issue in the city. There is no camping allowed overnight in certain areas and mobile homes are also prohibited in certain areas. The location at NE 82nd and NE Jonesmore under the bridge is a problem because the property is owned by ODOT. Sgt. Staples informed residents of a new homeless shelter being built on SE 66th and SE Foster. It will house women, families, the disabled, and vets and is a Multnomah County project.

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A Rocky Butte resident informed the Sgt. about the negative attitude of the non-emergency operator when she reported the location of bullet shells on the Butte. Sgt. Staples indicated he will follow up with the call center and inform them that the police want to be informed of such calls and want the information to be accurately delivered.

Gregory Heights Principal: Kathleen Elwood is the planning principal of Roseway Heights Middle School. The current Gregory Heights School Building which is now a K-8 school will be the Roseway Heights Middle School in September. 4 current grade schools will feed into it: Vestal, Jason Lee, Harvey Scott, and Roseway Schools. They will be working hard to form a new identity and will keep the name for 1 year and then decide what to name this new middle school. Kathleen stated she views this school as a community center as well as a place of learning for children in grades 6, 7, and 8. They will be offering trainings for teachers and the community is also invited to attend. The school will be hosting a work party at Dharma Rain Center to help them with yardwork because the Center partners with the school and allows the students to use their facility grounds for science exploration and research. Neighbors are invited to help out on April 24, 2018.

Neighborhood Cleanup: Ruth Hander was sick, and Will Heiberg reported that the Cleanup will be in early May, in Glenhaven Park and is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Neighbors are encouraged to contact Will Heiberg or Ruth Hander to sign up and volunteer to work on the cleanup that given Saturday. Neighbors are also invited to check out portland.surfrider.org . This organization meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Check out their calendar for place and come and help pick up trash!

Newsletter Committee Update: Sue Ludington reported that in December 2017, the committee met to review other neighborhood newsletters, discussed the purpose of our newsletter and shared ideas. They did not get to the point of contacting Jenna Manchester who is our editor. Sue announced she will be moving out of Portland after 26 years. She has accepted a new job. Jonah Majure will be the new Chair of this committee.

Outreach Committee Report: Jonah Majure reported that this committee has created a survey about interests for our neighborhood. They are using Google Forms and will post the survey on Next Door Neighbors and will work with Lisa Walsh and put it on the website as well. To include those who do not have computers, the committee is planning on going door to door.

Land Use & 82nd Improvement Coalition: Kimberly Botter reported that Glenhaven Park will be getting a new playground. There will be focus groups and community input meetings between now and spring and the hope is to start construction the summer of 2018.

We have had several long-term businesses close and vacant buildings along NE 82nd Avenue are increasing. A major issue is that owners of the property and buildings are not local, and they do not wish to make repairs which would encourage new businesses to come in.

Kimberly received a notice of a short-term rental that is available in our area. If you are interested, please contact her.

There has been a pre-application process filed for the Rice Elementary School building to make it into a new type of school.

82nd Avenue Improvement Coalition is not satisfied with the recommended changes from the state and city. Because of inadequate sidewalks on 82nd, recommended changes include wider sidewalks, changes around the Max Station and areas in Montavilla. State Senator Michael Dembrow is interested in the jurisdictional transfer of 82nd Ave from ODOT to PDOT, however the city of Portland does not want to accept it in it's current condition.

There will be a meeting about new transit changes for Tri Met on 82nd Avenue. Meeting will be held next Tuesday, February 19, 2018 from 5:30 -7:30 at Montavilla United Methodist Church, 232 SE 80th Avenue.

The Beech Street/Milton Street neighborhood group has received a grant for improving their painted intersection and community green space.

CNN Update: Doug Fasching reported that the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) is beginning their budget process. All city bureaus have been asked to prepare a budget with a 5% reduction. ONI is considering cuts to the Graffiti Abatement and Elders in Action programs, among others. ONI is also considering a name change. They have hired a marketing person to help with the process.

The Central Northeast Neighbors Coalition (CNN) has written a letter, along with the Cully Neighborhood, in opposition to the expansion of test flights by the Air Base. Currently they carry out test flights from 9am to 5pm, Mondays through Fridays. They want to expand the hours to sunup to sunset, seven days a week.

CNN held Bylaws training for the neighborhood associations. Doug reported that it was very helpful. CNN has also given out \$11,000 in Community Grants to four groups in our Coalition: Living Cully (African-American focus), Recycling Center at the Hacienda Restaurant, New Year in the Park Event (Hmong Community), and Race Walks Arts Panel. There were 30 applications, 4 were awarded.

There will be a Land Use meeting next Thursday, February 9, 2018 at 5:30pm at the Hacienda Restaurant, 6700 NE Killingsworth. Dinner will be provided.

The Hollywood Neighborhood Association has a lot of development in progress and planned. The Umpqua Bank will be demolished, and a new building will be built with the bank on the street level and apartments above. There will also be new apartments on NE 45th and Sandy. A muralist has been selected to create a memorial for the recent death that occurred at the Hollywood Transit Center.

There is a CNN Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 7pm at the Fire Station located on NE 87th Ave and Sandy Blvd.

Movie in the Park: Michael Botter reported that the cost of this program has increased from \$750 to \$900. He has applied for a reduction under special circumstances but has not heard the results of his request. Will Heiberg made a motion that MSNA sponsor this event whether the cost is \$900 or \$750. Kimberly Botter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Frequency: Jonah Majure introduced the idea of increasing the frequency of our meetings to once a month. After a long discussion it was agreed that Committees may meet as often as they wish. It was agreed that we will continue to have general meetings every other month and in the off months, committees can meet at the Lumberyard and will then report on their meetings to the membership at the regularly scheduled meetings on the first Thursday of February, April, June, October, and December. Committee Chairs will post their meetings on Next Door Neighbors, Facebook, and notify Lisa Walsh so it can be put on the website.

New Business: Tristan Isaac shared that he volunteers at the Jason Lee Food Pantry and invited neighbors to get involved. The Food Pantry is open every Thursday beginning at 4:15 and usually lasting for 2 hours. People can either donate food items or if you need food, come and get it. They especially need fresh vegetables and perishables. If you have extra produce from your gardens, they will gladly accept it.

Mainspring also receives donations, but not fresh produce. They prefer canned and non-perishable foods and clothing.

Remember to bring any garden seeds you may have and are willing to share/swap in a seed exchange at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

The next MSNA General Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2018, 7-9pm at the Lumberyard.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Dave Smith adjourned the meeting at 9pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Smith for Lisa Walsh