

**MADISON SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2019**

OPENING AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICER:

Officer Rich Holthausen was present and shared statistics from December. Most calls for service were for 82nd Avenue, shopping areas at Gateway and Mall 205, as well as the Ellington apartments. He also noted recent break ins at Madison High School and the former Banfield property, currently under renovation by the University of Western States.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Ruth Hander moved to accept the minutes of February 7, 2019; seconded by Pat Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The interim Treasurer was unable to attend this meeting, but former Treasurer Pat Smith shared that the report has remained essentially unchanged since the recent Board of Directors meeting, less \$5. Pat will be working with Rhonda Johnson to bring information up to date.

FORMER BANFIELD BUILDING UPDATE:

Alisa Fairweather, Director of Community Relations at University of Western States was present and shared that the City has approved all permits, minor demolition has been completed and they are moving on to next steps. Changes include making room for a library and creating flexible spaces for classrooms by extending the west side of building. Planned move in date is for September/October of this year as the school term starts October 2. In a response to a question from the floor, the future of the existing dog park is unknown, but appears unlikely to remain. Ms. Fairweather is also Chair of the university's safety committee, and Officer Holthausen may attend a meeting to discuss how East Precinct can support the school both during construction and after.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP:

The date has been set for Saturday September 14. Rhonda Johnson will Chair the Cleanup Committee and solicit volunteers at the next MSNA meeting in June. Ruth Hander reports that the permit is in place for that date and location at Glenhaven Park.

GLENHAVEN COMMUNITY GARDEN PROPOSAL:

Laura Niemi with Portland Parks and Recreation was present to collect feedback about permanently relocating the current community garden from Madison High School to Glenhaven Park. This is due to upcoming construction at MHS as well as the school's plans to discontinue to garden after the current school year. The proposed site is at the northeast corner of Siskiyou and Alameda, a total of 10k square feet, which is double the area at the previous site at the high school. There will be a tool shed for use by the gardeners and the site will be secured by a chain link fence. The season fees for the garden plots will be \$30 for 100 square feet and \$100 for 400 square feet, with scholarships available to defray that cost up to 70%. If the proposal is approved PPR will try to prepare the garden area soon, timed with the retrofit of the play area. Ms. Niemi reported that so far feedback has been positive. It was suggested that she also reach out to Hispanic and Asian families at Jason Lee School.

U.S. CENSUS:

Edward Bos, local recruiter for the Decennial Census scheduled for 2020, was present and shared information about their massive hiring push. A Portland Office will be set up this summer, with field staff to be hired in Spring 2020. There will be a need for staff to verify maps, send out surveys by mail, as well as census takers to go out to every address that doesn't respond to initial contact. Requirements for staff include U.S. citizenship and being 18 years of age. The hourly rate is \$18-20, and bilingual candidates are particularly sought after. Mr. Bos fielded questions from the floor and left his business cards as well.

LAND USE & 82ND IMPROVEMENT COALITION:

Land Use Chair Kimberly Botter shared the following update:

- The recent 82nd Avenue Barriers to Development event provided good information despite a smaller turnout.
- The February Madison High School Renovation event was very informative.

82nd Avenue Improvement Coalition :

- ODOT has proposed some amendments to House Bill 2846 regarding the jurisdictional transfer of 82nd Avenue from the State to the City. Members of the Coalition have plans to reach out to different regions in the State for more broad support, rather than just in the Metro area. On April 22, the Coalition and other stakeholders will have the opportunity to meet with the Legislature, and one important issue is the need for a continuing funding source in order to implement the transfer.

CNN UPDATE:

MSNA Board Representative Ruth Hander reported the following:

- The **CNN Community Livability Committee** has been handing out trash bags to those in need in the camps in our area
- In light of the **changes at ONI (now the Office of Community and Civic Engagement)** and the possible dissolution of some or all of the Neighborhood Coalition offices, there was discussion at the recent CNN meeting about ways that our Coalition supports the neighborhoods.

The following is news within the Coalition:

- **Cully-** has received grants to build three parks. TriMet is planning a hub in the neighborhood. There are concerns about the safety of oil trains.
- **Sunderland-** working to build four "tiny houses."
- **Hollywood-** upcoming plans include Music in the Park, Farmers Markets and Junior Rose Parade
- **Roseway-** upcoming plans include Movies/Music in the Park and a blood drive
- **Beaumont/Wilshire-** Taste of Beaumont featured 60 vendors at Beaumont Middle School. A resolution was passed supporting retention of Portland's Neighborhood Association system
- **Grant Park-** Gordon's Fireplace Shop was sold
- **Rose City-** dealing with environmental issues related to the local crematorium
- **Rose City Park/Roseway-** concerns with high rate of crime at the Ellington Apts
- **Rose City Park/Hollywood-** collaborating on Music in the Park

OLD BUSINESS:

Ruth Hander shared that the annual 82nd Avenue of Roses Parade is a go; the starting point will be the Eastport Plaza Theaters. There will be no Fair or Cruise-In this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Smith shared a recent email about an upcoming July exhibit to be held at Elizabeth Janes Art Center in St. John's, titled "NA Rocks." Local artists will illustrate achievements of Neighborhood Associations based on feedback from the NAs. Dave will follow up and share some of Madison South's accomplishments mentioned at tonight's meeting: involvement in implementing the safety barrier at the 82nd Avenue Transit Center, successful efforts against big box development and the annual clean up.

NEXT MEETING:

The next MSNA General Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2019, 7-9pm at the Lumberyard.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Will Heiberg made the motion to adjourn; Pat Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Walsh, Secretary