# MADISON SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2020 (VIRTUAL MEETING)

## **OPENING AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Chair Dave Smith** called the meeting to order at 7 pm, welcomed all attendees, and everyone introduced themselves. It was noted that the meeting was being recorded. As there was no sign in sheet for the meeting, the record will show that in addition to the MSNA Board members in attendance, neighbors Sandy Griffin, Heidi Jo Grubbs and Barbara Ritt were also present. Board member Ruth Hander was absent.

# **NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICERS:**

No Officers were in attendance.

# **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Pat Smith moved to accept the minutes of February 6, 2020; seconded by Will Heiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

Interim Treasurer **Ronda Johnson** shared the report which detailed activity for the period from December 2020 through August 2020. **Lisa Walsh** made the motion to approve the report as reviewed; **Will Heiberg** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**GATEWAY GREEN: Will Heiberg** shared that construction is continuing, with water, power and amenities being installed. Cycling features on the southside of the property should be ready by the end of October, at which time the property will close for one year in advance of TriMet construction.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Ronda Johnson facilitated the annual election of MSNA Board Officers

The slate of positions to be considered for nomination was as follows:

Vice Chair: Will Heiberg
Secretary: Lisa Walsh
Member At Large: Pat Smith
Member At Large: Tristan Isaac

**Stacy Bancroft** nominated the above slate for re-election. **Tristan Isaac** seconded. **Will Heiberg** nominated **Stacy Bancroft** for the **Vice Chair** position; she accepted. **Will Heiberg** accepted nomination for an **At Large** position. **Stacy Bancroft** nominated **Heidi Jo Grubbs** for an **At Large** position; she accepted. Following a request from the floor, Chair Dave Smith reviewed each of the positions noted above with regard to responsibilities and each of the nominees for new positions described why they were interested in those roles.

The final slate of nominees was as follows:

Vice Chair:
Secretary:
Lisa Walsh
Member At Large:
Pat Smith
Tristan Isaac
Member At Large:
Will Heiberg
Member At Large:
Heidi Jo Grubbs

**Ronda Johnson** coordinated the anonymous online vote and tabulated the results. The slate of nominees was approved as listed; Chair Dave Smith welcomed all new and returning members to the Board.

# LAND USE UPDATE:

Land Use Chair **Ben Cutler** shared that construction is still ongoing at Madison High School. **Dave Smith** reported that the scheduled summer grand opening for The University of Western States had been postponed until further notice.

## **CNN UPDATE:**

MSNA Board Representative Doug Fasching shared the following news within the Coalition and lead the discussion of same:

- Funding for neighborhood coalitions came through at the end of August and will help underwrite costs like communication grants for the neighborhood associations. Doug noted that the CNN offices were still open during this time for the neighborhood associations' administrative use and by appointment only.
- CNN will be partnering with Portlanders United Against Hate (PUAH) for racial equity training to be held at the German American Society and the Hollywood Senior Center.
- CNN meetings are being held via Zoom, in part due to pandemic in addition to the adjacent Fire Station using the meeting room for their Emergency Response Team.
- The next Community Connect meeting will be held over Zoom. The most recent meeting discussed future development plans at the Hollywood Transit Center, which will include changes to the busses as well as new apartment buildings. Construction is not slated to start for a few years. The memorial site will be taken down, though it will likely be replaced later. Target plans to open a store at the former Orchards/former Hollywood Bowl site in April 2021.

There was a question from the floor regarding the current status of neighborhood coalition funding. The City was unable to come to consensus for a 3 or 5 year agreement; neighborhoods will be funded for 1 year.

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

Due to the ban on gatherings larger than 250 people, Portland Parks and Recreation cancelled Movies in the Park this year in addition to all other gatherings.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Chair **Dave Smith** asked those participating in this evening's Zoom meeting if they thought this format worked for all. It was agreed that it did; we will hold our next General Meeting on Thursday, December 3 at 7 pm. It will be preceded by a Board only meeting at 6. Dave and Doug will co-host the Zoom meetings.
- Stacy Bancroft reported that she had reached out to Rose City Park neighborhood association and learned that they had been meeting regularly (virtual). Issues they have discussed included racial equity. Stacy encouraged those present to think of ways we can work to bring the community together and to feel free to contact her with those ideas.

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, **Will Heiberg** made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm; **Ben Cutler** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

The next MSNA General Meeting (via Zoom) will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2020, 7-9pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Walsh, Secretary