

**MADISON SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2020**

OPENING AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICERS:

Officer Sam Ajir was present, telling those present that although the bureau is having staffing issues (they are at an all-time low), they are doing their best to respond to all neighborhood calls in East Precinct. He encouraged all to check out Portlandoregon.gov for current crime statistics for neighborhoods. Incidents in Madison South consisted primarily of car prowls, shoplifting as well as an assault near the MAX area. Despite the fact that call response time may be slower, Officer Ajir encouraged neighbors to continue to call or make online reports, as this will help for future resource allocations.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Pat Smith moved to accept the minutes of December 5, 2019; seconded by **Will Heiberg**. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Interim Treasurer **Ronda Johnson** shared the report which detailed activity for the period from October 2019 through January 2020. Will Heiberg made the motion to approve the minutes as read; **Lisa Walsh** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

GUEST SPEAKER:

State Representative **Barbara Smith Warner** was unable to attend; her legislative assistant Lucy Williams was present and shared current issues being addressed at this time. These include zoning laws, homelessness and mental health resources. Following discussion, Ms. Williams shared her contact information via business cards.

SPIN ELECTRIC SCOOTER SHARE:

Derek Heino with Spin Electric Scooter Share presented information about the company which has just rolled out 830 units in Portland. They are a subsidiary of Ford Motor Company and all rentals are done via app, with helmets available. Spin is also offering free safety events and are currently working on placement of e-scooter parking stations on private properties and at MAX stations. Following discussion on the floor which included questions about access, safety, parking and costs, Mr Heino shared his contact information.

BANFIELD BUILDING UPDATE:

Stacy Bancroft shared information on behalf **Alisa Fairweather**. The plan is on track for the **University of Western States** to relocate to the new campus in March. Ms Fairweather will contact Dave in April regarding a ribbon cutting.

CLEANUP:

Ronda Johnson shared changes to the city's cleanup process, including that each coalition will be allocated a total of 9 drop boxes to be distributed among their individual neighborhoods. Tristan Isaac volunteered to chair the Madison South event and will work with Ronda on all pertinent details and share information with the board.

MOVIE IN THE PARK:

Stacy Bancroft shared that she has submitted an application to Portland Parks and Recreation for the event which will be scheduled for August, date to be determined. Movie options included *The Addams Family*, *Missing Link* and *Spiderman: Far from Home*; with a cost of \$1000. Stacy has reached out to the University of Western States and Care Oregon regarding sponsorships. Discussion followed, including the possibility of partnering with Roseway neighborhood to defray costs. More information to come.

82nd Avenue of Roses Parade:

Ruth Hander reported that the parade is still scheduled for Saturday, April 25 with 82 entries. The organizers are still seeking a Grand Marshal. MSNA will have an entry as well.

LAND USE:

Land Use Chair Ben Cutler was absent, but he sent Dave Smith an email with the following update:

82nd Avenue Improvement Coalition meeting: No January meeting

Russell Street Boxing Club and Fitness: Currently be demolished following fire this past summer. Ben plans to contact the owner to determine future plans for the property

Ben would also like to gather resources to set up a Land Use Committee for MSNA as well as a possible future Land Use forum.

CNN UPDATE:

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

- City of Portland Rose Lane Vision which is a transportation initiative that has just been endorsed by the Portland Business Association on this day, with a City Council meeting discussion planned for later in February. This is an effort in progress.
- CNN Community grants: there was \$10,000 available with the goal of building community. There were 10 submissions, and 4 grants were awarded: Kitchen Commons Program, Growing Gardens- From Community for Community Program, Cully neighborhood to fund the cleanup, and to Roseway neighborhood to host an Ice Cream Social to enhance diversity and inclusion.
- Coalitions Citywide are without a contract; funding has been allocated to the Office of Civic Engagement. Coalitions are asking for a 5-year contract but have agreed to 1 year stop gap funding in the interim in the event that a 3-year contract does not come before City Council.
- Doug closed by circulating copies the current CNN Coalition newsletter and noted that neighbors can also sign up to receive it electronically.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Stacy Bancroft shared that there will be opportunities to volunteer at 2 SOLV cleanups this year, dates to be determined. Also, there will be 2 Food Bank events in May and November. She will have additional information forthcoming
- Neighbor Ken Barker had a query about Friends of Trees; at present Madison South doesn't have a coordinator for FOT events
- Will Heiberg noted that Gateway Green will be closed starting this Spring for 7-8 months in order to install amenities
- Pat Smith shared that for the first time in 30 years, Madison High School has qualified for the state drama competition in Ashland. They are currently fundraising for 25 students to attend. Pat will bring details about their GoFundMe page which she will bring to the upcoming board meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chair Dave Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm

NEXT MEETING:

The next MSNA General Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020, 7-9pm at the Lumberyard.

Following adjournment, Board members remained to schedule a **Board meeting for March 5 at 6:30 pm** at the Lumberyard. This will be a working dinner meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Walsh, Secretary