

**Madison South Neighborhood Association General Meeting  
December 1, 2016**

Dave Smith opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and everyone went around the table to introduce themselves.

**OFFICERS REPORT:** Officer Rich Holthausen was present; he handed out information regarding how officers are to respond to calls related to homelessness issues. Discussion followed, Officer Holthausen encouraged neighbors to call the police non-emergency number for concerns. Additionally, he noted that the Bureau's Gang Response Team is investigating a gang-related shooting that occurred this morning at 92<sup>nd</sup> and Thompson Streets.

**MINUTES:** Bill Edwards made the motion to accept the minutes of October 6, 2016. Ruth Hander seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Pat Smith, Lisa Walsh presented the Treasurer's report and asked for questions and comments. There being none raised, Will Heiberg made a motion to approve the report as submitted. Ruth Hander seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD:** Guest **Stuart Emmons** reported that there will be three seats open in Zones 4,5,6 (east of 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue) at the May 2017 election. The latter two zones include Madison High School. Mr. Emmons provided contact information for those neighbors wanting to learn more.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:** Neighbor **Brianne Margolin** and other interested parties, **including tenants/owners of the Binford, Broadway Lanai and Astoria Apartments** shared concerns about the increase of livability issues over the past year that are directly related to homelessness. These included burglaries, car thefts, sanitation issues and assaults. These neighbors shared that although they have received supports for PBOT, ODOT, State Representatives Dembrow and Smith Warner, as well as the Portland Police Bureau, they are seeking solutions by brainstorming with other members of the Madison South Neighborhood Association. There was an acknowledgement that this is an issue citywide, particularly in right-of-way areas, like the one noted by neighbors present. Ideas to address this issue from those assembled included:

- setting up boulders to make the area less accessible
- using the area as a dog park
- setting up a community garden
- children's play area
- installing motion detector lighting
- placement of logs or tree stumps

Suzanne Kahn, with PBOT, mentioned a few possibilities:

- Lease property
- Create a landscape on the property that is less welcoming, e.g.: blackberry/barberry
- Post permanent No Trespassing signs in area (though Ms. Kahn noted that in the past PBOT has been unwilling to enforce this option and the Portland Police Bureau has no legal recourse in this regard. She did note that PBOT may be more willing to act with the political support from the incoming Mayor/City Council in the New Year.)

Ms. Kahn said that she will start exploring the possibility of making No Trespassing signs permanent in City areas. She also suggested that neighbors could "adopt" a landscape, perhaps with help from Portland Parks and Recreation Horticulture Department, with the former buying the plants and providing the labor.

Following this discussion, the neighbors who presented this issue made the following commitments:

- Begin a local effort, perhaps incorporating some of the ideas captured in discussion
- Engage the support of the new Mayor and City Council in 2017

Chair Dave Smith invited Ms. Margolin and other interested parties to come to a future MSNA meeting to share their progress and engage further discussion.

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

- Portland Parks Division has submitted a Type II Land Use proposal to move 46 trees from Rocky Butte in order to thin out the foliage and re-establish views. Some logs will be left in place to serve as habitat; the PPD will plant 400 native base root trees and 5200 native shrubs.
- The proposed ADU on Fremont Drive has been denied primarily due to scale
- Capstone Partners Update: They have figured out a solution to the property's storm water issue, which unfortunately will be more costly. Capstone will be working with both the City and DEQ in addressing this issue; they are undeterred and remain committed to developing the property. Kimberly and Chair Dave Smith hope to meet with Capstone in the next few weeks and would like them to provide an update at an upcoming MSNA meeting as well.
- Portland Bureau of Sustainability is undertaking a study of 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and barriers to development. PBS plans to hold public community forums in the first quarter of 2017, with areas of focus to include south of Sandy Blvd and north of I-84. They will be seeking input from neighbors, businesses and other interested parties.
- The proposal for planning on 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue is on hold for now, hopefully will be back on track with the new City administration in 2017.

**CNN UPDATE:**

Doug Fasching reported the following:

- The CNN Communication Grant deadline was today
- Beaumont Wilshire NA applied for funds for a National Night Out banner
- Roseway NA applied for funds to purchase yard signs publicizing their meetings
- Hollywood NA:
  1. Development changes on NE Sandy Blvd for a 6 story residential building in the former Taco Time location
  2. 100 unit 6-7 story mixed use development is planned at the 24 Hour Fitness site
  3. A mixed use development is planned at 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave and Tillamook Street, near Popina's
- Cully NA: A mixed use development is planned at 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Portland Highway
- At the recent CNN Meeting a City representative discussed inclusionary proposed housing rules for new development. Additionally, the City is eliminating the requirement for off-street parking

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Neighbor Tim Moore, a volunteer with Portland Neighborhood Emergency Teams, shared that he would like to put together some teams in Madison South, as well as connecting with bordering neighborhoods. At present he is reaching out to neighbors on Next Door, Facebook and will submit a piece to the MSNA newsletter.
- Michael Botter has received information about the Summer 2017 Movies in the Park event; the cost is still \$750.
- Ruth Hander reminded all that the annual 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue of Roses Parade will be held the last Saturday in April and is requesting a \$100 donation from the Madison South Neighborhood Association.

It was agreed the MSNA Board would meet after this evening's General Meeting to discuss both events.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, Will Heiberg made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill Edwards. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm, with all Board Members remaining to meet immediately following, which was open to all.

The next MSNA meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at City Bible campus.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Walsh