

**MADISON SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4,  
2018**

**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 Holthausen and Sergeant Searle were present and provided handouts with area crime statistics. They briefly related an incident that occurred earlier in the evening at Jason Lee School involving accidental discharge of a handgun; luckily there were no injuries. The officers participated in a discussion about what the Bureau can do about homeless issues related to crime as they must work within existing parameters to enforce statutes. They also suggested that neighbors can use the Homelessness Toolkit as well as One Point of Contact phone number regarding concerns.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Will Heiberg moved to accept the minutes of June 5, 2018, seconded by Kimberly Botter. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** There was no Treasurer's Report as the position is presently in transition.

**MADISON HIGH SCHOOL REMODEL:**

Madison High School Remodel

Jessie Steiger, Senior Project Manager, as well as the Architectural Design Team and Contractors presented an update:

- Construction will begin in the summer of 2019
- The renovation is fully funded as part of a \$790 million bond measure passed in 2017
- The existing courtyard area will become the new cafeteria
- The design will reflect the effort to "open" the building, such as replacing "dead end" hallways
- This "open" design will be captured both vertically and horizontally
- The design will be geared to more hands on and collaborative feel in classrooms, with computer labs, engineering and health sciences
- To serve students with disabilities, there will be an elevator for all three levels, as well as in the gym. The remodel will implement ADA upgrades throughout
- The football field and track will remain in the same location, and there are plans to add a softball field. The team hopes there will be funds to "turf" that surface
- Included in the renovation will be improvements to crosswalks and signals at the 82nd Avenue entrance
- Vehicle access will be changed to one in and one out
- Contractor Jeff Heard, who will supervise the site construction, shared the following information;
  1. A fence will be set up around the perimeter of the school property in June 2019 prior to start of construction
  2. Work will start at 7am daily
  3. Anticipate 6 months of demolition, an environmental plan will be in place prior
  4. Approximately 200 workers will be on site
  5. Full time security is being considered
  6. A transportation plan is in place for students who will be attending Lincoln High School during the renovation, consisting of both shuttles and TriMet bus passes
  7. Neighbors may learn more about the renovation on YouTube "Madison Modernization", as well as via a link at the Madison High School Facebook page

**NOVEMEBR 6 ELECTION:**

John Calhoun, a retired entrepreneur, was present and provided literature and summaries of bond measures on the Oregon ballot.

**ROCKY BUTTE UPDATE:**

Kelly Sills with PBOT will attend the December MSNA meeting to provide an update on the barrier pilot project, which will end October 31. A Rocky Butte neighbor was in attendance and commented that the project has caused parking issues in some other areas of the neighborhood due to restrictions in the barrier area. In his observation, the number of vehicles accessing the area has not changed, but where they park has. This has caused new congestion and parking issues for neighbors in adjacent areas of the neighborhood. He noted that the ideal situation would be to have a park ranger open and close the barrier at designated times, but funding is an issue.

## **BOARD ELECTIONS:**

Chair Dave Smith facilitated the proceedings with support from Ronda Johnson, Office Manager at CNN.

The following Board positions were open for nomination:

**Vice Chair: Will Heiberg** (Nominated by Kimberly Botter; Seconded by Pat Smith)

**Secretary: Lisa Walsh** (Nominated by Will Heiberg; Seconded by Ruth Hander)

**Member At Large/Land Use: Kimberly Botter** (Nominated by Dave Smith; Seconded by Michael Botter)

**Member At Large: Michael Botter** (Nominated by Pat Smith; Seconded by Lisa Walsh)

**Member At Large: Tristan Isaac** (Nominated by Doug Fasching; Seconded by Will Heiberg)

**Member At Large: Pat Smith** (Nominated by Dave Smith; Seconded by Will Heiberg)

Chair Dave Smith made an Executive Decision to appoint Ronda Johnson as Interim MSNA Treasurer

There being no more nominations, the above slate of individuals was offered for consideration on ballots which were completed and then tabulated by Ronda Johnson. The slate was approved unanimously by those in attendance.

Chair Dave Smith welcomed the new and returning Board Members for their 2-year terms.

## **LAND USE & 82<sup>ND</sup> IMPROVEMENT COALITION:**

Land Use Chair Kimberly Botter shared that the 82nd Avenue Improvement Coalition continues to advocate for jurisdictional transfer of that road to the city from the state, with funding attached. The Coalition would like this jurisdictional transfer to be part of the Regional Transportation Plan, which would then have funding attached. In a meeting with legislators in late September, the possibility was raised about having the jurisdictional transfer of 82nd Avenue serve as a Pilot Project in the Regional Transportation Plan, given its scope. Kimberly notes that this made sense as there are a large number of communities throughout the state also seeking jurisdictional transfer of roads. The 82nd Avenue Improvement Coalition will host a Community Forum on October 17, 6:30 pm at PCC Southeast Campus. It will feature proposed designs for the Avenue followed by panel discussions. This event is open to the public and state legislators are scheduled to attend.

## **CNN:**

CNN Board Chair Doug Fasching reported that the coalition is once again offering community grants. \$10,000 is available, with typical grants in the \$1,000 - \$3,000 range. These grants are open to all, and applications should reflect projects that promote diversity and inclusion. Grant applications are available online and in person at the CNN office and are due by November 13. The CNN grant committee will review applications and notify those selected.

There will be a Public Safety Action Committee meeting on October 11, 6-8 pm at the New Columbia Education Center, 4625 North Trenton Street; all are welcome.

CNN has developed a livability group to address houseless issues; they will be meeting at the coalition office on October 17, 7-8 pm.

The CNN Homeless Pilot Project is partnering with Dignity Village in the Sunderland Neighborhood, working with them to pick up trash and give out food for people and their pets. This partnership is working together to identify homeless camps within the coalition. \$500 in seed money has been allocated to get the program up and running.

Doug attended the recent Directors and Chairs meeting at ONI (now the Office of Civic Livability.) He reported that there are changes forthcoming to define neighborhoods beyond just geographic boundaries.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Michael Botter reported that this summer's Movies in the Park was a great success, though attendance was less than previous years due to the heat.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Doug Fasching** recommended the food at **La Carreta**, the restaurant located at the old Original Taco House location and noted that children eat free.

**Alissa Fairweather, Director of Community Relations at the University of Western States** was present and provided a brief overview of the school's services, which include a wide range of medical and mental health services, all provided on a sliding scale with free care available to those in need. The school has outgrown their current space in the Russell neighborhood and is considering relocating to the Northeast 82nd Avenue area. Possibilities are both build to suit and or purchasing an existing property. A decision will be made soon, and Chair Dave Smith invited Ms. Fairweather to provide an update at our next meeting.

**Michael Botter** reported that the **Madison South Farmers Market** group is still meeting regularly and are also getting together with other Farmers Markets groups to share ideas. Meetings are posted on both Next Door and Facebook.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next MSNA General Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018, 7-9pm at the Lumberyard.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Doug Fasching made the motion to adjourn; Michael Botter seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lisa Walsh*

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