

**MADISON SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 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 Andrea Bianchini shared information regarding a recent incident involving a weapon at Glenhaven Park that resulted in Madison High School being placed on lock down. Everyone was safe, individual was not a student, and an MHS student reported the incident. Officer Bianchini also shared that most recent calls for service were on 82nd Avenue. Discussion about concerns Rocky Butte neighbors have about individuals in the upper area during the prohibited hours of 12a – 5a, as well as issues with marijuana use during daytime hours. Officer Bianchini told neighbors she will look into it and will also connect with Officer Larry Keller, who patrols on Rocky Butte between the hours of 10p and 8a.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Will Heiberg moved to accept the minutes of October 4, 2018, seconded by Pat Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There was no Treasurer's Report as the interim Treasurer was not in attendance.

ROCKY BUTTE GATE UPDATE:

Kelly Sills with PBOT provided a handout with statistical data for May to October 2018 and discussion followed. This included the pilot project overview, chain vs. gate considerations, Fire/Parking Enforcement and neighborhood concerns and perspectives.

Moving Forward:

- Installation of a swing arm gate (completed December 2018 and may be implemented either permanently or as determined by Police and Fire, e.g. on July 4th.)
- Rocky Butte neighbors are seeking MSNA recommendation regarding continuity of the pilot project as a City program
- PBOT would make the final determination regarding the pilot project continuing as a City program (If continued, a PBOT right-of-way use permit would be required)
- Further discussion by Rocky Butte neighbors included requesting more drive arounds by police when going up to substation at City Bible. Chair Dave Smith will contact the Commanders at North and East Precincts to recommend this. Dave then polled those neighbors regarding 1) their perception of the effectiveness of the closure from May - October 2) whether they want the installed gate to be permanent year-round. There was no consensus.
- Daniel Soebbing, Portland Parks supervisor assigned to Rocky Butte, noted what he deemed an "incredible" positive change regarding a reduction in trash and nefarious activity during the pilot project
- After summarizing the history of the project and evening's discussion, Chair Dave Smith recommended that all Rocky Butte Homeowner Association members meet and come to a consensus that will reflect the majority's wishes. He asked that they bring that decision to the next MSNA meeting in February 2019. He will allocate a 30-minute block on the agenda for the topic. MSNA will support the RBHA recommendation at that time.

BANFIELD BUILDING UPDATE:

Alisa Fairweather, Director of Community Relations at University of Western States shared that negotiations are in process to lease the building. Although there is no formal announcement at this time, she is optimistic about prospects and looks forward to partnering with Madison South neighbors in the future.

PORTLAND ENVIRONMENTAL OVERLAY ZONE MAP CORRECTION PROJECT:

Mindy Brooks, with the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability provided informational handouts and fielded questions from those present regarding this project, which has not been updated since 1993. In Madison South, Rocky Butte is in an environmental overlay zone, which is a tool used by the City to help protect important natural resources including wetlands, forests and unique habitats. Ms. Brooks encouraged neighbors to contact her with questions; she is happy to meet with residents at their property. She noted that most changes to property would be minimal, with rules and restrictions remaining the same with no changes to code. Ms. Brooks encouraged neighbors to check out the BPS website for more information and to be placed on their mailing list.

HALSEY STREET CROSSWALK PROPOSAL:

Neighbor Sheila Forrette shared her efforts to have a painted crosswalk or a signal crossing installed on Halsey St between 60th and 74th Avenues, where there currently is no safe designated area for pedestrian access. She has drafted a letter to send to Mayor Ted Wheeler, TriMet and City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly, which she read aloud at this meeting. Following, Chair Dave Smith requested that Ms. Forrette send him the letter for further review, and he will sign and submit it to the principles listed.

LAND USE & 82ND IMPROVEMENT COALITION:

Land Use Chair Kimberly Botter shared the following update:

- The October 17 panel discussion at PCC SE campus regarding the jurisdictional transfer of 82nd Avenue from the State of Oregon to the City of Portland was well attended. The heads of ODOT and PDOT were also present. Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer shared her proposal for prioritizing the jurisdictional transfer. This meeting was gratifying for the 82nd Avenue Improvement Coalition because all the stakeholders were on the same page after six years of discussions. A Memorandum of Understanding was sent from ODOT to PDOT regarding what needs to happen next in terms of negotiation and communication.
- On Monday, December 10 the 82nd Avenue Improvement Coalition will be meeting with Commissioner Chloe Eudaly to request that this topic be on the 2019 legislative agenda for Mayor Wheeler and Amanda Fritz (as it has not been previously) as well as the following:
 1. The City move forward with the MOU by March 2019
 2. Set the timeline for 1-5 years to:
 - increase safer crossing signals so that they are no more than 1/4 mile apart.
 - Improve sidewalk connectivity.
 - Address paving issues.
 - Identify funding sources

The Coalition is hoping for funding in a 2020 bond measure to address deferred maintenance on 82nd Avenue, which at present is the lowest priority for ODOT and the highest priority for the City.

CNN:

CNN Board Chair Doug Fasching shared the following:

- **ONI is now the Office of Community and Civic Life.** It has added 9 new staff and established a 30-person committee which will look at how best to get supports to neighborhoods beyond definition of geography. It was noted that most funding for the east side of Portland was shifted to the area between 105th and 150th Avenues.
- Residential Infill Project: **Rose City Park** neighborhood continues to have concerns about building on narrow lots
- Grant High School renovation project is on schedule, with tours available
- The downtown Post Office has completed relocation to NE Cornfoot Road
- Restaurants Cha Cha Cha and the Alameda Brewpub have closed
- CNN had 10k in neighborhood grants available, with 15 applications submitted. 5 were funded, including in the Cully neighborhood. Madison South applied for and was awarded a grant to underwrite the New Year in the Park celebration at Glenhaven.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Will Heiberg** shared that Portland Parks plans for construction at Gateway Green to begin in summer 2019. A Pizza Schmizza franchise has opened in the Lumberyard
- MSNA Board Member **Jonah Majure** has moved out of the neighborhood and has stepped down from the Board
- Neighbor **Allan Warman** serves as a Citizen Member on the Portland Utility Board and shared that the PUB will oversee the Water Bureau and Bureau of Emergency Services. Mr Warman welcomes input from neighbors and encourages them to check out the PUB website

NEXT MEETING:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Will Heiberg made the motion to adjourn; Allan Warman seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Walsh, Secretary