

**MADISON SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2019**

OPENING AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICER: Officers Rich Holthausen and Ian Buxman were present and circulated copies crime statistics for December 2017-December 2018 for the Madison South and Montavilla neighborhoods and addressed questions from the floor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Bruce Duncan moved to accept the minutes of December 6, 2018; seconded by Herb Griffin. 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 and Herb Griffin, Chair of the Rocky Butte Owners Association (RBOA) shared the following information: 21 members of the RBOA met on January 9, and rather than just respond to the pilot project, they agreed to vote on 5 options:

	Yes	No
1. Gates closed 24/7- year-round 365 days a year	16	5
2. Gates closed year-round, 7pm-5am (or similar hours as Mt Tabor)	17	2
3. Gates closed May 1- October 31, 7pm – 5 am (or similar hours as Mt Tabor)	17	1
4. Gates closed 24/7 May 1 to October 31 (as Pilot Project)	16	5
5. Gates never closed (except for special events)	2	16
6. Enforcement as the primary concern for ALL options	21	0

Given how close the vote was for options 1 through 4, no final decision was made at the January meeting. Chair Herb Griffin said that the group would meet again in March and he would advise MSNA Chair Dave Smith of their final decision. However, following some discussion, Mr Griffin decided to make the motion to close Rocky Butte Road (via gate), with the City to determine whether that closure is for the full year or May 1 – October 31. Barbara Ritt seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5 voting Aye and 4 voting Nay. Kelly Sills will share this information with Dave Benson, his colleague at PBOT as well as the City Commissioners and will then contact MSNA Chair Dave Smith with their decision.

US CENSUS: Janet Penfield was unable to attend

BANFIELD BUILDING UPDATE:

Alisa Fairweather, Director of Community Relations at University of Western States was unable to attend, but Land Use Chair Kimberly Botter noted that in recent conversations with Ms Fairweather that progress is being made. If permitting goes well, the school hopes to open in October 2019.

HALSEY STREET CROSSWALK PROPOSAL:

Chair Dave Smith sent in the letter he updated for neighbor Sheila Forrette, but at this time has received no response from the City or other principals.

LAND USE & 82ND IMPROVEMENT COALITION:

Land Use Chair Kimberly Botter shared the following update:

- There will be three important meetings for the public to review and discuss the **82nd Avenue Barriers to Development Draft Report (available to view online at www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/708713)**
 1. Monday, February 25, 5-7 pm at the Holgate Library
 2. Wednesday, February 27, 6-8 pm at PCC SE Campus Community Hall Annex
 3. Tuesday, March 12, 12:30 pm at City Hall
- The City of Portland will carry out already funded transportation projects and continue to develop additional opportunities for safety and connectivity projects along 82nd Avenue, working in partnership with ODOT. These include additional crossings, protected left green arrow turns. The City is seeking increased design and engineering flexibility for improvements while under ODOT ownership.
- The 82nd Avenue Improvement Coalition is working with the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO) and Organizing People Activating Leaders (OPAL) to help push through HB 2846. This bill would identify a statewide process for identifying and prioritizing highways for jurisdictional transfer. The current thinking is that 82nd Avenue is high on the list. Included in the bill would be an Oregon Highway Transfer Fund as part of ODOT's budget. Once a coalition in support of the bill is formed, there will be a Lobby Day for the bill scheduled (in Salem and a meeting with legislators); April 8th is being considered.
- There will be 2 opportunities to learn about the Madison High School Modernization Project
 1. Tuesday, February 19, 6-8 pm at an open house at Madison High School
 2. Monday, February 25, 1:30 pm at a public hearing at 1900 SW 4th Avenue

CNN:

CNN Board Chair Doug Fasching and **CNN MSNA Board Representative Ruth Hander** were absent and unable to provide an update

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP:

As 3 MSNA Board members were absent this evening, this discussion will be tabled for the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Michael Botter shared three concerns regarding this year's hosting of the Movies in the Park event:

- Madison High School modernization project adjacent to Glenhaven Park, the usual venue
- Renovation of the playground, also adjacent to the park
- The Community Garden is being relocated due to the high school construction, likely to an area near the park

Given that Jason Lee School and Hancock Park are not viable options, following discussion, it was agreed that Madison South would not host the event this year. Perhaps we could consider partnering with Roseway in 2020.

The MSNA cleanup may also be impacted by the Madison High School construction. Land Use Chair Kimberly Botter will clarify details with the project managers at the upcoming open house and share that information with the Board so that we may consider our options.

Neighbor **Bruce Duncan** shared that following a request to the City, the intersection at 91st and 92nd off Fremont has recently been re-striped for ease of use and improved safety for the #24 Bus. As of March 1, weekday service on the #24 line will be increased and Saturday and Sunday service will be restored. Additionally, the service will be extended to Providence Park.

New neighbor **Richard Basi** shared that he leads a swing band, the Cherry Blossom Orchestra, and would like to provide opportunities for people to socialize. He told all that he posted on Next Door to gauge interest, and the response was great. The first date will be the last Wednesday in March at Mekong Bistro, 7:30-8:30 pm. Additional dates will be posted on social media.

NEXT MEETING:

The next MSNA General Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019, 7-9pm at the Lumberyard.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Lisa Walsh made the motion to adjourn; Herb Griffin seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Walsh, Secretary