

**MADISON SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 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:

Officer Rich Holthausen was present and responded to neighbor concerns. These included issues with graffiti in the Rocky Butte tunnel; he noted that property crime is considered a low-level offense. Although prosecuted, it usually results in community service. There was also some discussion regarding the August fire in the fields adjacent to several businesses including the Lumberyard and the USA Boxing Club, resulting in significant damage to both. Authorities believe the fire was likely started by a transient.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Ruth Hander moved to accept the minutes of June 6, 2019; seconded by Pat Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Interim Treasurer Ronda Johnson shared the current balance and expenses/outstanding receivables. She will write up a formal report covering the period of June 6 - October 2, 2019 and provide a hard copy at the December MSNA meeting for review and approval.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Ronda Johnson facilitated the annual election of MSNA Board Officers

Chair:	Ruth Hander nominated Dave Smith
Member At Large:	Alisa Fairweather nominated Stacy Bancroft
Member At Large/Land Use Chair:	James Helms nominated Ben Cutler
Member At Large/CNN:	Doug Fasching nominated Ruth Hander
Member At Large/CNN:	Dave Smith nominated Doug Fasching

Those present completed paper ballots listing the above individuals, all of whom accepted nomination to the Board. Following tabulation, all the nominees were elected to serve a two-year term on the Madison South board. Chair Dave Smith welcomed all new and returning board members.

BANFIELD BUILDING UPDATE:

Alisa Fairweather, Director of Community Relations at University of Western States shared the following update:

Construction has been progressing since late March, between the winter and spring terms.

The dog park will not be reopening.

In response to neighbors' concerns about trash in the perimeter of the site, the school is attempting to keep up with it, but maintenance staff is stretched thin between the two campuses.

The University plans to hold an Open House either in the summer or fall of 2020.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CITY CODE 3.96:

CNN Chair Doug Fasching provides some context regarding this code, which is essentially the empowering language for neighborhood associations and coalitions. The stated goal of the Office of Community and Civic life, which proposed the changes, was to get as many groups included as possible. A vote has been scheduled before Portland City Council November 14, although the proposed code changes are currently in revision. This is due in large part because of the process by which these changes were proposed. Discussion followed among those present concerning both the process itself as well as the proposed changes. Barbara Ritt made the motion that Madison South Neighborhood Association send a letter to City Council supporting Neighborhood Associations as they exist, with the caveat that we support diversity and mentorship. Ken Rosenzweig seconded; motion was approved. Chair Dave Smith and Secretary Lisa Walsh will work together to compose and submit this letter.

HOMELESSNESS ISSUES:

Ken Rosenzweig, a Madison South neighbor residing near 79th and Tillamook near the freeway shared an incident that occurred in late September. He and a friend went to take photos for PDX Reporter and were met by an individual exiting a tent and brandishing a gun and threatening violence. They left the scene. Ken later emailed a letter to the Mayor as well as speaking to the Assistant Chief of Police and local Precinct Manager. Ken notes that he has engaged a number of neighbors with similar concerns via social media as well as reaching out to local TV stations. He remained after this evening's meeting to speak with interested neighbors.

LAND USE & 82ND IMPROVEMENT COALITION:

No update this meeting.

CNN UPDATE:

MSNA Board Representative Doug Fasching reported the following news within the Coalition:

- **Grant-** a mixed use 3-4 story building with first floor commercial and rooftop parking is planned at NE 33rd and Broadway. No additional information is available regarding the former Gordon's Fireplace location.
- **Beaumont Village-** a complex of 42 efficiency units is planned at 42nd and Prescott.
- **Cully-** the Church currently at 42nd and Killingsworth will be converted to DeLaSalle School.
- **Rose City Park-** hoping to replace the park equipment at NE 65th and Tillamook. Neighbors are clearing blackberry bushes along the ridge. May be upcoming changes to Rose City Golf Course due to dwindling revenue.
- **Hollywood-** the medical building at 42nd and Sandy will be expanding to the full block. A Target store will take over the former Orchards Hardware store in Spring 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

Barbara Ritt reported that the gate at the top of Rocky Butte will be reopened October 15. It is yet to be determined whether it will be closed again in 2020 as this year was a pilot project. Chair Dave Smith suggested that perhaps a representative from the City can attend the February 2020 meeting to provide some clarity.

NEW BUSINESS:

None for our neighborhood.

Neighbors from nearby Clackamas County were present; discussion ensued regarding how Madison South successfully rallied against the construction of a big box store at the current Dharma Rain Center site. Tonya and Ben Reed have been working with their neighbors for several years to oppose a large lot car wash directly adjacent to a quiet residential area. Several suggestions were offered, and some board members remained after the meeting to talk with the Reeds.

NEXT MEETING:

The next MSNA General Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019, 7-9pm at the Lumberyard.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chair Dave Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Walsh, Secretary