

**Madison South Neighborhood Association Virtual General Meeting  
February 4, 2021 7:00 to 9:00 PM**

David Smith opened the meeting at 7:00pm and everyone introduced themselves:

Dave Smith	Doug Fasching	Stacy Bancroft	Kathleen George
Kristin Kibler	Ben Cutler	Heidi Jo Grubbs	Nicole Pierce
Ruth Hander	Pat Smith	Brian Gorman	Tristan Isaac
Rhonda Johnson			

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Pat Smith made the motion to accept the minutes of December 3, 2020 as presented. Doug Fasching seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rhonda Johnson gave the treasurer's report. There being no further questions or discussions, Ben Cutler made a motion to accept the report as submitted; Pat Smith seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**MINGUS MAPPS VISION OF PORTLAND:** Was unable to attend our meeting because of a scheduling conflict.

**PBOT PROJECT:** Nicole Pierce presented information about the Portland Bureau of Transportation's project:

- Project that features NE Halsey safety and access to transit. It will impact NE Halsey St from NE 68<sup>th</sup> Ave to NE 92<sup>ND</sup> Avenue. The goal is to make it easier and safer to bike, walk to the NE 82<sup>nd</sup> Max Station.
- It will impact the 68<sup>th</sup> & Halsey freeway offramp and NE 80<sup>th</sup> will be a roundabout.
- Construction is expected late 2022.
- Have not developed a construction schedule yet.
- There is also another project proposed that includes NE Halsey from NE 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave to the 102<sup>nd</sup> Transit Station.
- PBOT is hoping to restripe NE Halsey Street from the current 4 lanes to 3 lanes with a bike lane; add sidewalks on the north side of Halsey from NE 82<sup>nd</sup> to 92<sup>nd</sup> with marked pedestrian crossings.

Meeting participants had the following concerns:

- Speed limit on NE Halsey
- Impact on transit; work with TriMet
- Deliveries on the south side of NE Halsey; delivery trucks will block traffic when delivering if there is only one lane for vehicles.
- What is the backup plan if ODOT does not agree to the changes impacting NE 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue?

**LAND USE UPDATE:** Ben Cutler reported:

- Madison High School (school newly renamed) renovation project. He informed us the project is on schedule and people can go to [www.pps.net](http://www.pps.net) for more information and photos.
- Dharma Rain will be building another structure on their land.

**ROCKY BUTTE FARMERS MARKET:** Ben Cutler informed us about plans for the market:

- Will operate the first Saturday of the month, June through October at Manna House Parking lot.
- They have policies in place to manage Covid issues.
- They use the Farmer's Market Association for information and help.
- Ben will ask MSNA at the April meeting for monetary support for the market.

**MAINSRING GRANT UPDATE:** Stacy Bancroft reported that Mainspring was incredibly surprised and grateful for the grant the MSNA gave them. A question was raised how the money was spent; Stacy said she will ask, however MSNA did not give any specific guidelines or expectations to Mainspring, trusting they will use the money where it is needed most. Stacy also informed us that the Community Garden on Beech Street donates fresh grown vegetables to Mainspring.

**CNN UPDATE:** Doug Fasching reported:

- CNN discussed the PBOT Project that will impact NE Halsey (see report above)
- Hollywood Transit Station will be home to a mixed-use housing development where the HOLLYWOOD sign currently is. It will be a small building, 13 stories with 200 units and construction will impact NE 39<sup>th</sup> to NE 47<sup>th</sup> Avenues for the next few years.
- The Coalition will start in-person meetings again for Land Use within the next few months.
- There is a \$1000 city grant available through the Coalition for any Neighborhood Association to apply for. The only stipulation is that the project must be Covid related. Applications must be sent in ASAP and spent before June 30, 2021. Neighborhood Association Presidents will receive information and applications soon.
- The Coalition sent a letter to Commissioner JoAnn Hardesty stating the desire to have a better relationship with her than her predecessor. They requested a meeting.
- The SW Coalition consisting of 27 Neighborhood Associations had an audit and were subsequently defunded.
- Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association applied to leave their current Coalition (SE Uplift) and move to NE Coalition.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ruth reported that there have been 2 shootings at the Ellington Apartments on NE Tillamook.

Heidi Jo Grubbs reported that NE 82<sup>nd</sup> and Milton homeless camp area has been cleaned up; it is improved but still has issues.

Stacy Bancroft reported that she has not heard if Movies in the Park is scheduled to happen; will keep us informed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Dave Smith reported that Jenna Manchester, the long-time editor of our newsletter, has resigned and can no longer edit the newsletter due to personal work issues. Frank Walsh is willing to be editor if it could be an email newsletter. Heidi Jo Grubbs indicated she would like to help. Some Neighborhood Associations use Constant Comment Software through CNN. Frank will investigate specifics.

Kathleen George spoke to Scott Cohen from PBOT regarding the lack of sidewalks to the top of Rocky Butte. There is interest in exploring the possibility of creating a one-way traffic pattern on Rocky Butte Drive to allow sidewalks to be installed. Anyone interested in working on this please contact Kathleen at [georgeagogo@gmail.com](mailto:georgeagogo@gmail.com). It was confirmed that Rocky Butte is a part of MSNA.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, Dave Smith adjourned the virtual meeting at 9 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Pat Smith for Lisa Walsh*