

Madison South Neighborhood Association Virtual General Meeting

June 3, 2021

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

Dave Smith	Doug Fasching	Stacy Bancroft	Ben Cutler
Pat Smith	Tristan Isaac	Rich Holthausen	Alisa Fairweather
Rhonda Johnson	Greg Bourget	Meghan Cavanaugh	Antonio Zamora
Lisa Walsh			

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Stacy Bancroft made the motion to accept the minutes of April 1, 2021 as presented. **Ben Cutler** seconded; motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rhonda Johnson gave the treasurer's report, the only activity being disposition of \$500 to the Rocky Butte Farmer's Market. There being no further questions or discussion, **Pat Smith** made a motion to accept the report as submitted; **Stacy Bancroft** seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

CASCADIA ACTION:

Greg Bourget gave a presentation about this organization which works to engage the community by raising awareness of local pollution and advocating with agencies like ODOT and DEQ on ways to mitigate this issue. Portland's proximity to highways like I-5, 84 and 205 results in very high levels of diesel particulate, a dangerous carcinogen. Cascadia Action is working to understand exposure by obtaining information from ODOT going back 35 years, as well doing bike mapping in Portland neighborhoods via GPS. Mr. Bourget closed by sharing that 55 Portland neighborhoods and 16 faith organization have identified a liaison to serve with Cascadia Action, and following, Board member Tristan Isaac volunteered to serve from Madison South. Neighbors may learn more about Cascadia Action by visiting their website, PortlandCleanAir.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD RENAMING:

Ben Cutler shared that a Madison South neighbor, **Gabrielle Haber**, had reached out to both he and Dave in February, noting that since Madison high school had been renamed (to Leodis V. McDaniel), perhaps the neighborhood should be renamed as well. Ms. Haber would be interested in being part of an exploratory work group, although she would not be able to lead it. As part of the process, some suggestions from the floor included:

- Reaching out to the Grand Ronde tribe to learn the names of our area's original indigenous peoples
- Research how neighborhood associations were named
- Contact the former McDaniel high school to learn about their renaming process
- Determine the actual process of renaming- Ms. Haber believes that the neighborhood association votes on the name change and submits that request to the City Council. Question about whether there are costs related to the process.
- Ben will reach out to Ms. Haber, Ronda Johnson will reach out to Alison Stoll at CNN, and Stacy Bancroft will identify a contact at McDaniel high school so that invitations may be extended to our August meeting and facilitate a broader discussion.

NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICER UPDATE:

Officer Rich Holthausen reported that the bureau is still dealing with a staffing shortage. There were no questions from the floor.

LAND USE UPDATE:

Land Use Chair Ben Cutler shared that plans are still on track for McDaniel high school to open this fall. There are no other land use developments currently.

CNN UPDATE

CNN Chair Doug Fasching gave the following update:

- Recent audit of the **Office of Civic Life** painted a picture of a very toxic environment. **Interim Director Michael Montoya** will head up the office for the next year.
- **OCL** is currently working on the budget; \$20,000 in communication grants will be shared among the neighborhoods. An anticipated 5% cut was walked back
- **CNN** voted to send a letter to JoAnn Hardesty requesting that they be able to provide input during the process of selecting a new director
- **SWNI** (Southwest Neighborhoods Inc)- the Office of Civic Life is adding 2 positions to provide support to the 24 neighborhoods in that coalition. The NW and N Coalitions will serve as SWNI's fiscal representatives until a more permanent solution is determined
- There will be an **open house** (to include ODOT, PDOT and the City of Portland) regarding mixed use development at the **Hollywood Transit Center**, details to come

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Stacy Bancroft extended thanks to **Alisa Fairweather** and the **University of Western States** for putting on the recent SOLVE event, which was very well-attended, with 40 volunteers. Ms. Fairweather noted that there will be two more events in June. The 82nd Avenue of Roses Business Association received a grant from Venture Portland to underwrite those events. Stacy hopes to partner with SOLVE again in August for another 82nd Avenue cleanup. After some discussion on the floor, Stacy made the motion that MSNA allocate up to \$150 for snacks for the volunteers at the SOLVE cleanup in August; motion passed unanimously. Alisa also mentioned that in lieu of snacks, gift vouchers for local merchants may be a good idea for the future, as it may be safer than handling food at this time.

Dave Smith suggested that we hold a half hour Board meeting before the August General meeting. Topics for discussion include reviewing the **Bylaws**; **Stacy** has some suggestions to share.

Alisa Fairweather noted that ODOT has come to an agreement with PDOT to transfer ownership of 82nd Avenue, with \$185 million allocated to repairs and improvements as part of the deal.

Ben Cutler reminded all that the **Rocky Butte Farmers Market** will open on June 12, with 21 vendors on hand; all are invited to attend this inaugural event.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, **Doug Fasching** made the motion to adjourn the meeting. **Pat Smith** seconded; motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

The next General MSNA meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, August 5, 2021. It will be preceded by a virtual Board meeting at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Walsh