

# **Minutes of the Madison Park Community Council General Meeting**

Madison Park Bathhouse  
Monday, January 9th at 7 p.m.

## **Attendees:**

Gail Irving, Jacob Caylor, Bryan Tagas, Glenn Adler, Rebecca Riesen, Nancy Clark, Mary Karges, Chris Karges, Victor Stover, David Price, Maurice Cooper, Douglas Berry, David Price, Alice Lanczos, Bruce Brown, Paula Cole, Brian Connoly, Ed Clark, Cathy Tuttle, Bob Edmiston, Robin Randels

## **Points of business:**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Gail Irving at 7:00 p.m.
2. The minutes for the December meeting were approved previously by email.

## **Discussion items:**

Gail Irving reported that the Parks Commissioner has decided to remove the North Beach Fence. There will be a committee formed to help the parks department implement the decision in a way that is best for the neighborhood.

Bob Edmiston gave a presentation on Seattle's approach to the concept of Neighborhood Greenways.

In short, Neighborhood Greenways are dedicated non-arterial residential streets with low traffic volume and traffic speeds. Neighborhood Greenways are intended to be

connections between parks, schools, residences and neighborhood businesses, that provide a quieter, slower paced place where bicycles, pedestrians and neighbors' safety are all given priority. Cars are still able to drive and park on Neighborhood Greenways but the selected routes are updated to make them safer for vulnerable roadway users.

Bob shared stories of how seven other neighborhoods like ours are currently planning and building family-friendly Greenway networks through their communities.

During the presentation, neighbors and representatives from the McGilvra PTA and BRIGHT! preschool gave specific accounts of situations where the current roadway system in Madison Park could benefit from the child-safety aspects of Neighborhood Greenways.

Tragically in September 2011, a 5th grade student from McGilvra Elementary who was riding a bicycle to school was hit by a car and was taken to Harborview Emergency with serious injuries. Residents in attendance expressed a desire to see safe routes to McGilvra school be built so their children will be at less risk of a repeat of that event.

The Council unanimously moved to approve a motion to form a Madison Park Greenways group to further investigate using the Greenways opportunity to make safe routes to McGilvra Elementary and potentially to other key neighborhood destinations in the future.

Ten Madison Park residents in attendance immediately volunteered to participate in the committee to help get our local Greenway group started.

Links to more information on Neighborhood Greenways

- 1) [The Seattle Times](#) opinion piece from some of the Greenway Organizers.
- 2) City Council member Sally Bagshaw, [FAQ on Neighborhood Greenways](#).
- 3) [Seattle Neighborhood Greenways](#) web site.
- 4) [StreetFilms video](#) about Greenways in Portland

**Note Taker:**

Bob Edmiston