Neighborhood Watch
Board of Directors' Meeting
Columbia Police Department Conference Room
February 12, 2007

Name	Present	Absent	1st 3 year	2nd 3 year	Expire
Conrad Howe	X		X		09/08
James Russell	X		X		09/07
Brenda Campbell	X			X	09/07
Dan Adams	X		X		09/08
Arthur Rikli	X			X	09/07
Jim Dyer		X	X		09/08
Mike Hayes	X				
John White	X				

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Meeting called to order at 8:09 AM by Mr. Howe.

Approval of: January 2007 meeting minutes approved as written.

Treasurer report: Mrs. Campbell reported that on January 31, 2007, the bank balance was $887.76. Due to an error on the bank the bank refunded $10.00

Old Business

Web – Page: Mike has the stats loaded waiting on the city to pick up the folder. Wally will call Sam and mount web page and get the needed address. (URLs)

Fund Raising: Mr. Howe passed out the letter he wrote for the fund raising. After discussion awareness to the safety poster contest was added. Also changed "me" to "us" and added mike's phone number to the letter. The board came up with a lengthy list of corporations to contact. See attachment 1

Home Show: Will be February 23, 24, 25 at the Hearns Center. Officer Hayes passed around a sign up sheet for the board to sign up and work the booth at the home show.
Mrs. Campbell passed out the letter (hand out) that Mr. Dyer wrote to be handed out ate the home show. The board liked it and decided to go with it. See attachment 2

New Business:

No new business

Other Business: Mr. Adams reported that he checked on printing the booklet. Most of the printers wouldn't print less than 5,000. He is still waiting on General Printing for cost, as they did say they would do a smaller quantity.

Rick with the Optimist reported on the safety poster contest for this year and last year. There were 80 entrants, several unique topics. Topics included Seat Belt, Helmets, water safety, don't open doors.
The prizes will be the same this year as last year.
1st $150
2nd $100
3rd $75
The teacher of the winning student will also receive $100.
It cost approximently $1200 last year and that is what is budgeted for this year.
The contest will run from March 1st to March 31st. Judging will done during the month of April and the winners to around May 1st.
Rick said he had and ideal to make the program self supporting. He would like to get the winner to sign the poster then have prints made have them numbered so that it can be a collectors item. Then sell the poster $10 - $20 this would make the program self supporting.

Mr. Adams offered to get the poster contest and the NWB on the cable channels.

Report from Sgt White & Officer Hayes

Officer Hayes reported on the home show and will let the board know how and when to get passes.

Sgt White reported that the board needs to fill the three open spots on the board. He is going to put it in the newsletter.

Motion made to adjourn – motion passed meeting was adjourned at 9:12 am

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Russell
Secretary

Next meeting will be March 12, 2007

Attachment 1

Neighborhood Watch
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(573) 874-7405

February 1, 2007

Matt Reaves, Club Manager
Sam's Club
101 Conley Road
Columbia, MO 65201

Dear Mr. Reaves:

Neighborhood Watch is a very active not-for-profit organization [501(c)(3)] and program established for the purpose of making a difference in the safety of our lives, the lives of our children, and our neighborhoods, including yours, in the City of Columbia. Participants in the Neighborhood Watch training program learn techniques to (1) reduce the risk of being victimized at home and in public places, (2) recognize and report suspicious activities, and (3) address crime issues in their neighborhood and community at large. While the Neighborhood Watch training program continues throughout the year, an example of one new program is our partnership with the Downtown Optimist Club in a Safety Poster Contest involving all Columbia grade school children and their respective teachers.

Neighborhood Watch is very much in need of funding for current and future neighborhood safety programs, and Sam's Club can make an immediate difference. We hope we can count on Sam's Club to help the Neighborhood Watch program by making the most generous grant or gift you can as soon as possible. Please contact ~~me~~ us at the number above if you would like more information or have any questions. 874-7185

With grateful appreciation for your favorable consideration of this request,

W. Conrad Howe, Jr.
President

Attachment 2

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The mission of Neighborhood Watch is to provide information and assistance which encourages neighborhood involvement to be effective watchful neighbors with the goal of reducing crime.

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program which enlists the active participation of citizens in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime in their communities.

BLOCK CAPTAIN'S TRAINING

Training is held twice monthly on Wednesday at 7:00 PM.
The dates for training are:
March 7 and 21 and
April 4 and 18.
The topics that are covered include:

- **Roles and duties of a block captain**
- **How to start a Neighborhood Watch group**
- **Recognizing and reporting suspicious activity**
- **Services and training available to the groups**

There cannot be a law enforcement officer on every corner so citizen involvement is essential to combat crime. If you are interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch group or you would be interested in serving on the Neighborhood Watch Board for the City of Columbia, please contact Officer Mike Hayes at 874-7658.