



## Neighborhood Watch Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2022 — 4:30 p.m.

“The mission of Columbia Neighborhood Watch is to inform, train and encourage residents to work together to establish neighborhood watch programs with the goal of reducing crime.”

This meeting will be held via the internet – Hosted by Nolanda

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83541083368?pwd=WnE5cXBld0dubjJHZi8vSzNkY0lwQT09>

Meeting ID: 835 4108 3368 Passcode: cnw

Call to Order: Nolanda - 4:30 pm- *4:34pm*

- Approval of November 2021 meeting minutes - *Unable to approve at this time, meeting minutes unavailable due to computer issues, they will be uploaded to the drive again soon*

Treasurer's Report: Herb:

- *CoMo gives check is to be reissued. It went to the incorrect address. The bank has been doing some different stuff with our account and Herb reported that he is working on that.*
- *Discussed that Nolanda needs to be added to the account and Irwin needs to be removed. Nolanda and Herb will schedule a time to meet at the bank to get this done*
- Approval of Treasurer Report *Kathy, motion, Al second, all approved*

Sign Committee Report: Jacob

- *Nothing new to report, is anyone aware of signs that need to be updated? Jacob advised he just needs to know where he needs to take signs down and he'll get that done*

- *Jacob also asked if anyone knows where we go to recycle and if we need to have a certain number of signs to take when we do go.*
  - *Nolanda said wait until there are 10 signs and that if he needs her to, she can take the signs for recycling. Jacob advised that he can take them on a day he works from home.*

#### CPD Liaison Report: Jason

- *East Campus community meeting on Thursday, March 3rd at 6:30pm at City Hall, Chief has asked him to speak and he will talk about CNW*
  - *Not sure if we need a CNW board member there, this hasn't been mentioned but he will ask*
  - *Nolanda said for him to let her know if he needs any help and/or if they want or need a separate presentation and meeting*
  - *Nolanda touched base with Jason about contact with the reporter*
  - *Nolanda will create a flier*
- *Jason talked about the off campus housing fair that will be held on March 17th from 9am until 3pm at Kuhlman Ct at MU between the Library and the Student center. He will see if we can attend*
- *Has been trying to recruit officers. Checking to see if Thomas Nichols has contacted us?*
  - *Nolanda advised she emailed him once. She will follow up and see if he wants to attend a meeting*
- *Jason chatted some websites for getting crime stats*

#### Updates on Grants - Jeff

- *Jeff talked about the grants he is applying for*
  - *Jacob asked if there is a list somewhere as well as passwords for the places we have applied to*
  - *Jeff advised there is and he has sent it to Nolanda*

#### Collection of Support Hours: Kathy *Completed*

#### **Old Business:**

- 2021-2022 Budget
- 2021-2022 Goals
- Open Board Position
- Web Services Contract
- CNW Item Storage
  - Jacob, do you have space to store signs?
  - Nolanda can store items at her at her office for now and allow access as needed until we are able to get a storage either donated or purchased
- Sign replacement-

- We need to have a process in place before we remove signs. Important to contact the neighborhoods and give them the option to attend training and invite others so they can keep their signs since the purpose is to get more folks trained and signs out there.
  - *Jason suggested that we give them a chance, go door to door and try to get folks trained and on board before just taking signs down*
- Gary, would this be something you can do with the block captains? Or Elaine, can you do this as part of the training piece?
- Contacting Block Captains
- Meetings
  - Now is a good time to talk about what is working/not working, thoughts?
- Next training session
  - How often do we want to hold?
- 2021 Board Term Re-Elections
  - Nolanda, Elaine, Herb, Jeff, and Al
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#### **New Business:**

- CoMo Gives progress
- Filling vacant board positions
  - *Nolanda advised that she has been touching base with Irwin for ideas on this. We definitely want people who want to be active, not just build a resume*
  - *Can't just assume that people will actually do the duties, need to be a little choosier*
- Updates from Officer's meeting
  - *Jeff will be keeping grants, that will be his focus for CNW*
  - *Will try to schedule more officer meetings*
- Home Show
  - Do we want a table there and who can host it?
    - *Jeff advised that previously, it was just \$100. Used to share a booth with joint communications. This is not an option this year as they are already partnering with someone else*
    - *Nolanda shared that the smallest booth is \$680 plus costs per person to get in the door. The fair is being held April 15th through 16th*
    - *Jeff advised that generally, only one or two people we meet at this event ever come to our trainings so the cost is probably not worth it for us, especially considering our budget limitations*
    - *Jacob asked if we had talked to the contact person about the fact that we aren't selling anything, that we are a non-profit and see if they could just donate a table.*

- *Nolanda advised that she has tried that but hasn't gotten anywhere. Will ask if they have scholarships/grants for booths*
    - *Herb made a motion to not attend, Jeff second, all approved*
- Meetings
  - Now is a good time to talk about what is working/not working, thoughts?
    - *Months we aren't meeting we should be doing events, recruiting*
    - *Nolanda - Meet less, do more, be more visible and active - Thoughts?*
      - *Jacob shared that he agrees with this, maybe do some in person meetings as well depending on everyone's comfort level*
      - *Herb - wants accountability for what each member is working on. Discussion on this and the fact that being a member is a voluntary position and we don't want to discourage people. Nolanda talked about the difference between accountability and micro-managing*
      - *Nolanda suggested assigning duties depending on what each person does well. If the job isn't getting done, it will be clear who isn't actively participating*
    - *Jeff - only a few people actually turn in hours*
    - *Jacob - addressed how we tend to accept things like "I kind of got it done". Maybe we should ask why, how we can help each other*
      - *Kathy - agree with Jacob, we do a lot of spinning our wheels without ever really accomplishing anything. A lot of talk takes place at meeting but no real action and that's discouraging*
    - *Jacob - maybe have another meeting next month, just try to keep them short and on target. Jason and Kathy agreed*
    - *Jason - Mondays working starting on March 21st*
- Next training session
  - How often do we want to hold?
    - *Kathy will send out a doodle poll for this*
- COMO Gives Updates - *See Treasurer's report*
- Zoom subscription
  - *Probably not looking at a paid subscription right now due to budget*
  - *Discussed that even when we go back to in person trainings, we may still want to offer zoom trainings, at least periodically*
  - *Nolanda will follow up on any additional discounts that might be available to us as she has a meeting with zoom coming up*
- Block captain outreach

- *Al advised that he feels not doing in person classes has made it hard to connect with Block Captains and others. Feels that is part of the problem with CNW right now, not being in person*
- *Nolanda stated that the block captains she has talked to don't really know what they need to do and she has the following suggestions:*
  - *Need to have quarterly meetings with them and they need to have an attendance requirement*
  - *They could help out with signs, events, etc*
  - *Greet new people moving into the neighborhood and recruit them to CNW*
  - *Get their feedback -*
    - *Reach out to every block captain by call, email, letter*
    - *Meet with all of them and find out who wants to continue*
- *Al talked about encouraging active block captains and how that could create a pool of future board members*
- *Nolanda suggested maybe scheduling a couple of meetings, different times for each meeting to better accommodate work and life schedules*
  - *Maybe one in person and one on zoom*
    - *Jacob suggested part of the initial contact being to see their preferred meeting method*
  - *Nolanda will do initial contacts*
  - *At a minimum, officers will need to attend this meeting with Block Captains*
  - *DEFINITELY have to increase our communication with Block Captains*
- **Auxiliary board**
  - *Nolanda asked if anyone has heard anything from Linda. Jeff shared that it was pre-covid when we last saw or spoke to her*
    - *Nolanda will try to connect with Linda*
    - *Nolanda will follow up with Irwin to see if he wants to remain as an auxiliary member*
    - *Mark wants to continue in this capacity*
- *Al shared that he would like to move into an auxiliary member position. He will wait until we have filled his regular board position though*
  - *Nolanda told him to let us know if he needs to step down sooner*
- **Other:**
  - *Jacob talked about postage costs if we are looking at doing mailings. He feels we might be eligible for some lower costs and he will look into this*

- Next meeting: Monday, March 21st from 5:30pm until 6:30pm

**Next Meeting Agenda Items:**

- Anything else we want to add to the agenda?

**Adjourned meeting at: 6:21pm - Herb motion, Jeff second, all approved**

**Board member attendance and terms**

Name	Present	Absent	Support Hours - Nov-Feb	Term Ends	BD
Nolanda Dodd, President	X		18	2022	14- May
Vacant - Vice President	N/A	N/A	N/A	2024	
Kathy Newlon - Secretary	X		17	2022	26-Oct
Herb Watchinski Jr - Treasurer	X		367	2023	29-Aug
Al Barrier	X		20	2024	30-March
Officer Jason McClintic, CPD Liaison	X		N/A	N/A	14-March
Jeff Hempstead - Grants	X		155	2024	12-Jul
Jacob Novak - Signs	X		1.5	2022	3-Dec
Vacant	N/A	N/A	N/A	2023	
Vacant	N/A	N/A	N/A	2023	

**Auxiliary Board Attendance**

Name	Present	Absent
Irwin Schneider		X
Linda Munden		X
Marc Lammy		X