



## Neighborhood Watch Minutes

Monday, Feb 13, 2023 — 6:00 p.m.

Molly Bowden Police StationA

"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 and increasing public safety."

### Call Meeting To Order 6:06

**Attendees:** Herb Watchinski, Brad Anderson, Jeff Hempstead, Keith Caldwell, Susan Dickerson  
**Absent:** Heath Rose, Rod Perry, Michele Hager

### President's Report

#### Vice President's Report – Jeff

- CoMo Gives – Update.
  - Checks were mailed Friday.
  - Feb 14, zoom debriefing mtg at 10
- Grants:
  - Storage-Mart (For storage) 7/7/2022
  - Max & Victoria Dreyfus Foundation 10/26/2022 \$ 2,500.00 First cut is April 2023
  - State Farm Community Grant (LOI) 1/9/2023
  - Simmons Bank Community Donation (LOI) 1/13/2023
  - AARP Community Challenge Grant 2/6/2023 \$ 2,100.00
  - County ARPA grant for crime prevention. Denied from City so went to County. Waiting for response if they are interested in pursuing.
  - Denied
    - Ameren 8/8/2022
    - CFCM Grant 7/27/2022
    - A P Green 8/18/2022
    - City ARPA 11/10/2022
    - Motorola Foundation 1/5/2023
- Guest Speaker for the Columbia Apartment Assoc. Feb 8, Jeff presented.
  - They did select us for their charity of the year. Not sure of the amount and when will receive.
- Photo shoot for COMO Magazine, March issue. Interviewed Jeff. Brad, Jeff and Susan attended the photo shoot.

### Secretary's Report – Susan

- Approval of last meeting minutes. Approved.
- Hours .

### **Treasurer's Report - Herb**

- Transition of financial records from Herb to Keith requires the following steps:
  - Schedule time to get Keith on account and get card – Herb and Keith. Scheduled.
  - Tutor session on our setup in QuickBooks
  - Process CoMo Gives deposit and donations – Keith and Herb
  - Monthly Report Generations

### **UpComing Events**

- Ready Festival – Sept 14, 2023 at Stephens Lake – registered for it. Need to check if we have enough handouts.
- Joint Public Relations event with CPD - last year's plan was emailed to the board.
  - Jill Schulde would like to move it to Sept
  - To avoid above conflicts, Sept 23 is the only option that month.
  - We have a credit w parks and rec.
  - Discussed location options.
    - Cosmo Park An option and try to avoid shelters near games if possible. Shelter near skate board area?
    - Oakland? An option
    - Bethel Park? An option.
    - Ruled out the following:
      - *Grindstone – parking bad.*
      - *Stephens park? Smaller parking lot.*
      - *Rollins and college park. Cowanas bad parking lot.*
      - *Indian Hills NE, but too way out.*
- Annual Meeting – Sept date TBD. Regular mtg date - Sept 11. Board agreed.
- Training Sessions – dates, style, location, etc.
  - Thornbrook training on Jan 30. In person - Jeff, Brad, Keith, Susan.
  - Jan 23 training. Update
  - Feb 27 for training via Teams. 6:30 start time.
  - Decided not to have a training session in March.
  - Jeff will look into April times for training in the library.

### **Sign Report – Rod**

#### **Development: Rod**

- Rod has brought in about \$2K since Dec.
- Storage Mart has a 5x5 available on Worley. Herb to contact Rod
- Donation commitments.
- Assess the donations category for each doner to determine how we display their business info. Herb and Rod.
- Our current advertising and public face forward discussion. Herb and Rod.

### **Captain/Co-Captain Liaison Report**

- Status of DB cleanup
- Capt/co-capt updates
- Liaison meetings

## Old Business:

- BBB Torch Award – status?
  - Chris has press release ready to go. BBB status of their press release?
  - Request to display at city hall – Chris. Brad said to f/u w Toni. Sue to f/u w Toni.
- Storage Mart
  - Facebook page status – Jeff still working on it.
- Expansion of training curriculum – update to be forthcoming from Herb.
  - Access CERT training. Community Emergency Response Team. Perhaps we could coord with them on training or use some of their material and reference CERT
  
- Inventory of CNW items
  - Status of Elaine printing 250 copies. Not hear anything from her. Can only do a few copies at a time.
  - Rodney will reach out to Minuteman press at some time.
  - Storage mart – Rodney is researching.
  
- Shirts – Status
  - Sent pics with requested changes and ordered the shirts.
  
- MS Access – Update.
  - Tabled until Michele's return
  
- Quote for liability and D&O insurance
  - Discussed other board members may look into other options e.g. below, but not assigned.
    - Stacey at Kassman insurance – may not be a viable option. Mr Kassman has retired.
    - Columbia and Columbia insurance were contacted before. Both go to the same underwriter.
    - Check Hartford – **Jeff Walker 573-746-2118** new info. Sue to call.
  
- **New Business**
  - Annual budget – Herb to email and everyone should respond with questions/approval.
  - Annual goals – approved
  - Letter of approval that Jeff can apply for grants. Required letter by many organizations. Board approved Jeff's use of the letter.

**Adjourn Meeting 7:50**