



**Neighborhood Watch
Minutes
Monday, May 8, 2023 — 6:00 p.m.
Molly Bowden Police Station**

“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 at 6:04

Welcome Guests

Spring, Larry Kirshner

President’s Report

- Status of Jeremy – community coordinator for about 300 homes in Shephard.
- Invite Chief of Police, Geoff Jones, as our guest speaker for the annual meeting
- Nextdoor – f/u to determine cost of a business account. .
Have we looked at 411? –.
- Research security software
- Herb to follow up w Matt Brown to determine how the Be Prepared event is different than Ready Festival.
- Propose a couple of dates for training.

Vice President’s Report – Jeff

- Columbia’s response to gun violence. – We are mentioned in it. References our web page.
- Strategic plan for CNW. – Need for our city application for American Rescue Plan.
Consensus is to adopt.
- Grants:

Ameren	8/8/2022	Denied	\$ 2,073.00	
CFCM Grant	7/27/2022	Denied	\$1,000	
A P Green	8/18/2022	Denied	\$ 1,000.00	
City ARPA	11/10/2022	Denied	\$ 68,003.49	
Motorola Foundation	1/5/2023	Denied	LOI denied as out of area	
Storage-Mart (For storage)	7/7/2022	They dropped grant		
State Farm Community Grant (LOI)	1/9/2023	No Reply		
Simmons Bank Community Donation (LOI)	1/13/2023	No Reply		
AARP Community Challenge Grant	2/6/2023	Denied		

Max & Victoria Dreyfus Foundation	10/26/2022	Denied	\$ 2,500.00	First cut is April 2023
Cosmopolitan International	2/15/2023		Sponsor training @\$700 each	
City ARPA2 (Asked to apply via Apricot)	2/27/2023		\$ 11,270.09	
County ARPA	3/20/2023		\$ 14,879.46	
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	4/7/2023		\$ 5,000.00	Takes 60 days for answer
Bass Pro	4/10/2023	Denied	\$ 840.34	

ARPA – in progress. County, suppose to hear something in June.

Secretary's Report – Susan

- Approved last meeting minutes. Consensus.
- Hours for April – reminder.
- How to archive photo shoot for March COMO Magazine. **Treasurer's Report - Keith**

Board Reports

- Rod
 - Sign – Rod has replaced three signs.
 - Development – Uhaul status. They do support free storage.
 - Minuteman printing option. Ongoing conversation about free printing.
- Ellen
 - Captain/Co-Captain Liaison Report
 - Ellen and Susan trained.
 - About 75% through Capt list. Not getting responses to voice mails and emails. Many are not valid anymore.
- Ibrahim
 - Facebook Status
 - Facebook issues. Ibrahim follows CPD website. Posting on our facebook page.
 - Send anything interesting we want to post to Ibrahim.

UpComing Events

- Ready Festival – **Sept 14, 2023** at Stephens Lake, 4-8 pm
- Joint Public Relations event with CPD
 - Selected date: **Sept 23**.
 - We have received approval from CPD. Chief has committed resources. Toni Messina is our POC for coordination. Jill is point person
 - No response from city for coordination. Switch to ice cream social instead of BBQ. .
 - Still want a shelter. Need to know which park and time in order to apply to parks and rec grant
- Annual Meeting –**Sept 11**.
 - Brad reserved: Rooms A and B in City Hall, AV equipment requested.
 - Guest speaker status. Suggestion was Chief Jones.
 - Starts at 6:30
- Training Sessions – dates, style, location, etc.

- We had about 24 people attending the Apr 24 session. Was our Apr 24 training published on the CPD webpage? Yes, for almost 3 months. It appears on the homepage.
- Suggest another online training in June 5th. Need to publish that people should sign up at least 2 days in advance. Sign up through our website. When they complete the sign up form, it is sent to training email. Jeff is the only one that has access to training website. We ask for their name, phone number, address and email address. Same form as we use for in person training. Perhaps add a note that info is for the board only and is not shared. Privacy policy on website. Susan to set up team meeting. Jeff f/u with privacy statement and a note to sign up at least 2 days in advance on website.
- Need to assemble more booklets? We have 14 completed booklets. Need to assemble more before next training.
- Did we resolve the copyrighted handbooks question?
 - *Per last mtg: In the past, we acquired security and participants handbooks from National CNW. They are \$3 each (they are copyrighted so we must purchase). Continue using them? How much of their info is covered in our info? Some. Jeff will bring a folder to our next meeting.*
 - **Consensus – not purchase the additional books.**
- Training is posted on the KOMU community calendar.
- Next session date and location? June 5.
- Develop recorded online training? Use Journalism dept to help record? Start by recording our June training. Susan to check into Team for recording.
- Possible events that CNW could have a booth at:
 - Douglas Park Heritage Day: Saturday May 6, 2-5 pm @ Douglass Park
 - **Will not participate:** doesn't fit well.
 - Juneteenth Jamboree: June 21, Wednesday 6-8 pm @ Cosmo Park
 - **Will not participate:** doesn't fit well.
 - BE PREPARED: August 16, Wednesday 6-8 pm @ Albert-Oakland Park
 - Sponsored by the Boone County Office of Emergency Management (OEM).
 - Herb to follow up w Matt Brown to determine how it is different than Ready Festival. (They are about a month apart.)
 - Participation is tentative.
 - Indian Hills Block Party: **August 19**, Saturday 12-2 pm @ Indian Hills Park
 - We have been there in the past and have a booth. Hand out info.
 - Sponsored by parks and rec.
 - Will be food.
 - Request board members check their calendar for availability.
 - We are registered.
 - Enough shade that we don't need to set up canopy.
 - A lot of kids so check our candy supply.

Old Business:

- BBB Torch Award.
 - Would like to display in City Hall but the option given was up in the offices, not in the main lobby. Another option was at the Molly Bowden police station.
 - Other ideas to display?
 - The public library will not do to high volume of potential requests.
 - Could display at all our events that we attend. Or make a sign indicating the award.

- Inventory of CNW items. On Hold
- Shirts – The first order arrived. Second order has been placed.

- **New Business**
 - Board Advisors – status of members
 - We need to attach our square account to our Facebook page.
 - Consensus is to not participate in CoMOGives.

Interviewed Spring and Larry.