



Neighborhood Watch
Minutes
Monday, Feb 12, 2024 — 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.”

Called Meeting to Order at 6:00

President’s Report

- Monday.com – Get on it and use it.
- Services Contract – went before the city council last Friday.
- Matt Stevens was interim chief. He is now the deputy chief. Jeramia Hunter is now the Northern Police Commander. South side is asst Chief Fitzgerald.
- Annual meeting is scheduled on Sept 9th during our normal meeting time. .
- Jason is coming back in Neighborhood Services position,

Vice President’s Report – Jeff

- Grants – County ARPA filed. Notice that it was accepted. Start to go through them this month. Hoping to identify choices in early spring.
- Researching for other grants.
- Renewed our Better Business Board qualifications. Sent Keith the invoice.
- Renewed gold seal from Candid
- A lot of grants are now asking for projects. New video and to run TV spots. 3 bids required. Send Jeff ideas.
- Newsletter – ideas for articles, get with Jeff.

Secretary’s Report – Susan

- Minutes of 1/8/2024 meeting. Approved online.

Treasurer's Report – Keith

- Financial Reports – see emailed reports.

- Storage – Keith rented a storage unit that he is not using the full space so he graciously offered part of the space to CNW. .

- Insurance renewal is coming up. Went up about 100. Due amount is \$1140.20. Motion carried.

Board Reports

- Rod (development)

- Not have approached anyone for donations. Have passed out small brochures.
- Nextdoor – responds to issues.
- Scams – door to door. Don't talk to anyone that does not have a solicitor license, available in city hall. Supposed to have a badge that clearly defines solicitor. Rarely enforced by CPD. Agree that we may want to mention in our current training. Brad will pursue info from city.
- Ibrahim – Posted training on Facebook and Nextdoor (73 members in CNW)
- Larry – Captains and co-captains
 - Get list from our website.
- Paul
 - Looking into starting a CNW in his neighborhood.
 - Crime maps – FBI.gov and go to crime stats.
- Brad
 - Anticipating training in March April.

Upcoming Events

- Unity in the Community has invited us to several events.
- Ice cream with a cop. Is CPD interested?

Old Business:

- Signs on Website – added.
- Thornbrook training session on Jan18th at 6:30. Good feedback from attendees. 20 people trained
- BBB Torch Award.
 - Would like to display it in City Hall. Waiting to hear if we could use our own display case.
- Inventory of CNW items will pursue once move date to Keith's storage unit.
- Columbia Appt Association. - Keith discussed award to CNW.

New Business

- Herb will check with CPD staff on the status of reporting system.
- Training session at the library on Feb 22
- Simmons Bank – we continue to have issues with Simmons.
- New training dates at Molly Bowden – set up for Jeff (grants). In person. April 22 proposed. June 17 or 24 no preference, proposed.
- Budget
 - Insurance
- Vision statement
 - Paul proposes to be the safest city as part of mission and goals.
- Nancy Corbin is interested in becoming an advisor. Voted on as an advisor.

Adjourn Meeting 7:00