



Neighborhood Watch
Minutes
Monday, Mar 11, 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 6:00

President’s Report

- Brad is moving to a new position and will be a back-up CNW liaison officer. The board presented him with a certificate of appreciation for his outstanding work on the board. Thank you Brad!
- Jason is back! He was the CNW liaison officer before he retired but has returned and will once again fulfill CNW liaison duties.
- Monday.com – Get on it and use it. Yes, everyone.
- Annual meeting is scheduled on Sept 9th during our normal meeting time.
 - Need Room A and B at city building.
- Bank selection.
 - Look at other banks to see what they offer. Consensus to pursue. Keith and Herb will take the lead.

Vice President’s Report – Jeff

- Grants – see attached. Working on several new grants. Requiring more info.
- Foundation directory and printing approved by Shelter Insurance. (in kind \$600) Both approved. Adds up to about \$1K in kind.
- RFP -
 - The company Esri ArcGIS is awarding grants. They are also listed as a software vendor. They want three bids.
 - We want software to e.g. plot membership and crime on a map.
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- Jeff reviewed the resource page on our website and updated links. Ensured meeting minutes and newsletter is there. Everything up to date as of a couple weeks ago.
- Newsletter went out. Article from Columbia Fire Dept.

Secretary’s Report – Susan

- Minutes of 2/12/2024 meeting.

Treasurer’s Report – Keith

- Financial Reports – see emailed reports.

- Herb has sent emails about the approved grant via the city as far as status. No response.

Board Reports

- Rod (development)
 - Concentrating on residential vs business. Passing out brochures.
- Ibrahim – will return next meeting.
- Larry and Paul – Captains and co-captains
 - Future: meetings with capt and co-capt (separate meetings).
 - Brainstorm – picnic. Would need a good count of people that would attend if we are going to go to larger measures
- Brad – keep him apprised of community events.

Upcoming Events

- Ice cream with a cop. Is CPD interested?
- PIO position status – Just filled: commissioned officer Jennie. Work with her on the event planning.
- Annual meeting Sep 9.

Old Business:

- Training session at the library on Feb 22. Follow up comments?
 - Herbs interview was shown twice on TV, channel 17. Went well.
- Next training dates -
 - April 22 – original date but library not available. Put in request to Boone Electric
 - Other date option is Apr 23.
 - June 17 or 24 proposed for the training dates post April.
 - Susan to pursue library and ARC for alternative dates and June dates.
- BBB Torch Award.
 - Would like to display it in City Hall. Waiting to hear if we could use our own display case.
 - Herb will pursue with new assistant manager for public safety, Matt Unrein.
- Everything moved. Inventory of CNW items move date to Keith's storage unit.
- Columbia Appt Association. - Keith discussed award to CNW. \$500 grant received. Herb will write a thank you letter.
- Vision statement
 - Paul proposes 'to be the safest city' as part of our vision statement. Board agreed.

New Business

Possible events to attend – Parks & Rec (All are Third Wednesday 6-8 pm except June)

Last year, registered a week or two before the event and we got in. Will try and find out what the others

- August 21 Be Prepared – Albert-Oakland Park – participated before.
- August 17 Indian Hills Block Party 12 to 2 pm – participated before. Last year, about 8/9 vendors. Due to heat – attendance low.
- National Night Out – Still set for first Tues in August – August 6th. Some cities have moved to Oct due to heat. Columbia did discuss. We will continue to work with the Aug 6 date. Jason recommends 10 spots around Columbia would be a good number.
- Crimestoppers board meeting – Paul and Herb attended at sheriff's HQ. They have the same goal as CNW. Paul has not found any city with a relationship between CNW and

Crimestoppers. Should we start a relationship with them? E.g. a member from each board attends the other's meeting. Herb will reach out to establish a relationship.

Next Meeting Apr 8
Adjourn Meeting 7:27