



**Neighborhood Watch**  
**Minutes**  
**Monday, April 8, 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**

**Introduction of Guests**

Charlotte George, board candidate.

**President’s Report**

- Monday.com – Get on it and use it. Yes, everyone.
  - Jeff has posted Grants on Monday.com
- Bank update. . The two banks that meet our needs (multiple users, no fees):
  - Tigers Credit Union.
  - First State Community BankHerb will continue to research.
- Crimestoppers relationship. Paul and Herb attended Crimestoppers meeting.
- City grant. \$5K check from city has been deposited.

**Vice President’s Report – Jeff**

- Grants
  - LOI (Letter of Introduction) required by most grant givers. Used by the foundation Jeff has been using.
  - See attachment for a list of grants and their status.
  - Several grants ask for our board roster. Several want to know the bios.
  - Newsletter went out. Got 8 unsubscribed (two captains have moved)
  - ERIS grant – received. Worth over \$3K.
- ArcGIS (Jeff, Herb and Susan). Met with Roy, a statistician in the police department who is highly versed in GIS systems.
- Have we given anything to Shelter to print? They printed 250 copies of everything in our folder. Plus the 16 page booklet – 500 copies.
- 20 percent off on printing on our account at Minuteman Printing. Keith
- Think about articles for the June newsletter. Fire dept gave us two articles for the last newsletter. The new PIO has agreed to give us an article for each newsletter.

**Secretary’s Report – Susan**

- Minutes of 3/11/2024 approved via email.

## Treasurer's Report – Keith

- Financial Reports – see emailed reports.

## Board Reports

- Rod (development) - Getting low on the brochures.
- Ibrahim - International traveling
- Larry and Paul – Captains and co-captains
  - Team recommends contacting list via mail. Draft survey was distributed during meeting.
  - Do we want to include a self-addressed stamped envelope which would double the cost?
  - Can we get a logo stamp? Use for envelopes to help distinguish from junk mail and increase the number of responses.
  - Check post office to see if they have the ability to check valid name/address combinations against their database.
- Homicide and robberies are up in the last 120 day period. (Paul checking stats).
- Jason
  - City council voting on lateral pay will help recruitment and retention. Citizen response in a positive way is very important for officer retention. Do we add this to training?

## Upcoming Events

- Ice cream with a cop. Looking at June, late Sep, early Oct as potential dates.
  - Email to Jenny Hopper, new public information officer. (Brian McNeill is the new public information specialist)
- Annual meeting Sep 9. 5:30-7:30
  - Ask Jason to reserve City Hall.
  - Guest speakers? Herb to ask Jill and Matt
- Boone County Ready Festival is Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> 4 pm to 8 pm (rain date is September 19<sup>th</sup>) – Everyone put on their calendar. Cosmo Park. Put on by Emergency Management Dept.

## Old Business:

- Next training dates
  - Friends Room at Daniel Boone Library on Tuesday, April 30, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
  - Everyone put on their calendar.
- Columbia Aapt Association. - Keith discussed award to CNW. \$500 grant received. Herb will write a thank you letter.
- Herb to send a thank you letter to Shelter Insurance.
- Need to incorporate the vision statement into our documentation.
  - Vision statement ‘to be the safest city in the state of Missouri’ Add to mission statement.
- Parks and Rec Events (All are Third Wednesday 6-8 pm except June)
  - August 21 Be Prepared – Albert-Oakland Park – Suspect it will be like the Ready Festival. Probably not do.
  - August 17 Indian Hills Block Party 12 to 2 pm – participated before. Last year, about 8/9 vendors. Due to heat – attendance low. Wait to see if they do one this year. Parks and Recs are now doing the block parties.
- National Night Out – Still set for first Tues in August – August 6<sup>th</sup>. 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. Wait and see based upon the number.

### **New Business**

- Molly Bowden's parents update: Beth fell and broke her wrist. Dave fell and broke his hip and is currently in Columbia Post Acute care. Herb to send get well card to both.
- Shirts for advisors. Approve based upon involvement/attendance to events. Approved for Nancy Corbin.

**Next Meeting May 13, 2024**

