



**Neighborhood Watch
Minutes
Monday, Oct 9, 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 6:08

Attendees: Herb, Brad, Jeff, Larry, Keith, Rod, Susan

President’s Report

- Home Burglary Recovery Guide for [columbianeighborhoodwatch.org](https://todayshomeowner.com/safety/guides/how-your-family-can-recover-after-a-home-burglary/)
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Comes from a home improvement show, asked us to put it up. It doesn’t have anything new.
Board agreed that we will not put on our web site.
- Housekeeping activities – Each board member serves a 3 year term on the board, on a rotating basis. Jeff and Herb will take on the assignment to build the rotation in so each board member will get notified of their board term. Officers serve for one year, based upon the fiscal year which starts in October.
- Two votes occurred:
 - o All board members were voted to continue serving.
 - o Board voted to approve the current officers for the next year.

Vice President’s Report – Jeff

- Grants
ARP Grant: We were in the final cut for the city grant. City council put money in social services and a bit in infrastructure so we did not get grant. Smallest grant awarded is \$150K.

Secretary’s Report – Susan

- Minutes - approved.
- Shirts – completed.

Treasurer's Report – Keith

- Info sent prior to meeting
- No change from last month.

Board Reports

- Rod

- Goal is to increase exposure
 - Meet new people in new neighborhoods, introduce CNW and give a brochure.
 - NextDoor app: Engage in dialogue about CNW, e.g. Prevention Crime Unit.
 - Recommends going to Nextdoor every few days.
- Ibrahim
- Larry – Open house at Thornbrook. One lady was adamant that she wanted a sign, but many renters so not enough trained.
- Ellen
- Brad

Upcoming Events

- Oct 16 Training session scheduled at Molly Bowden, starting at 6:30, board members to be there by 6:00
- Oct 18, City Hall, forum: meet the new chief candidates. Starts at 6:00 p.m.

Old Business:

- Private training for Randy Boehm, Cambridge Neighborhood.
- Indian Hills Block Party – It was lightly attended.
- Ready Festival – Good location (Stephens Park), good layout. .
- Annual Meeting – Presentations were good. BBB Torch Award.
 - Would like to display it in City Hall. Waiting to hear if we could use our own display case.
 - Wait for new chief.
- Inventory of CNW items. Jeff update.

New Business

- Monday.com demo
- Larry request: Wed Dec 13, 7 a.m breakfast meeting for Boonslick Kiwanis club. Request a guest speaker. Herb will speak. HyVee Providence and Nifong.
- Larry requests a Thornbrook training session in Jan. Open training session held at Thornbrook. (Thurs in Jan, e.g. 18 or 25th). Shoot for Jan 18th at 6:30.
- We have backed away from training in Nov and Dec due to holidays and weather.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15