



## **Neighborhood Watch**

### **Minutes**

**Monday, June 9, 2025 — 6:00 p.m.**

**Molly Bowden Police Station**

“Our vision is to be the safest city in the state of Missouri.”

“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.”

**Attendees:** Herb Watchinski, Jeff Hempstead, Jason McClintic, Larry Kirschner, Paul Corbin, Nancy Corbin, Rod Perry, Susan Dickerson

### **Called Meeting to Order at 5:55**

#### **President's Report**

- May 17<sup>th</sup> inventory – took about an hour. Full inventory is complete and updated after the training session at Thornbrook.
- Meeting with Andy Muscato on Jun 3
  - Proposing that we consolidate the “Ice Cream with a Cop” with National Night Out the Ready Festival, Sep 18 at Cosmos Park. Could do a National Night Out in the fall if the neighborhoods request it. Need to seek feedback from the neighborhoods.
  - We requested that CNW have a specific spot, across from Lamb Shelter to make us stand out and not be combined with the other organizations.
  - Food trucks are always at the Ready Festival.
  - We will try to get ice cream.
  - Have the emergency services staff share a tent with us.
  - Perhaps reserve the other shelter, Berford, for CNW neighborhoods.
  - Canines, bearcats
  - Need to have the CNW be a ‘headliner’.
  - 90 days prep – notification to the neighborhoods.
  - Hoping to get feedback from Andy in a week.

- \$5K reimbursement from CPD - Keith provided the documentation for about \$8K in expenditures. Herb will pull \$5K of expenses and submit.
- June 30 at 11:00 at Shelter Insurance, presentation of Certification of Appreciation. Outside. Shirt event. Herb will speak about CNW background and dependencies upon donations. Asking Ryan, PIO, to reach out to media for publicity.

### **Vice President's Report – Jeff**

- Grants
- Research. Put in request to Casey's. Received \$250.
- Researching the acquisition of new computers for officers. Standard is to replace every 3-5 years. MS is ending their grant for MS Office in July. Do not know if there is a replacement program. If not, we will need a grant.
- Great Non-Profits – must be completed by each board member. Issues with sign-in, Jeff to follow-up. We are going to try it again for 2025 as we did not make it in 2024. You will have to go to the link: <https://greatnonprofits.org/org/columbia-neighborhood-watch> and either sign in if you already have an account or create an account. Then write a comment on Columbia Neighborhood Watch. When we get at least 10 comments we will be able to use their badge and use them as a reference.  
**Everyone needs to post a comment.**
- Radio advertising: Susan to take lead. Jason to assist.
  - Not started.
- REDI update. – Many of the organizations are new and just getting setup.
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> is the next meeting. One of the grant providers will lead discussion.

### **Secretary's Report – Susan**

- Review of May minutes – please email responses.
- Everyone enter their hours in Monday.com and no longer give them to Susan.

### **Treasurer's Report – Herb for Keith**

- \$22,810.88 in our account.
- \$107 in
- At Thornbrook training, sold 4 signs.
- Next Dickey's BBQ fundraiser on June 18
- Dickey's approved the following:
  - Set up a table that will have CNW information, probably 6-8 tabletop
  - Hourly raffle off CNW e.g. water bottles, coffee mugs (need not be present to win).
  - Hang a CNW sign above or on the table.
  - They agreed to be listed as one of our sponsors
  - Agreed to give them a supporter's placard.
- Schedule for June 18 at Dickey's
  - Keith 4-5
  - Jeff 5-6

- Rodney 6-7
- Paul and Nancy 7-8
- Sue and Herb 4-8

## Board Reports

- Rod (development) – requested printout of every active CNW street. Herb to work with Rod on finding on line.
- Ibrahim (technology)
- Larry and Paul – Captains and Co-Captains.
  - 24 people from the Gates came to the training at Thornbrook, bringing our trainee total to 110 this year. They strongly feel they need help so we need to keep working with Keith Lang, the POC. Work with him to establish block captains. There were requests to attend the Senior Center training.
  - The only data we have gotten from the city is burglaries.
  - Discussion of app that displays 911 calls data.
    - Jason will research/test outcomes as it is likely raw data based upon initial call and not the actual outcome. Raw data vs accurate data.
  - Got an email from Heather Lobough. They will have a street night activity. 7260 Brackenhill Court, 6/11/2025 at 6pm. Herb and Jeff will attend.
  - Readyfest – checked if they needed anything other than the map Herb sent.

## Upcoming Events

- Ready Day is set for Sept 18, 4-8 p.m. Cosmos Park. Will change location of band as overpowering last year. Note: 2 additional table and additional chairs were purchased to make it easier to set up.
- Training dates:
  - June 30 at 11:00 at Shelter Insurance June 30 at 11:00 at Shelter Insurance
  - June 20 - Senior Center training, private  
Training at lunch. Arrive 9:15. Training starts at 10:00  
*Bring a box of 30 folders and about 30 of the 16 page booklets. (Nancy and Paul).*
  - June 30 at Molly Bowden police station.  
Training at 6:30. Board members arrive at 6:00.  
Jason reserved room from 6-9:00 p.m.
  - July 31 - Brooks training, private  
We must be in an hour before it starts.  
Arrive at 5:30. Training starts at 6:30.

## Old Business

- June 2- Thornbrook training, discussed earlier
- Approved Placard for Shelter Ins in appreciation for the printing of training material for us.
- Hats we will need to order as Herb's person in Springfield does not sell the hats individually. Larry and Susan to work on.

**New Business**

- May combine “Ice Cream w First Responders” or some variation of with Ready Day.
- Schedule another session to stuff folders. June 21, 2:00 p.m.
- Herb demonstrated Monday.com
  - Everyone place their hours in Monday.com and no longer give them to Susan.