

Columbia Neighborhood Watch
Minutes
Monday, August 11, 2025 — 6:00 p.m.

Molly Bowden Police Station

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

“Our mission 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.”

Attended: Jeff, Rod, Nancy, Larry, Keith, Jason, Herb, Ibrahim

Meeting Called to Order: 5:55 pm

President’s Report

- Review of Ready Festival, Sept 18 – rain date Sept 25 (OEM has not been working with us, so will operate as we have for the previous years)
- \$5K reimbursement from CPD
- Captain’s call list – Everyone continue working their respective list. Herb has more than half of 19 that are no longer involved. When complete send list to Jeff, Susan, or Herb to update in the roster.

Vice President’s Report – Jeff

- Grants – 1 denied, 2 waiting for answer
- Grants update. – Working on new laptops for Officers
- 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.
- BBB Torch judging – judging occurred, and three (3) businesses have been awarded. Cannot be disclosed until formally presented.
- REDI – Clayton Smith named as new Director of Development
- Newsletter – In process, if you have articles send them to Herb

Secretary’s Report – Susan

- Everyone is responsible for inputting hours and inventory changes directly into Mondy.com

Treasurer’s Report – Keith

- \$22,098.20 total assets. Have sold 4 signs.

Board Reports

- Rod – Development – still trying to contact the owner/manager of new storage facility near the Columbia Mall
- Ibrahim – Technology – will post all public events to social media
- Larry, Nancy, & Paul - Captains and Co-Captains – review of NNO, very positive. Shepard’s Hill wants to get its folks trained and become a CNW neighborhood.

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- Jason - CPD Liaison – NNO sites were covered by CNW, but need to have direct assignment for CPD. He has secured Kimo Ice for the October Fire Safety Event at the Farmer's Market from 1000 - 1400. Jason was authorized to offer Kimo Ice \$500.00 to see if that would cover free ice to guests.

Upcoming Events

- Annual Meeting September 8, 2025, at City Hall starting at 6:00 pm. Board arrives at 5:30 pm.
- Ready Festival is set for Sept 18, 2025, 4-8 p.m. at Cosmos Park. Rain date is Sept 25. We will set up at 3:30 pm
- Brooks private training, Sept 23rd starting at 6:30 pm. Board arrives at 5:30 pm for setup.
- Dickies fundraiser will be Sept 24 from 4 pm to 8 pm

Old Business

- July 18, 2025 - Senior Center follow-up meeting. Met with the trained Board members and went through the training that they need to provide to their volunteers and staff. CNW is available to assist if necessary. Appeared to understand and be able to facilitate.
- Hats – To order 10 Board hats and 10 captain's hats.

New Business

- Schedule fall training dates. October 20, 2025, & November 17, 2025, at the library has been scheduled. Setup at 1800 and training starts at 1830.
- Molly's Mile – Overview presented by Herb to the Board. No commitment made. Police Foundation is being approached and would probably be the best fit for overall ownership. CNW could play a role during race week.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:56 pm