



**Neighborhood
Watch
Minutes
Monday, January 12, 2026
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."

Call Meeting to Order

Attendees: Herb Watchinski, Jeff Hempstead, Paul Corbin, Nancy Corbin, Larry Kirschner, Susan Dickerson

President's Report

- \$100 donation from Don Lang, Thornbrook
- Police Liaison: Sgt. Kyle Thornsberry is our new CPD rep. as of Jan 18.
- Hats distributed to board.
- Captain Lists: Most of the people went through training in 2010. Question about the update in 2015. The board called captains in 2015 and the system shows updates for that year.
 - Do we want to require updated training?
 - While the training is going on, the registration forms are entered into the system and the forms are supplied to Paul and Larry. Discussion on how to keep up with the block captains. The board liaison was created to do so.
 - Paul and Larry are to draft the responsibilities of the block captain liaison and present to the board.

Vice President's Report – Jeff

- Grants update – submitted 5 grant requests. Three denials.
- Jeff received notice that we need to renew our Better Business Bureau membership. Jeff submitted all off the required documentation. BBB membership is free but to use their logo, we must pay \$100/year.

Secretary's Report – Susan

- No updates

Treasurer's Report – Keith

- Financials - In Keith's absence, Herb provided the treasurer report. See Attachment 1.

Board Reports

- Rod – Development. Rodney not present, no report.
- Ibrahim – Technology/Social Media. Ibrahim not present, no report.
- Larry, Nancy, & Paul – Captains activity.
 - Larry will be in Arizona next month so will miss the board meeting.
 - Thornbrook – neighboring blocks, looking for more block captains so Don is not the only point of contact for CNW. March 16 training (open) at clubhouse.

Upcoming Events

Old Business

- Molly's Mile Update. April 25th 8 – 10:00 a.m. is the event date and time. We will offer to volunteer. Last mtg was December. Just discussed ribbons and awards. CNW had not been assigned a role as of the Dec meeting.
- March 16th at 6:30 public training at Thornbrook. Board members to be there at 6:00.
- April 20 or 23rd at library. Cannot contact the library until 30 days in advance. 20th is the preferred date. Jeff will contact library.

New Business

- Board Contract. Herb provided documents listing suggestions for board documents that we should maintain. We already have the majority of the items. One item to add to the bylaws is the Indemnification clause. It keeps the legal reach to the board and prevents extension to individual members. Another item is the sample of the Board Member Contract. We will review and discuss it over the next few months.

- Board Members – Discussion. Give the option of calling into the meeting if cannot make it. Could also make an advisor. Susan to contact Ibrahim. Letter to Rodney concerning medical situation which Herb will draft.
Meeting addendum: Rodney submitted his resignation to the board before we had a chance to send a letter.
- COMO Neighborhood Watch ICE OUT OF COLUMBIA. Larry found a post on the Thornbrook facebook page – not our organization. Unauthorized. Nancy is going to contact the church that appears to be sponsoring this. Herb will reach out to CPD and others to track it down. Note: Columbia Neighborhood Watch is registered with the state. Neighborhood Watch is Trademarked.

Meeting Adjourn at 6:56