



**Neighborhood
Watch
Minutes
Monday, March 9, 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 at 6:15

Attendees: Herb Watchinski, Jeff Hempstead, Paul Corbin, Nancy Corbin, Larry Kirschner, Ed Darling, Keith Caldwell, Ibrahim Ajiserere, Susan Dickerson

President’s Report.

- Questions from the city council.
 - o Budget
 - o How many neighborhoods are active
 - o How many neighborhoods has the city defined in total?
 - Only those with home association. Otherwise, no definition.
 - o Percentage of engagement by neighborhood
 - o 2014 – has it increased or decreased since
 - o What was the increased funding used for?
 - o Paul asked about role of police liaison giving info back to staff.
 - o Need to finish calling all captains/co-captains. Jeff to send Ibrahim his list.

Vice President’s Report – Jeff

- Grants update.
 - o Reapplied for Better Business Torch Award

- April 20th at library has been set for training. Training starts at 6:30, board members be there by 6:00
- March 16 advertising for our training. Charity navigator said we were missing data. Jeff checked and updated.
- Newsletter was sent out.

Secretary's Report – Susan

- Approval of Feb minutes – minutes approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report – Keith

- Dickies: March 18, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. is the next fundraiser.
 - o Herb will send to Lt Alberts
- Account Status:
 - o CD 521 \$1,579.14
 - o CD 522 \$1,579.22
 - o CD 540 \$1,592.91
 - o CD 541 \$1,589.04
 - o CD 542 \$1,572.95
 - o CD 543 \$1,570.77
 - o Basic savings \$5.00
 - o Checking account \$15,940.45
 - o Total for all accounts \$25,429.48
 - o YTD interest of \$68.70

Board Reports

- **Ibrahim – Technology/Social Media.** Has updated all social media for our upcoming events.
- **Larry, Nancy, & Paul – Captains activity.**
 - o Eric and Susan Lindholm. The Gates subdivision. House has been broken into twice. Broke large window, Susan followed and got partial license plate. No response from police dept, no follow-up. She is going up the chain. Has she contacted her council person? Will be at training. No signs posted yet. Last time we checked, they did not have 50% trained. It is in a cul de sac.
 - o Nancy/Paul to send Herb the street and we can re-evaluate the number of people trained for a sign.
 - o Nancy finished list and updated in the system. Did not delete anything. Also gave Jeff a copy. Nancy sent info for two of the active captains, so they would be current.

- o Paul passed around draft of role of block captain liaison. It needs to be entered into Monday.com. Paul to send electronically to Herb so he can post it. Paul would like to focus on it during our next training.
- o Larry delivered a Back the Blue sign to Dick Emerson.
- o Larry distributing information for the training session at Thornbook.
- o Larry's list of block captains, out of 25, only 3 active.

Upcoming Events

Old Business

- Indemnification clause for bylaws. Approved by board.
- Paul asked about terms for board members. Herb and Jeff will send out to board.
- Board Member Contract. All board members present at the meeting signed their copy. Outstanding: Ibrahim will need to sign.
- COMO Neighborhood Watch ICE OUT OF COLUMBIA. Kyle to try and contact the phone number on the handout. Jeff filled out form to remove Meda, parent company of Instagram and Facebook. Jeff kept getting push back so pulled State incorporation documents... Has not heard anything back after last submission, so Jeff hopes it is under legal review. The CPD is keeping an eye out on the account. Board agreed to let the Meda data process Jeff is pursuing pan out and see where we go from there.
- New laptops for board members. Our MS software license goes away early April. NO access to one drive. Keith could not get PC to boot so could not back up. But all of our financial data is in the cloud. Jeff is ready. Susan needs to pull off files. Herb said there is no info on the old president's computer. Current total price with current sale: \$2,599.98 Can we lock in the sale price?

New Business

Upcoming Events

- March 16th at 6:30 public training at Thornbrook. Board members to be there at 6:00.
- Molly's Mile: April 25th 8 – 10:00 a.m.
- Knights Hall 4:30 – 7:00 Fish fry. This Friday, March 14. Shuttle running from Lady of Lourdes to Knights of Columbus Hall.
- Really need the neighborhood signs. Herb working with Jeanne. If we can't find them, we need to order new ones.

Action Items:**ALL**

- March 16th at 6:30 public training at Thornbrook. Board members to be there at 6:00.
- Need to finish calling all captains/co-captains
- Put April 20th training on your calendars.

Herb

- Continue working with Jeanne to locate signs.

Herb and Jeff

- Send out the list of board members with their term information.
- Persue new laptops

Jeff

- Jeff to send Ibrahim his list of captains to call.

Nancy and Paul

- Nancy and Paul to send Herb the street name of the Lindholm's cul de sac in the Gates subdivision in order to re-evaluate the number of people trained to see if they qualify for a sign.

Susan

- Save all files off the secretary's PC and turn laptop over to Jeff.

Ibrahim

- Sign Board Member Contract (Herb has emailed previous to Feb meeting)