



**Neighborhood Watch
Minutes
Monday, April 13, 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 6:00

President’s Report.

- Signs:
 - No interaction with Rodney. The garage will be gone through again. Think the signs may have been in the truck that was in the accident(s).
 - Need to reorder at \$34.50 for each sign plus shipping. If we order 50, it will cost us about \$2K plus shipping. The next price break is at 150. We have enough brackets for 21 signs. Board has agreed to purchase the signs and brackets.
- There are a number of people who have not put their hours in Monday.com. Get them in.
- There was a discussion several months ago with Herb and CPD ref National Night Out which is currently first Tues in Aug. Conversation about moving later in the year, perhaps in the fall, and changing the location to e.g. park. The implication was it would tie in with other events. (e.g. Ready Festival - second Thurs in Sept). However, the neighborhoods want to keep their block parties in their neighborhoods. Many communities and some states have moved it to a fall event due to heat.

- Storage Units. Keith will no longer maintain the storage unit which he graciously shared with CNW at no cost to the board. Paul contacted the new UHaul storage place in north Columbia. Spoke to general manager, Alexa Woodson. She will talk to owner. Requested complementary bin 5x10. Reg price is \$109. Climate controlled.

Vice President's Report – Jeff

- Grants update. Working on a couple of grants which are Target Foundation and O'Reilly's Auto Parts Foundation.
- New computers were purchased for the Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary at a cost of \$3,139.00. Jeff timed it with a sales promotion resulting in savings of \$800. In addition, \$199 was spent for software licenses for one year through TechSoup. So this will be an ongoing annual cost. This one license covers 5 users. Concerning security: Defender is part of MS Windows. Geeksquad said that is all we need. Adding an additional service can cause conflicts. Norton will not be continued after the initial month of free coverage. Each user will need to ensure that Norton does not auto renew or continue past the one month free trial. Avass and Malwarebytes software can be discontinued.

Secretary's Report – Susan

- March minutes were approved.
- Load minutes into Monday.com

Treasurer's Report – Keith

- Account balances:
 - 12 MONTH CD 521 1,579.14
 - 12 MONTH CD 522 1,579.22
 - 12 MONTH CD 540 1,592.91
 - 12 MONTH CD 541 1,589.04
 - 12 MONTH CD 542 1,588.19
 - 12 MONTH CD 543 1,570.77
 - SAVINGS 5.00
 - CHECKING 11,009.74
 - TOTAL IN ALL ACCOUNTS 20,514.01
 - YTD DIVIDENDS 83.94
- We made \$270.50 from Dickey's fundraiser in March. Keith will work on scheduling the next event.

- Request made to review expenses to see if we have spent \$5K that can be submitted to CPD.

Board Reports

- Ibrahim – Technology/Social Media.
 - Facebook 65 followers
 - Nextdoor 232 followers
 - Events posted: there are 50 or 60 groups that he posts on.
 - Will look into other social media options.
- Larry, Nancy, & Paul – Captains activity.
 - The Brooks
 - Get all the capts/co-capt together in May.
 - Discuss the ‘how to’ of developing watch groups.
 - Gerbes \$500 gift receipt that Paul can use for refreshments which Jeff provided.
 - Low housing on hold. (The community was protesting the build).
 - The Gates
 - Does not have a club house. Larry offered to set up a mtg for them and encouraged them to come to Thornbrook. They could train at Cascades.
 - Pete Lang, area coord had a discussion with Larry. They said they have the majority of people to get a sign. Jeff researched and said they are one house short.
 - The first entrance has no homes. There is one home that looks on that entrance. One house cannot be a block itself. However, if they get a block trained, plus that individual house, they will get 2 signs. This is to accommodate the need for a sign at the entrance.
 - We will continue significant outreach to all block captains to establish rapport exchange ideas, feedback for training, etc.

Old Business

- COMO Neighborhood Watch ICE OUT OF COLUMBIA. The Instagram page has not been updated since Oct last year. Herb’s discussion with Jill; they are monitoring their Instagram account. Jeff has not heard from Meta Platforms, Inc (Instagram is a

subsidiary). Per Meta Platforms legal department, there is no legal basis to take action.

- New computers for board officers – see VP report above.
- Locating Neighborhood Watch signs – see Pres report above.

New Business

- Storage Unit – see Pres report above. It remains an open item as we have not established a new unit. Paul to follow-up with UHaul. Keith will be closing the storage unit before the end of the year. CNW needs to find a storage unit sooner than later.
- Folder stuffing
 - We should have enough folders for the next training.
 - Have 21 folders at Corbins. Have about 70 stuffed folders in storage. Paul and Nancy will need to pick up some for Monday nights. Need keychains...
- Set up new Instagram page. Ibrahim will do so.

Upcoming Events

- April 20th at library has been set for training. Training starts at 6:30, board members be there by 6:00. Kyle will be in training. Can we have another officer to answer questions? Perhaps Sgt Hobbs.
- Molly's Mile: April 25th 8 – 10:00 a.m.
 - We have no assignment.
 - If we want to individually go out to participate, do so.
 - Boone Clinic on Nifong and Forum is start and end point.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55

Action Items:

All

- Update Monday.com with hours and data as required.

Jeff, Keith Susan

- Ensure that Norton does not auto renew or continue past the one month free trial.

Larry, Paul, Nancy

- Get all the capts/co-capt from Brooks
- together in May.
- Continue significant outreach to block captains to establish rapport, exchange ideas, feedback for training, etc.

Herb

- Purchase CNW signs and brackets.

Jeff

- Discontinue Avass and Malwarebytes software.

Ibrahim

- Establish Instagram account.

Keith

- Review expenses to see if we have spent \$5K that can be submitted to CPD.
- Schedule the next Dickey's event

Paul

- Follow-up with the new UHaul storage place in north Columbia. (GM Alexa Woodson - Requested complementary bin 5x10. Climate controlled.)