



**Neighborhood Watch  
Minutes  
Monday, May 11, 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**

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

**President’s Report**

- There are a number of people who have not put their hours in Monday.com. Get them in.

**Vice President’s Report – Jeff**

- Grants update. 9 grants denied. Submitted a new one for \$1K, decision is in Dec. Two more in the works.
- Newsletter – any ideas for the Newsletter, send to Jeff. What3Words article?

**Secretary’s Report – Susan**

- April minutes were approved by email

**Treasurer’s Report – Keith**

- The next Dickey's fundraiser is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>. Thurs this time.
- Account balances:
  - o Savings: \$9,543.32
  - o \$5 in savings
  - o \$9,217.20 in checking
  - o Total of \$18,765.52.
- Status of \$5K of expenditures to submit to CPD. Will work on the \$5K this weekend.

### **Board Reports**

- Ibrahim – Technology/Social Media.
  - o Changed instgram account from private to public.
  - o Facebook – no change.
  - o Training posted on Instagram, Facebook and Nextdoor.
  - o Discussed city calendar, not worth the effort.
- Larry, Nancy, & Paul – Captains activity.
- June Henley from the Brooks subdivision, surveyed her captains. One has dropped out. Wants another training session at the Brooks before Memorial Day (May 25). Has other potential captains. Want to also add another training session for the captains afterwards. Increase in population was her reasoning for another training session. 200 homes in Brooks subdivision. Board determined that the Brooks can attend a regular training session. A special session for the captains can be held later. Recommended that the captains gain some experience before a special training session.

### **Old Business**

- Status – ordering of new signs.
  - o 50 were ordered and are now in the storage unit.
- Signs
  - o Blue Ridge road has 5 signs, 2 are brand new.
  - o Kyle to check to see if we can take down the signs if they are not an established neighborhood. We did put up signs in the Blue Ridge neighborhood. A block or two down from the signs, we did train and put up a sign. They are not trained. Put up flyers in that neighborhood encouraging training? Wyatt Lane and Lost Tree Terrace streets have faded signs. Ed to send the info to Jeff to determine if they need to be replaced or removed.
  - o Ed to create an inventory system that he can engrave on the signs. Herb to add an inventory area in Mon.com so we can track the signs.

- o To the board, keep an eye out for signs, status (faded...) so we can add into Monday.com.
- o Ed searching for sign brackets. Proposing u-shape stainless steel clamp that is much cheaper than the current ones we are using. We have some of the old ones to hang about 15 signs. Board agreed the u-shape clamps are fine. Acquire as needed.
- National Night Out which is currently first Tues in Aug.
  - o Move to the fall?
- Storage unit. UHaul – the agent couldn't do anything. Manager said she has to connect to owner, Kevin Sullivan. Paul sent email in April. Has called several times. No response. Pens, etc need to be in climate control environment. Keith said we have until maybe Oct. Keith's current place has a small one for \$75, may still be available. Looking for suggestions. The small one will be available in 2 months.
- Ibrahim and Susan need to call the captains/co-captains.
- COMO Neighborhood Watch ICE OUT OF COLUMBIA. Any further monitoring by the board?
- Molly Mile – Completed with over 1000 runners making it the most successful. Was also the tenth anniversary of the run and apparently, the last one as no organization or person has picked up the coordination.

### **New Business**

- Booth hand out material, such as coloring books. National Safety Council will only give out through the police dept. The chief needs to sign a letter on our behalf. Kyle has info and will pursue after training.
- Select the next two training dates.
  - o Would like two dates before August. One can be private.
  - o June 4<sup>th</sup>, possibly library. Susan to f/u with library. Public. Board at 6:00, class at 6:30
  - o Will determine in our June meeting if we schedule another training session in the summer.
- Methods to increase training attendance – Jeff presentation.
  - o Reach out to HOAs. Note that some HOAs reference CNW on their website. Vanderveen is one of those.

- o Goal is to get 100 new members a year. There are 93 neighborhoods, 80 plus HOAs, 6 city wards.
- o Look at crime stats in their area, what can CNW do in their area.
- o Herb and Jeff will reach out to the first HOA board president. Give a short presentation to the board. Chose Vanderveen.
- Folder stuffing – will need to schedule another stuffing session in the future. We are good for now.
- Kyle will check if CPD website will publish our training dates.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Meeting Adjourned 7:34 p.m.**

### **Action Items:**

#### **ALL**

- Put hours into Monday.com
  - Give newsletter ideas to Jeff
- As you drive around town, keep an eye out for signs. Note their location, status (faded...) so we can add into Monday.com.
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#### **Herb**

- Create inventory item for sign serial number.

#### **Herb and Jeff**

- Reach out to Vanderveen HOA Board.

#### **Kyle**

- The chief needs to sign a letter on our behalf to obtain material from the National Safety Council. Kyle has info and will pursue after training.

#### **Ed**

- Create an inventory system that to engrave on the street signs.

#### **Susan**

- Create Dickey's fundraiser flyer for June 18

- Check library for June 4 availability – training room.

**Paul, Nancy, Larry**

- Work with June for next training and captains training

**Sue and Ibrahim**

- Call their respective Capts list.