

## **Columbia Park Draft Meeting Minutes for Monday February 27, 2017**

**Board Members:** Melody Devine, Vickie Jensen, Joy Johnson, Jane McCarney, Mike Melman, Yusuf Mohamed, Elaine Nissen, and Jeff Schalles

Other: Staff: Liz Wielinski, Dan Karst, Drew Peterson, Stephanie Peterson, Aaron Rosenthal, Pat Vogel, Marcus Mills

6:34 - Call to Order for Board Actions by Jane

- Approval of the Agenda as amended moved by Melody, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff, approved
- Approval the Minutes of January 23, 2017, moved by Joy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Melody, approved
- Treasurer's Report- Receive and File moved by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff, approved

Joy made a motion to add Stephanie Peterson to the board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vickie, approved

6:45 - Open Time no one

- **General Meeting**

- **Old Business**

Motion to approve last of Raingarden funds to go to Heidi Hodorowski and Anne Ferreria thru Metro Blooms program, moved by Melody, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff, approved

2017 Gateway Garden Meeting, before next board meeting March 20, 2017 at 6:00pm

Liz is willing to serve as garden coordinator but would like the stipend if she is going to do so. Motion was made by Elaine, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melody to increase the stipend to \$300 for Liz and for Liz to keep track of all hours to make sure this is a reasonable amount, approved

Elaine has determined that she can no longer serve on AFCAC. In asking for volunteers Drew Peterson volunteered to replace her as the representative and Vickie Jenson as the alternate. Jeff nominated Drew and Vickie to serve on AFCAC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joy, approved.

Pat and Marcus from NCEC: #1 There will be an Eastside meeting to talk about the future of neighborhood organizations. The NCEC meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month and the meetings are public and televised and you can watch them online or on cable TV. The discussions need to be had about how to fund the NCR and neighborhood groups when the current funding stream is absorbed back into the general fund. There are 70 neighborhood groups in Minneapolis vs 12 planning districts in ST Paul.

There is some push back from some members of the city council. There will be community conversations about key questions that will be addressed. The questions are...

- What are the unique services provided by the neighborhood organizations?
- What are the major challenges or barriers neighborhood organizations face in serving their communities or partnering with the City?
- What is the role of the neighborhood organizations with the City government?
- How do we measure the impact of neighborhood work?
- Do we have the right neighborhood infrastructure (number of neighborhoods, programming, changing demographics, resource availability etc...)?
- What resources are needed to help support the goal of supporting inclusive, vibrant, and effective neighborhood organizations?

They will be formatted using the Art of Hosting method (which you can be trained to do via 22 hours of training, and the city has applications for interested parties). Stephanie is interested so Liz will get her the information. The goal is to get more voices at the table to plan the future.

There will be at least 5 meetings in different parts of the city. They are looking for co-hosting neighborhoods in NE to find a date and a location. There is a tight timeline so the meeting needs to happen in late March or April. Please look at the questions (Liz will post them on the website with the date and place of the meeting). Also, please attend the Community Connections Conference on April 1, 2017 at the Convention Center.

The Northeaster is sponsoring a candidate forum for Ward 1, March 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm at Logan Park. It will be moderated by the League of Women Voters.

Marcus and Pat will try to be back on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Finalize 2017-19 budget

Motion to approve the CPP application with added language regarding diversity by Melody, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff, approved

#### **- New Business**

Request to sign onto a letter for a resolution regarding “Abolishing Neighborhood Organizations” removed from the staff report on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan update.

Discussion ensued about the resolution and Pat and Marcus gave some NCEC perspective  
Motion to approve the resolution by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vickie, approved. Liz will get it to the group.

Discuss possible Eastside neighborhoods resolution, yes, this neighborhood would like to see a draft resolution on this topic

Open Streets 2017, presented map and tentative date of August 6<sup>th</sup> to the board.

Joint Meeting about I94 with other NE neighborhoods in March. Are we interested in being listed as a co-host and advertising the meeting via our social media? Yes

Annual Report to NCR (year end 2016) edit/approve (will look at next meeting)

7:30 – Crime and Safety Update

2PAC report

One of the Waite Park neighbors talked about 2 robberies at gun point around 35<sup>th</sup> and Polk. One was a single assailant and the other was a group with a gun.

7:45 – Announcements/ Communications

Park Board Summer Activity Guides are now available...sign up for classes, sports and camps.  
[https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/activities\\_events/activity\\_program\\_brochures/](https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/activities_events/activity_program_brochures/)

**From the Tree Trust**

**Minneapolis residents, mark your calendars:**

This year, due to increased demand, the Minneapolis Tree Sale will be functioning differently.

Residents of Wards 3-7 and 10 will be able to order their tree on March 6 through March 12, starting at 9:00am. Tree Trust will be collecting orders for these wards **ONLY** during this time.

Residents living outside of Wards 3-7 and 10, will be able to register for the tree lottery during the week of March 13-18. The lottery will be open the entire week, so there is no need to come racing to the website on March 13. When you register on the Tree Trust website, you will be entered into the lottery for a chance to purchase a tree through the program. Your address can only be registered one time through this process.

The lottery draw will take place during the week of March 20, with selected participants notified by March 22. If you are selected, you will be given further instructions (all via email) during this time. Be sure to check your email regularly!

There are 14 tree species to choose from, including two duos, so make sure to do your research to pick the best tree for your yard! Trees are \$25 and selected residents can order one per property.

If you live elsewhere in the metro, check with your city of residence to see if they offer a tree sale. If not, have them contact the Tree Trust Community Forestry department.

For more information on all tree sales, please visit our Get a Tree webpage

<http://treetrust.org/get-a-tree/>

### **2017 Metro Blooms Workshops**

\$15 workshops: Creating Weather Resilient Yards

Unseasonably warm weather, long droughts and flooding rains are the new normal for spring and summer in Minnesota. Learn how your yard can adapt to and even help mitigate threats posed by these extreme weather events.

Participants receive:

- An overview of Minnesota's changing weather patterns and ways to minimize their impact in your yard by using alternative turf, raingardens, and other resilient-yard practices.
- 1 on 1 design assistance from Metro Blooms and Blue Thumb landscape designers and U of M Extension Master Gardeners from Hennepin County.

For more information and to register, go to [metroblooms.org](http://metroblooms.org) or call [651-699-2426](tel:651-699-2426).

*Space is limited.*

**Adjourn...** motion to adjourn by Melody, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike approved at **8:36pm**