

## **Columbia Park Draft Meeting Minutes for Monday March 20, 2017**

**Board Members:** Melody Devine, Jane McCarney, Mike Melman, Stephanie Peterson and Jeff Schalles

Other: Staff: Liz Wielinski, Peter Doughty

6:39 - Call to Order for Board Actions by Melody

- Approval of the Agenda moved by Jane, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff, approved
- Approval the Minutes of February 27, 2017, moved by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane, Approved
- Treasurer's Report- Receive and File, moved by Jane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff, approved
- Open Time, no speakers

6:46 - General Meeting

- Old Business

2016 Year End Report to NCR, Motion to approve by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane, approved  
Nextdoor update on number of participants, we are now up to 247 members and growing  
Open Streets date confirmed as August 6, 2017

- New Business

Draft letter about no Eastside Meetings in progress

Annual Meeting, motion to approve Liz making expenditures to reserve park, tent, tables and chairs and other items that will incur expenses over \$500 with deposits.

Motion by Mike to approve Liz making the necessary expenditure, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane, approved

- Crime and Safety Update

2PAC report by Jane: The meeting was all about graffiti. The report explained the difference between tagging and gang graffiti. One of the spotted taggers has actually been all over the nation. They often work in a group. The city wants graffiti reported, and expect clean up on private property to happen quickly. Taggers are really hard to catch in the act.

The Open House at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct is the third Monday in May so there will be no May 2PAC.

Mike noted that the commercial building on the west side of Central near 37<sup>th</sup> is not cleaning up their parking lot, the dumpster surround is not completed and the downspouts are draining onto the sidewalk and created an ice situation during the cold months.

Melody noted that there is a large gas meter along the tracks on the west side of the park near Central and it was leaking. Melody called Centerpoint and they fixed the loose pipe.

7:45 – Announcements/ Communications

## Seasonal Food Permit - Is it right for you?

Are you a food vendor planning to participate in three (3) or more events or farmers markets in Minneapolis from April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018?

Consider applying for an annual [Seasonal Food Permit](#) instead of a Short Term Food Permit for each event. The [Seasonal Food Permit](#) is replacing several licenses. The Seasonal Food Permit can be used at both events and farmers markets. Beginning in 2017, the Seasonal Food Permit will be issued by the Minneapolis Health Department Environmental Health division. Formerly it was issued by Business Licensing.

The annual fee for a [Seasonal Food Permit](#) is \$232. The fee for a Short Term Event Permit is \$87 per event. Food vendors participating in three events save \$29 with a Seasonal Food Permit.

The [Seasonal Food Permit](#) has been updated to make the application easier to understand and to complete. The application includes:

- A checklist that identifies the business categories requiring a Seasonal Food Permit.
- A checklist of the items that need to be submitted with the Seasonal Food Permit application. No more overlooked items!
- Four easy ways to submit the application and payment to Environmental Health: by email, fax, US mail, or in person.

Applications may be submitted any time during the year, but must be submitted **at least 10 BUSINESS DAYS before the event or farmers market.**

To be approved for a Seasonal Food Permit, all mechanical refrigeration MUST be NSF or NSF equivalent. Seasonal Food Permit holders are NOT allowed to use ice in place of mechanical refrigeration for keeping Potentially Hazardous Foods cold.

Food trucks licensed by the City of Minneapolis do NOT require a seasonal food permit.

Find the updated Seasonal Food Permit on the [Civic Events](#) webpage. ([www.minneapolismn.gov/CivicEvents](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/CivicEvents))

Questions? Contact 311 or the Health Department at 612-673-2301 or [EnvironmentalHealthPermit@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:EnvironmentalHealthPermit@minneapolismn.gov)

### **Vital Fitness**

Tuesdays, 11:00am-12:00pm

Drop by for East Side's Vital Fitness group! The group meets weekly for a variety of exercises that improve balance, strength, and coordination. There is no cost to participate. Contact Gloria with any questions at (612) 787-4076.

### **Music & Movement Fitness**

Thursdays , 11:00 am-12:00 pm (Starting April 13)

Join us for our new music and movement class! We will be focusing on moving to the beat with standing and seated exercises. All levels are welcome and there is no cost to participate. Contact Erin with any questions at (612) 787-4102.

### **Elder and Caregiver Resource Assistance at East Side**

Tuesdays, 12:30 pm-2:30 pm, Drop-in Hours

Stop in to meet Peggy, our Outreach & Resource Advocate. She will help connect to trusted and affordable resources for chores, financial help, personal care, activities, transportation, medical issues, legal issues and more. Peggy is also available by appointment Monday - Thursday. Please call (612) 787-4104 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### **Tax Preparation with Prepare + Prosper**

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 PM - Saturdays at 8:30 AM

Saturday, January 21 - April 15 at East Side

The times given are the sign-in times. Clients are asked not to arrive more than 10 minutes before the sign-in time, as assistance is NOT based on first-come, first-served. Everyone who is present at the sign-in time has an equal chance of being served. Order is determined randomly. Prepare + Prosper is for anyone with an annual income of \$35,000 or less for individuals, \$55,000 or less for families or those who are self-employed.

### **AARP Tax Assistance**

Assists people who are 55+ and/or who are disabled, by appointment only. Income guidelines are \$35,000 or less for individuals, \$55,000 or less for families or those who are self-employed. Appointments are currently all full. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, call (612) 781-6011. You can also try the Prepare + Prosper service (see above).

### **Friendship Too: Caregiver / Loved One Support Group**

Tuesdays, March 14 - April 18, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

East Side is hosting a Caregiver Support Group at Adult Day at Friendship Center, 1717 Second Street NE (across the street from East Side's main building) for anyone serving as a Care Partner for a loved one. The Care Receiver is invited to participate in the Adult Day program while their Care Partner attends the 90 minute support group. For more information and to register, please contact Donna at [dkavanaugh@esns.org](mailto:dkavanaugh@esns.org) or (612) 781-2052.

### **Aging with GUSTO: Community discussion on aging**

Thursday, March 23, 2017, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

This event is full! Call (612) 787-4045 to be added to the waiting list or email [eva@esns.org](mailto:eva@esns.org).

### **Living Well Workshop**

April 13 - May 18, Thursdays, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm at East Side

Gain skills to live a healthier life! Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop covers many topics including healthy eating, exercise, medication usage, as well as managing fatigue, pain, and emotions. All participants receive a reference book. The cost of these classes is based on ability

to pay. No one will be turned away due to financial constraints. To register, call (612) 787-4102 or email Empowering Vital Aging at [eva@esns.org](mailto:eva@esns.org).

#### Roadwise RX

Wednesday, April 19, 11:00 am-12:00 pm, East Side Dining Room

Join us and learn how medications can affect your driving. AAA Minneapolis Driving Programs expert will help you learn about a free, confidential tool that adults can use to explore how medications may affect safe driving. Contact the EVA office with questions (612) 787-4045 or [eva@esns.org](mailto:eva@esns.org). This class is free, and refreshments will be provided.

#### A Matter of Balance

Tuesdays, May 2 - June 20, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

In A Matter of Balance, you will learn how to view falls as controllable, make changes to reduce fall risks at home, perform exercises that improve strength and balance, and set goals to increase physical activity. This eight week workshop includes group discussion and exercise. Classes are held at East Side. The cost of these classes is based on ability to pay. No one will be turned away due to financial constraints. To register, call 612-787-4102 or email Empowering Vital Aging at [eva@esns.org](mailto:eva@esns.org).

#### SAVE THE DATE

Join us for the 13th Annual Hotdish Revolution

Sunday, April 23, 2017

Solar Arts (15th and Quincy NE)

Whose tater tots will be the crispiest? Whose jell-o sculpture will astound and amaze? As always, we hope you'll try your hand at entering and bring your friends to vote for you. See you there! (last years spicy hotdish champion was CPNA's own Liz Wielinski)

Peter Doughty is helping with an event on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> called Northeast Transition Day. This started in Great Britain, everything seemed to be changing fast and furious. So they surveyed the town and decided to become self-sufficient should things go bad. There will be classes starting at 9:00am at the Eastside coop about micro greens starting frames, then later in the day they will be moving to Fair State for more classes on rain barrels, dropping a car, what to do about windows, and then an open discussion Transition on Tap to end the day. They will also participate in Northern Spark. Find more information at [transitiontwincities.org](http://transitiontwincities.org).

Stephanie: Art of Hosting for the area meeting. The draft had 41 questions, narrowed it to 18 and then they picked 3.

What services, opportunities and information should neighborhood organizations provide residents?

What are characteristics of an effective neighborhood organization?

How can neighborhood organizations empower civic engagement?

7:33-Adjourn, Motion to adjourn by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane approved