

Columbia Park Draft Annual Meeting Minutes for Monday June 19, 2017

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

Other: Staff: Liz Wielinski, Zubair Siraach, Rich Nielsen, Mohamed, Stephen Lu, Allison Jakucki, Chris Neal, Troy Rognrud, Dan Davies, Dan Bemeneck, Sue Bembeneck, Althea Timmons, Lucille Onstad, Valerie Onstad, Kevin Reich, Akeem Smith, Alex Aasmundrud, Laheen Grendall, Aaron Christopher, Jennifer Christopher, Dorothy Hughes, William Harrison, Dan Karst, Linda Karst, Greg Willson, Ciara Schlichting, Peter Doughty, Angela Rogers, Bryan Rogers, Chris Shaffner, Cynthia Shaffner, Drew Peterson, Niels Jensen, Bobby Wielinski, Arnie Neil, Sharon Neil, Joe Welczak, Diane Loeffler, Andy Wielinski, Jillia Passenda and Jared, Andrew and Aden (RCV), Kari Dziedzic, Andy Wielinski and 10+ children.

6:30 – Potluck Picnic and Mia (Minneapolis Institute of Art) Mobile Art Project

7:09 – Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda Motion by Joy Johnson 2nd by Sue B, approved

- Introductions

- Approval the Minutes of May 15, 2017 moved by Jeff, 2nd by Sue B, approve

- Treasurer's Report- Receive and File

-Guest Speakers

Susan Webb 2nd Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist

Crime Up Date: CPNA is one of the quietest neighborhoods in the 2nd Precinct

YTD only 15 incidents (mostly theft from motor vehicles, a crime of opportunity)

There was a domestic assault and one person shot another in self-defense and was released

Both tenants are moving out. A few break-ins (less than 4) and one individual was caught.

NNO, Tuesday August 1st. If you are interested in being a block club leader contact Susan.

Suzanne Snyder Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation

Loan administrator and we have free services with our general contractor who can help for free just because you live in Columbia Park. They do require you to fill out a regular application for the loans. CPNA does allow for work by owner, but only materials are covered by the loan, not tools or wages, but it does cover permits. The loan turn around for getting a loan is about 2 weeks and payback is about \$1000 a year so the max is about 7 ½ years.

Andrew and Aden Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)

You can rank up to three candidates 1, 2 and 3. This is so your vote is transferred so you can participate even if your first choice gets dropped. Want to help your neighbors understand?

You can host a house party.

State Senator Kari Dziedzic: the session this year was really odd. Legislature did pass a bonding bill and there was some money for 35W, 10th AV Bridge, but mostly she worked on protecting the money Minneapolis has traditionally received

State Representative Diane Loeffler: the House also went after Minneapolis funding, including the Minneapolis pension packages. The legislature finally passed real ID so you will be able to fly and get into federal buildings etc... Education funding was increased by 2% with some allocations for early childhood.

Park Commissioner Liz Wielinski: East of the River master planning please participate. Don't miss 4th of July at the Riverfront Red White and Boom and join the Minneapolis Bike Tour in September, it kicks off at Boom Island and the parkways are closed to motor vehicle traffic so you can ride the parkways safely.

Meeting in a Box: Minneapolis Comp Plan 2040 led by CM Kevin Reich.

The Comprehensive Plan is the guiding document for the City of Minneapolis. During one of our first meetings thoughts came forward recommending we eliminate neighborhood organizations. Kevin is here to make sure we are all engaged. He wants us to be involved in the process. The neighborhood should contact city staff to come and have a direct conversation if you cannot get to the neighborhoods

A big issue is growth, what kind of concerns does this neighborhood have

Zoning... what type of housing, concentration of rental

Transportation: how people can get around in our neighborhoods

Columbia Heights has a huge Senior building coming in and the bus route doesn't go close to the Center, and to get to the bus stop is across a busy highway with bad lights and no sidewalk connections. The city plan is required by the Met Council so they will be reading the comments we put forward.

Can Central AV be reduced to 3 lanes? Maybe but it depends on width. Again something to bring forward when participating in the process. Asset based planning basis as well. What we have and what could help to stabilize our community. Great access to transportation, parks, the Grand Rounds, proximity to big city assets like the LRT system and the airport are assets to protect. What to do to prevent too much gentrification which leads to displacement.

Any news about the HCRRA property, where our Gateway Gardens. No news.

What can we do proactively to keep the neighborhoods going in the city when the funding stream changes. Keep the board active. You can also join citizen committees and commissions for a topic you are passionate about.

– Election of CPNA board members (10) for 2017-18

Angela Rodgers
Jeff Schalles
Joy Johnson
Stephanie Peterson
Mike Melman
Vickie Jensen
Melody Devine
Jane McCarney

Moved the slate as presented , 2nd by Yusuf, approved

– Announcements/ Communications

Northeast Parade....tomorrow night

Northeast Garage Sales, this coming Friday and Saturday, see the map in the most recent Northeaster for locations

Paul Miller from MnDot is coming to our August meeting to discuss a proposed sound wall along University AV from 37th to Edge Place

Don't forget to attend the meeting at the Columbia Heights Library on July 17th 6:30 pm about the construction and closures during 2018 on University AV from 40th to 27th AV NE

8:22- Adjourn and thank the organizers moved by Sue B, 2nd by Yusuf, approved