

## **Columbia Park Draft Meeting Minutes for Monday October 16, 2017**

**Board Members:** Melody Devine, Joy Johnson, Jane McCarney, Mike Melman, Angela Rogers, Elaine Nissen

Other: Staff: Liz Wielinski, Dan Karst, Lt. Sheldon MPD, Irro Mohamed

### **6:32 - Call to Order by Melody**

- Approval of the Agenda moved by Jane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joy, approved
- Approval the Minutes of September 18, 2017 moved by Jane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike, approved
- Treasurer's Report- Receive and File moved by Jane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike, approved

6:45- Open Time (anyone can come an address the board on a topic of their choice for up to 3 minutes, per NCR rules this does not include candidates running for office)

Mike talked about the last STAP bridge meeting and discussed how unpleasant the 10ft high fencing is. There is a security guy on duty so stay off of the bridge until it is open. There have been many thefts from the site.

Jane will be meeting again with the municipal building public art committee on 27<sup>th</sup> and University. Jane will ask about the city requiring BP to start closing at 10pm to see if they know why they are requiring this.

### **- General Meeting**

– Crime and Safety Update

2 PAC Once again people are having their garages broken into. Make sure you have good locks. There was another case of road rage in the area.

– Old Business

Looking for a newsletter editor : Jeff is overwhelmed with contract work and will need to step back. Jane has a friend who would be willing to do it for \$50/ hour. She believes it would take about an hour to do one. Jane will invite her friend to our November meeting. Liz will put a help wanted article on Nextdoor. Writer Editor familiar and able to use Adobe InDesign. Jane happy to do graphics.

-Back to Crime and Safety

-Battery Theft Update with Lt Sheldon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct MPD

Lt Sheldon: Last theft recorded was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October and was a battery from a power boom at 35<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> but was at 5:00pm. Geographically the pattern is on 5<sup>th</sup> ST NE, however they come at various times. These are being pulled out of vehicles that are outside. This is strictly commercial vehicles.

Comments from Dan Karst owner at DLTL on 5<sup>th</sup>: One of the business owners followed the thief to his home. But the police did not come even after more than one call to 911. When they came to the business the next day they did not follow up. The business owners provided the video of the theft, with the get away car, and with the license number visible.

The guy, and his brother take them to his sister's house with a big dog in the fenced in back yard at 34xx 3<sup>rd</sup> ST NE. Lots of businesses in the area have been hit. When they get their replacements at Fleet Pride, the staff there mentions even more businesses in the area that have been hit. All the businesses affected have filed police reports.

LT Sheldon will follow up with the investigator to see what is being done.

DLTL has had other problems with recyclables being stolen from the business that he states have had less than helpful responses from the MPD.

We think we should involve the Crime Prevention Specialist Nick Juarez in talking to the businesses.

Per LT Sheldon our crime rate is down 6% overall in CPNA. Thefts are up in NE overall.

Back to Old Business

Options regarding the revolving loan program/ housing money from Joe Horan at the city...

- 1) CEE: see if you can use them as they are taking on more neighborhoods. They charge an annual fee to the neighborhood and fees for each individual loan
- 2) Bob Cooper can work to put the money into PROPEL, the Non Profit assistance fund for working capital for affordable housing developers. This option may need a plan modification to NRP phase II (after 3 years you get it back with 1% interest and it can be used for other programming)
- 3) Grant Program like in Phase I (\$300-\$350 fee, can be administered by CEE)

If we want to change things about the loan program...

Use for interior work : MHFA (Minnesota Housing Finance Agency) eligible uses for what is OK for fix up funds is the list NCR recommends. Uses can be for bringing things up to code, which is the first priority on the MHFA list. This would need a plan modification.

Things we might change that would not need a plan modification...

Increase total loan amount up to as much as \$20,000

Decrease loan rate (less income for the neighborhood but likely more friendly for the neighbors)

Change the time needed to pay back the loan (longer so smaller payments but more interest)

Loan to Value

Debt to income -55% vs the 40% of traditional lenders.

From the discussion it was decided that staff should contact CEE and have them come to our November meeting.

Soundwall: The neighborhood vote was a majority not to build the wall and the City concurred

– New Business

Bridge Re-Opening Event coming soon

What can you do if the neighbors don't mow...call or email 311.

Dan would like to know if we are going to add the piece of sidewalk needed under the rail bridge on the east side of 5<sup>th</sup> ST NE. It is one of the item on our possibles for the next NPPplan or for uses of our program income from the home loan program

– Announcements/ Communications

### **Fall Street Sweep Begins Tuesday, October 17**

Minneapolis Public Works will begin the big task of curb-to-curb sweeping and leaf collection on streets throughout the city **Tuesday, Oct. 17**. During the four weeks of the comprehensive fall street sweep, crews will clean about 1,000 miles of city streets. To make sure the sweepers can do the best job possible, temporary "No Parking" signs will be posted at least 24 hours in advance so streets will be clear of cars when they're swept. The first signs will be posted Monday, Oct. 16, and sweeping will begin the next day. Anyone who parks on the street will need to follow posted parking rules or their cars may be ticketed and towed.

City crews will post "No Parking" signs at least 24 hours before sweeping any streets. Parking will be banned from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the day a street is swept. The "No Parking" signs will be removed as soon as possible after a street has been completely swept to allow people to resume parking. Vehicles not in compliance with "No Parking" signs may be ticketed and towed to the Impound Lot.

Folks can use an interactive feature on the City's website to find out when the sweepers are coming through their neighborhoods. The tool will be available at [www.minneapolismn.gov/streetsweeping](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/streetsweeping) once we get closer to the start date. The fall street sweep takes four weeks, and visitors to the website will be able to find out which week their street is scheduled to be swept. Then, on the weekend before each of the four weeks, the schedule for the upcoming week will be broken down to show which day of the week streets are scheduled to be swept.

## Project Status Update - Columbia Heights and Minneapolis - University Avenue NE

### What is CenterPoint Energy doing for construction?

Crews from CenterPoint Energy began replacing an existing natural gas pipeline in Columbia Heights and Minneapolis in the week of September 18, 2017. Project construction is expected to last until early November 2017. (Frequent updates will be posted on CenterPoint Energy's website.)

Michels Corporation, an authorized CenterPoint Energy contractor, will be installing natural gas mains along University Avenue NE (County Road 47) at the following intersections: 32nd Avenue NE, 35th Avenue NE, 37th Avenue NE and 40th Avenue NE. (See map below.)

Lane restrictions are anticipated in areas where active construction is occurring. The lane restrictions are necessary to keep both the public and construction personnel safe.

### What is the progress of construction?

Starting today on Thursday, October 12, and lasting until tomorrow on Friday, October 13, crews from Michels Corporation are closing the eastbound lane on 40th Avenue NE for about 50 feet

between 3rd Street NE and University Avenue NE. Residents along this route will have access to and from their driveways.

Beginning on Saturday, October 14, or Monday, October 16, the crews will open eastbound 40th Avenue NE and close westbound 40th Avenue for about 100 feet between 3rd Street NE and University Avenue NE. Residents along this route will still have access to and from their driveways. This closure will last for one week.

The southeastern corner of the intersection of University Avenue NE and 40th Avenue NE remains closed during active construction. Pedestrian traffic is detoured to westbound 40th Avenue NE.

### Construction will happen in three phases:

- Phase 1 is installing the natural gas distribution main.
- Phase 2 is connecting the gas service lines to the new main along the same construction route. (A gas service line is a small-diameter pipe connecting the customer's gas service to the main line in the street.)
- Phase 3 is restoring the areas affected by construction—typically the utility easement, the street, and the customer's yard.

#### [How may construction affect customers?](#)

As part of this main project, the crews will also be replacing several natural gas service lines that connect from the main to the customer's property. Customers will experience a short disruption of gas service as the crews are installing the gas service line.

Crews may have to dig in the ground on your property in the utility easement to complete the task of service and main distribution line replacement. If a customer's property is disturbed, CenterPoint Energy will restore the hard and soft surfaces affected by construction at no cost to you.

#### [How can I contact CenterPoint Energy?](#)

For questions about the project, please call our Information Hotline at 612-321-5369 or our Communication Specialist at 612-321-5546. For questions about restoration (hard or soft surfaces) please call our Restoration Department at 612-321-5042. CenterPoint Energy wants to thank you for your patience.

Please [visit our website](#) often to receive project updates, traffic alerts and anticipated completion dates. Thank you.

- Adjourn, moved by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane, approved at 7:51pm