

Columbia Park Draft Meeting Minutes for Monday February 26, 2018

Board Members: Melody Devine, Vickie Jensen, Joy Johnson, Jane McCarney, Mike Melman, Stephanie Peterson, Angela Rogers and Jeff Schalles

Other: Staff: Liz Wielinski , Dan Karst, CM Kevin Reich, Petru Vizoli PW, Larry Matsumoto PW, Niels Jensen, Sue and Dan Bembenek, John Slack (Perkins and Will), Jim Billings, Irro Mohamed, Joanna Sylvain MPRB youth design team, Delorah Curry, Peter Porvaznik, Stephanie Johnson MWMO, Ron Carlson, Cass Markovich, Park Commissioner Chris Meyer

6:35 - Call to Order for Board Actions

- Approval of the Agenda moved by Jane, 2nd Joy approved
- Approval the Minutes of Monday October 16, 2017 moved by Jeff, 2nd Jane, approved
- Treasurer's Reports- Receive and File moved all 3 by Jane, 2nd Mike, approved
- Motion to purchase a new digital camera up to \$200, moved by Jane, 2nd by Jeff approved
- Approve Liz's contract for 2018 motion by Joy, 2nd by Jeff to increase Liz's wage to \$30/ hour approved
- CM Reich and public works regarding construction along 37th AV NE this summer
This summer 2018 is Main ST to 5th AV NE, next year 2019 is 5th to Central AV.

Petru Vizoli and Larry Matsumoto from public works joined us and provided information about the construction. It is a joint project with Columbia Heights. CPNA side will have resurfacing and curb and gutter in some areas. Columbia Heights will also be doing resurfacing, curb and gutter but will also be doing sewer. The tentative start date is in the middle of June and the city of Minneapolis will have a public hearing on May 15th and will provide assessment information then. There will a weblink available soon. Columbia Heights will be the lead on this joint project regarding the construction work.

Question: Who gets assessed? There is a map and formula attached to the project. The amounts are not yet determined, but this will be available at the public hearing. The property owners will receive notice from the city before the public hearing

Question: Will the sale of the HCRRA/ CP rail project mess up this new portion of the road? If they do they have to fix it and pay for it.

Question: The road isn't that bad, why do it now? The Columbia Height side needs more work and we only want to tear it up once.

Question: With Heights in charge will the job be up to Minneapolis specifications? Yes, will be in the joint agreement and we will have someone on the project to keep an eye out.

Question: Will the intersection at 37th and 5th be open during construction as it is the detour for the University AV construction? For 2018 it will be kept open, in 2019 we will see what we can do because of all the low bridges.

- General Meeting

- East of the River Planning with the MPRB staff for the parks in the Columbia Park Neighborhood to include
 - Hi-View Park
 - Architect Triangle
 - Columbia Park (including the dog park, archery range, rugby pitch, picnic pavilion, tennis courts and play area, paths etc...)
 - Any comments related to the non-neighborhood park areas for staff to consider (Columbia Parkway, St Anthony Parkway from Central to the River, golf course, driving range)

If you are interested in what went on please sign up for the East of the River emails from the MPRB at MinneapolisParks.org/govdelivery and pay attention to the specific parks in the draft master plan before it gets finalized later this year (late fall).

Staff gave a presentation, there was discussion and then the group split up and went from map to map to put our ideas onto paper.

Stephanie Johnson from MWMO gave an update on their 1NE watershed plan trying to deal with the stormwater in this area. There is some potential to affect the park (may be used for water storage etc... and hopefully deal with some of the CPNA flooding issues). These projects will be probably over the next 3-5 years and will try to coordinate with any road construction.

Dan Karst brought up that his business has to make reports with samples to the U of M of stormwater samples. Stephanie will follow up with Dan from DLTL and coordinate with MPRB to make sure water from railyard is NOT flowing into the park other than from the individual tracks that go through the neighborhood.

- Approve using CEE as our new revolving loan program vendor and transferring current unused portion of the GMHC loan program to CEE moved by Mike, 2nd by Melody, approved

8:00- Adjourn, motion by Mike, 2nd by Melody, approved at 8:18pm

Announcements:

FIRE STATION 15 Open House

Last August, Fire Station 15 was closed to allow for significant repairs and renovations, including the complete replacement of the apparatus floor, new wiring, kitchen remodeling, wiring and HVAC work. The work is done and Fire Chief John Fruetel and Council Member Kevin Reich invite you to an Open House to celebrate the newly remodeled station.

When: 1 – 3 p.m., Saturday, March 3

Where: 2701 Johnson Street NE

Join your friends and neighbors to tour the station, meet your neighborhood firefighters, try on gear and enjoy some refreshments!

Seeking Input on Your Favorite River Views

Now through spring 2018, the 25 metro-area cities and towns in our local national park, the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, are working to identify scenic river views worth protecting. Once each city has determined its list, they must work to protect these views according to new state rules that protect the metro river corridor. Friends of the Mississippi River is working to help our cities compile the best list possible. Check out the views submitted so far, and then tell them about yours or help by contributing a missing photo. For more information and to submit one or more suggestions: <https://fmr.org/news/2017/12/07/twin-cities-river-views>.

File Your Taxes for Free with Prepare + Prosper

Nonprofit offers free tax preparation and financial services during the 2018 tax season

Once again, East Side Neighborhood Services (1700 Second St NE) is the place for Northeasters to receive free tax preparation services. The sessions begin Saturday, January 20, and end Saturday April 14, 2018. "First come, first served" walk-in help sessions are held three days week at ESNS.

Tuesday and Thursday sign-in begins at 5:30 PM; Saturday sign-in begins at 9 AM. IRS-certified volunteers from *Prepare + Prosper* work one-on-one with taxpayers to help them claim all the credits they've earned. The nonprofit also provides financial services to help people save some of their refund, get connected to financial coaching, or to answer money-related questions.

Individuals with an annual income of \$35,000 or less in 2017, plus families and self-employed taxpayers with an annual income of \$55,000 or less in 2017, are eligible to file their taxes through this service for free. Everyone present at the sign-in time has an equal chance to be served and to be seen first. Order is determined randomly. Those arriving after sign-in will be served if there is space. Due to capacity, P+P might not see everyone on the day of the clinic. Please allow 2-4 hours for preparation. Do not arrive more than 10 minutes before the sign-in time.

What to bring to the tax clinic:

You must bring a Social Security Card for each person on the return or an ITIN tax number or letter for each person on the return; a picture ID; checking and/or savings account numbers and bank routing numbers. All income statements should be brought to the clinic, official documents such as W-2s from each job, Unemployment Form 1099-G, Social Security benefits Form SSA-1099, Interest Income 1099-INT, Dividend Income 1099-DIV, Retirement Plans Form 1099-R, Gambling Winnings Form W-2G, Miscellaneous Income 1099-MISC, Sale of Stock 1099-B, Scholarships and Grants 1098-T, and Health Insurance purchased through MNSURE form 1095-A. Bring a copy of your 2016 tax return if you filed in 2017 and have retained a copy.

Special circumstances may require that you bring additional income statements for MFIP, SSI, MSA, GA, Veteran Benefits, and workers compensation. If you are claiming deductions for education expenses for K-12 children, bring receipts for supplies like pencils and notebooks. Also, if you paid for tutoring, musical instruments and lessons, or anything like that, bring receipts. If you paid for tuition at a college or technical school, bring form 1098-T. If you paid interest on student loans, bring form 1098-E. If you paid for childcare, you are required to submit the provider's name, address, and tax ID or Social Security number.

To deduct interest on a home mortgage, you need to bring form 1098 and the real estate taxes payable to the County in 2017 that is mailed in March of this year. If you are a renter, bring the CRP form provided by your landlord.

Finally, bring receipts of cash and other contributions you made to charity. The more correct information you bring, the bigger the refund.

Call P+P at 651-287-0187 if you have any questions.

Eastside Meals on Wheels seeking new board treasurer

Job description

Purpose: To oversee all financial aspects of the Eastside Meals on Wheels program to ensure adequate cash flow for continuous operation.

IX Treasurer responsibilities:

The Treasurer is responsible for ensuring that all financial accounts have current signatories recorded with financial institutions at all times. The Treasurer is required to take necessary steps to add or remove their own and other signatories from accounts as needed. The Treasurer is responsible for carrying out Board-approved financial decisions and enforcing and monitoring financial policies. The Treasurer is also required to give a quarterly financial report to the Board. The Treasurer is elected at the annual meeting of EMOW to hold office for a two-year term, or until a successor is elected and qualified. They are eligible for re-election for one additional consecutive two-year term.

Reports to: Board of Directors

Responsibilities:

- Serves as Chair of the Finance Committee
- Manages, with the Finance Committee, the Board's review of, and action related to, the Board's financial responsibilities
- Works with the Executive Director and bookkeeper to ensure that appropriate financial reports are made available to the Board on a timely basis
- Oversee Bookkeeper activity
- Initiate preparation of the annual budget
- Assists the Executive Director and bookkeeper in preparing the annual budget, and presenting the budget to the Board for approval
- Works with the Finance Committee and the Executive Director to develop Fiscal Policies for recommendation to the Board to ensure the financial integrity and sustainability of the organization
- Works with the Finance Committee and the Executive Director to develop long-term financial strategies
- Keeps currently informed of legal, regulatory and sector developments relating to the Board's financial responsibilities
- Attend all Finance Committee and Board Meetings and be prepared to give an up-to-date financial report

- Oversee financial records, including all contributions received, monies from sale of meals, fundraising, grants, and donations
- Authorized to sign checks and legal documents
- Review performance of investments annually or more often as needed
- Recommend investment changes as appropriate to reflect the organization's financial objectives
- Ensure that a year-end financial report is prepared and presented to the board

Qualifications:

- A bachelor's degree in business or finance is preferred
- Experience managing finances for a business or organization
- Knowledge of federal funding as it applies to nonprofits is beneficial
- Financial knowledge of the organization
- Personal commitment to devote the time necessary to perform the responsibilities of Treasurer

Contact Eileen Hafften at 612-277-2529 for more information.

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Next meeting: Monday March 19, 2018. Tentative agenda, Mary Altmann from the City about our Gateway Art, update from Pat Vogel NCEC and meet our new Crime Prevention Specialist