

Columbia Park Draft Meeting Minutes for Monday August 20, 2018

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

Other: Staff-Liz Wielinski, Park Commissioner Chris Meyer, CM Kevin Reich, Bobby Wielinski, Claudia Fuentes, Kari Anderson, Wade Carlson, Peter Doughty, Rich Waryan, Kate Gaffney, Tim Parker, Dan Karst, Jim Billings, Taylor Lamberty, Matt Palkert, Sally Malone, Chris Malone, Melissa and Bill Dickinson, Donny and Deb McMillan, Patty and Duane VanVickle, Delorah Curry, Dan Haeg.

6:37 - Call to Order for Board Actions

- Approval of the Agenda with addition of house on 5th and 36 ½ moved by Jane, 2nd Joy, approved
- Approval the Minutes of the June 18, 2018 Annual Meeting moved by Donny, 2nd Joy, approved
- Treasurer's Report- Receive and File motion by Donny, 2nd by Mike approved
- General Meeting

Election of 2018-19 Officers
Nominated Slate
Melody Devine (co-chair)
Jane McCarney (co-chair)
Joy Johnson (Treasurer)
Mike Melman (Secretary)

Moved by Steffanie, 2nd by Jeff, approved

- New Business

Park Commissioner Chris Meyer

Comments Due by August 21st for individuals and by the 24th for neighborhood letters.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meets over the next couple of months. The CAC will approve a draft plan to submit to the board of commissioners. The draft plan will go through a 45 day public comment period and then will go to a vote by the Park Board. During the 45 day comment period anyone can comment on the plan as a whole or about specific parks. CPNA staff will try to keep the neighborhood apprised of status of the plan so that the comment period and if necessary the date of any board meetings where any issues with the parks in the neighborhood may need to be addressed.

The body as a whole took in the following public comment for gathering information for a formal letter from the Columbia Park Neighborhood Association regarding the East of the River

Park Plans for Architect Triangle, Columbia and HiView Parks

The MPRB has already received many comments about the dog park and the possible housing Component on the CP Rail property and adjacent parkland south of the parkway. This will not be included in plan but come back with any proposals developers bring the CP Rail. CP has a large easement on both sides of the railway that cuts through the park. Commissioner Meyer will attempt to keep the neighborhood informed.

Architect Triangle

The Columbia Park Neighborhood Association took the following action...

“The park known as Architect Triangle shall remain a mowed lawn, that the picnic table in poor repair be replaced and an additional picnic table be added, that the two benches in the park be refurbished with natural products and that a stone monument with a plaque be added to the park denoting the history of the area regarding the architectural competition “

Moved by Donny Macmillan, 2nd by Rich Waylan, approved by all in attendance.

Delorah Curry brought up the earlier meeting we had in February and added that we also wanted more decorative trees and 2 benches.

Comments about NOT taking down the pine trees

Rich questions if the neighborhood be consulted before anything happens.

The preference is to leave the park as undeveloped as possible.

Claudia mentioned that the way the trees are now creates excellent bases for ball games and thank you Commissioner Meyer for coming and we in Minneapolis are thrilled to have the #1 park system in the nation.

Columbia Park

Dewayne Van Vickle is concerned about the lack of curb cut to get onto the bike path, and ask that one be requested for the southeast corner of the intersection of 5th ST NE and Columbia Parkway. There is no way for bikes, strollers and others with accessibility needs to get onto the bike trail.

Please include comments about the railroad bridge on Columbia Parkway and getting a trail on the south side of the street the whole way down. Until then could we have better safety features at the intersection of the 3 streets to the east of the bridge. More crosswalks all along the parkway at would be better especially at well used intersection from the neighborhood.

The crosswalk by the dog park is also ignored way too much. Can we request more safety features? No money for an additional building, invest in the golf manor and do more non golf programming there during the week.

Repave St Anthony Parkway.

Add pickle ball lines when resurfacing the tennis courts

Add lighting at the dog park. Liz will work with Melody to get letter into MPRB.

Land at the corner of Central and ST Anthony Parkway...request to MPRB to sell land to use as parking lot by neighboring building THIS HAS GONE AWAY

CM Reich- discussion of Hennepin Co and CP rail Gateway property land sale to bus company where can the neighborhood can be involved in the city process.

The county and CP rail did a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the site and NO ONE even the city got to see much of what was going on there. The bus transfer area which won the bid was not the original option that was recommended by county staff. The other plan by OPUS was not put forward at the time of the vote.

The county has a purchase agreement for one year with the bus company. The city has some control over land use. We need to have a letter to the city that shows our interest or lack thereof to this proposal. Get it to CM Kevin Reich who will forward it to others at the city.

This is a private school bus company. Things that came up in discussion... the buses run constantly so they don't freeze up in the winter, access points, curb cuts, more important to the neighborhood to have housing or more jobs. We are tired of being heavy on heavy transportation in the area. We already have two railroad yards. We already have issues with tractor trailers backed up in both directions on University due to rail operations. We need to look for stuff in the city plans and comment on the cumulative effect of the pollution. Mixed use is a NE thing why aren't we getting something better like that?

Neighborhood staff will draft a letter to the CM's office for the next meeting.

House on 5th and 36th and 1/2 at the Zoning Board of Adjustment...send comment letter, the Van Vickle's not happy with this because of next door house that didn't do it right

Motion by Patty, 2nd by Dewayne to send a letter okaying the front and denying the side yard set back, approved.

"The Columbia Park Neighborhood Association approves of the granting of a variance of 8.9' to the front yard setback at 501 36th 1/2 AV NE to be more in keeping with the front yard setbacks along the avenue and urge the commissioners of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to approve this variance.

The Columbia Park Neighborhood Association disapproves of the granting a reduction of the side yard variance along 5th ST NE from 5' to 3.8' and urges the commissioners of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to deny the variance."

Issues about the paving of the alley were also brought up for the CM.

Request from DLTl for letter of support for Watershed Grant to make stormwater improvements

Liz will talk to Marcy at the MWMO and Bob Cooper about being the fiscal agent for any grants and write a take the steps necessary to make that happen if feasible. DLTl is looking at creating a 20'x80' raingarden to absorb the run off from their roof.

- Old Business

Content for next newsletter..send to Jane

Crime and Safety Update

Jane went to 2PAC. 2nd precinct did catch the people who were doing most of the break ins in Audubon Park neighborhood.

Any issues with people roaming etc.. call 911/311 or better yet our safe officer to report suspicious behavior.

The police recommend getting a device to protect your credit cards from being cloned. Follow the link on our website to 2PACs site for more information

Watch out for phone scams and keep elderly family members informed of them as they are the biggest targets.

Items for next meeting agenda/ announcement communications

12th Annual Eastside Barbeque on Thursday, August 23, 3:30- 7:30 p.m. in front of Edison High School, 700 – 22nd Avenue NE. Free for the whole family!

CM Reich is having a meeting on Community Solar (per his staff they will try to post a recap on his webpage)

8:28- Adjourn Motion by Jane 2nd by Bobby, approved