

Columbia Park Meeting Draft Minutes for Monday March 18, 2019

Board Members: Joy Johnson, Taylor Lamberty, Cass Markovich, Jane McCarney, and Elaine Nissen
Other Staff: Liz Wielinski, Dan Karst

- Call to Order for Board Actions

6:38 – Update from Park Commissioner Chris Meyer

The land at the corner of St Anthony Parkway and Central AV (SE corner) has been sought by the Islamic Cultural Center next door for a parking lot. The land is part of a regional park and would have to go through multiple entities to be sold. Commissioner Meyer will be voting no, but AK Hassan who represents district 3 (Cedar Riverside to Powderhorn Park) has been working with the ICC to make this happen.

6:49- Call to Order for Board Actions

- Approval of the Agenda moved by Joy, 2nd Taylor, approved
- Approval the Minutes of Monday February 25, 2019 moved by Joy, 2nd by Taylor approved
- Treasurer's Report- Receive and File moved by Taylor, 2nd by Elaine, approved
- Open Time: no one here

- General Meeting

- New Business

Approve letter of thanks to Columbia Heights Mayor and City Council regarding off street bike trail along 37th AV NE moved by Cass, 2nd by Joy, approved

Approve comment letter to Minneapolis Mayor, City Council and NCR regarding the draft Neighborhoods 2020 document, Moved by Joy, 2nd by Cass, approved

Approve 2018 Year in review document moved by Taylor, 2nd Elaine, approved
Nice Ride Expansion in Columbia Park

At the golf course 3300 Central AV NE or by the dog park, at First and First Building, at the corner of 37th and University where the corner store is closed, Corner of Columbia Parkway and Central AV are the sites suggested by the board.

- Old Business

Newsletter, Jane will get one out in April and we can rethink this...

Annual Meeting in June, Corner parking lot at St Anthony and Central, Earth Day possible topics for the newsletter

Liz will talk to Sherri about the roadside clean up, CM Reich's office about the bridge garden hydrant

– Crime and Safety Update

2-PAC now meets the same time as CPNA (3rd Mondays) for info check their blog

Liz will call 311 about mentally ill person living in the garage at (5xx 36th AV NE) who is tossing animal waste (or his own) in people's yards (next door 5xx).

– Announcements/ Communications

Watch your mailboxes for property value notices

The notices contain estimated market values of homes used to calculate 2020 property taxes

Starting next week, Minneapolis homeowners will begin receiving their property value notices in the mail. The estimated market values of homes in these notices are used to calculate 2020 property taxes.

Property owners can review the values of their homes with an appraiser, ask questions and, if so desired, appeal their value at the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. Each notice includes the name and phone number of the appraiser assigned to the property in question. Contacting the appraiser is the fastest and most efficient way for homeowners to get answers to questions or to start the appeals process.

The local board convenes April 23 and begins hearing cases May 7, 2019. More information about the appeals process is available on the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization's webpage at minneapolismn.gov/assessor/marketvalues/LBAE. For more information, visit minneapolismn.gov/assessor.

Creating a Resilient Yard

2019 Blue Thumb workshops hosted by Metro Blooms

Unseasonable warmth, long periods of drought, and flooding rains are the new normal in Minnesota. Metro Blooms is offering three different workshops to share practices for creating resilience in your yard so it can withstand these challenges.

- ***Resilient Yards Workshop*** (2.5 hours) A framework for understanding resilience. Learn how to create resilience in your yard using site planning, raingardens, turf alternatives, trees, other plantings and more. Includes one-on-one design assistance for your yard from Blue Thumb landscape designers, Hennepin County Master Gardeners and Master Water Stewards.
- ***Turf Alternatives Workshop*** (1.5 hours) Your guide to a low-maintenance lawn. A one-hour presentation on alternatives to conventional grass turf that require less watering and fewer chemical inputs, with step-by-step instructions for establishing them. Includes information about pollinator-friendly (bee) lawns. Group will discuss common challenges and solutions.
- ***Healthy Soils Workshop*** (1.5 hours) Laying the groundwork for healthy soil. Healthy soil helps plants thrive, filters and cleans water, prevents erosion and is teeming with life. Learn why healthy soil is the foundation of a resilient yard, and take action to strengthen and protect the soil in your yard.

Attendees will receive practical information about installing projects, including available cost-share programs and Blue Thumb resources to help get a project in the ground.

Visit metroblooms.org/workshops or call 651-699-2426

- Adjourn Next Meeting Monday April 15, 2019 moved by Cass, 2nd Elaine adjourned 8:03pm