

Columbia Park Draft Meeting Minutes for Monday October 21, 2019

Board Members: Melody Devine, Joy Johnson, Cass Markovich, Yusuf Mohamed, and Bob Wielinski

Other: Staff: Liz Wielinski, Dan Karst

6:34- Call to Order for Board Actions by Cass

- Approval of the Agenda as amended moved by Melody, 2nd Bob, approved
- Approval the Minutes of Monday September 16, 2019 moved as amended to correct the spelling of Yusuf at the end, by Bob, 2nd by Joy, approved
- Treasurer's Report- Receive and File, reported by Joy, moved by Bob, 2nd by Melody, approved
- Open Time Dan from DLTG gave an update on the raingarden at his business...they are a bit behind. Cass reported that Kevin Reich's meetings in the community are great to attend. The City has a program called Yards to Legumes...a project to make yards more sustainable and pollinator friendly. Cass is willing to update us at the next meeting after she does the webinar.

Liz and Bob left the room for contract discussions for Liz...They would like to bump Liz's wages to \$35/hr.

Melody makes the motion to continue Liz's contract as written with an increase to \$35/hour, 2nd by Joy, approved with an abstention for conflict of interest by Bob.

- General Meeting

– New Business

Inclusionary Zoning Policy: Comment letter due by 12/2/2019

Is it truly affordable?

TIF is a bad tool to use find another

Not transparent, no accountability, no votes by other jurisdictions whose taxes are being taken

Liz will get a letter together and send it around before we vote next meeting

Melody as a county employee will be unable to assist.

Opportunity to Comment on Modification No. 3 to the Housing Replacement District Plan due by 12/2/2019

Pretty much same as above

Letter from Marcy Holmes

Send a letter to Kevin about our disappointment that they would already start exceptions to the 2040 plan already. Cass has also offered to follow up at one of his meetings. Liz will work on this.

– Old Business

Update from 37th and University Committee

Meeting with CM Reich, 10/28 5:30pm at Brew 56

Newsletter- Willing to advertise? How much?

Ok to put in NCR could ask David G from Marshall Terrace

AFCAC Update: both parks CAC and City CAC are meeting for UHT, 3 options for UHT, rowers to start on site in spring, barge for 3rd AV bridge construction to launch from UHT, vote on park boundaries coming in the next month.

– Crime and Safety Update

No one went to 2PAC

– Announcements/ Communications.

Did you know? It's illegal to leave your vehicle unattended with the keys in the ignition while on a public street/alley. You could be ticketed under City Ordinance 478.160, even if your vehicle is stolen in these circumstances. (Note: remote starters do not violate the ordinance.) If your stolen vehicle is recovered, it is sent to the impound lot and if it is not retrieved in 15 days, it can be sold at police auction. In order to get the vehicle, you have to pay the fees.

- If your vehicle is stolen, call 911 to report it.
- If you later find your vehicle, call 911 to report that you recovered it! That is **VERY IMPORTANT** because if your vehicle is still listed as stolen, you could be mistaken as the car thief when you are driving it around. This could result in you being stopped at gunpoint.

To prevent vehicle theft, do not leave keys in your vehicle, do not leave the vehicle running with keys inside, and don't leave your garage door opener in any outside vehicles.

Fall Prep for a Healthy Spring Yard

Fall is officially here! Now is a great time to prepare for a healthy spring yard. Cooling temperatures make fall the perfect season for planting new grass, pulling weeds and aerating the soil. Explore these resources to ensure a healthy comeback for your lawn next spring.

- [Stormwater 101: Fall Yard Care](#) — MWMO
- [Master the Art of Fall Yard Care \(In Eight Steps\)](#) — MWMO Blog
- [Fall Yard Care \(Brochure\) \(PDF\)](#) — MWMO

Rake, Mulch or Compost? What You Should Know

The dead leaves that blanket your yard are full of nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen.

Consider these three methods for maintaining your fall yard and keeping these excess nutrients away from storm drains:

- **Rake:** Fallen leaves form a soggy, decaying mat that smothers turfgrass, exposing your lawn to mold and disease. Raking your leaves prevents them from smothering your lawn. You can even enjoy jumping in your leaf pile before bagging and removing the leaves.
- **Mulch:** Don't like raking leaves? Mulch them instead. Chopping leaves into small bits helps keep them on your lawn and away from storm drains. This has the same effect as adding a round of purchased fertilizer to your lawn. If your lawn looks like it is more than 50 percent covered in leaves, consider bagging or composting rather than mulching.
- **Compost:** Leaves are a potent source of nutrients for your lawn. While mulching places nutrients on the top of soil, composting puts nutrients down in the soil. You can add leaves to your compost pile or dispose of them as yard waste.
- **What About the Insects?** Insects, including many pollinators, use fallen leaves as habitat during the winter. So how can you manage your leaf litter while still providing habitat for overwintering pollinators? Try placing your leaves in an area where they will be contained, such as a garden or raingarden. A messy garden can make for perfect winter wildlife habitat.

7:41- Adjourn motion by Melody, 2nd Bob, approve