

Columbia Park Draft Meeting Minutes for Monday January 21, 2020

Board Members: Melody Devine, Vickie Jensen, Joy Johnson, Yusuf Mohamed, and Bob Wielinski

Other: Staff: Liz Wielinski, Dan Karst, and Aaron Richard (new to the neighborhood)

6:36 - Call to Order for Board Actions by Melody

- Approval of the Agenda as amended moved by Vickie, 2nd Joy approved
- Approval the Minutes as amended to eliminate the space between comments on letters for Monday October 21,2019 moved by Joy, 2nd Bob, approved
- Treasurer's Report- Receive and File moved by Bob, 2nd Vickie, approved
- Open Time: Vickie...snow removal this year is bad. Liz will bring a sympathy card to send from the neighborhood to Diane Loeffler's family.

6:59 - General Meeting

7:00 – New Business

Community Connections Conference 2020 Sat 2/1/2020 Convention Center

Neighborhoods conference, Liz attended the workshop on the CURA report and the future of the neighborhoods. The proposed funding is dismal and the outgoing staff person from the Mayor's office likened NRP to a government hand out that should be terminated

CP Rail yard construction EAW petition Liz gave update on status of EAW, in limbo at MNDOT while they decide on their next move.

2020 CPNA Budget: roll over money changes to cover new newsletter cost now that we are going to pay a contractor to put the newsletter together. Liz explained the transfers needed and asked for a board action.

Moved by Bob, 2nd by Vickie to move \$2300 to professional services from Fundraising \$1500 and Development \$800 for a new total in Professional Services of \$28,300.00 approved.

7:15 – Old Business

CURA report on future of NRP and Liz report from meeting attended. The city is putting everything about the funding under the category of racial equity. CURA is developing a report regarding the historic use of NRP funds and what they would propose for the future to remedy what they regard as past mistakes.

37th and University RFP by the County and CP Rail round 2. Liz W shall contact Kevin's office about this

Newsletter editor hiring vote to hire David DeGennaro. Motion to approve paying David \$200 per issue to create 4 newsletters per year by Yusuf, 2nd by Joy, approved.

7:30 – Crime and Safety Update Large uptick in car theft in Minneapolis, mostly due to being left running or keys left in it or they found the “hidden spare key” or towed for bad parking.

7:50 – Announcements/ Communications.

Upcoming meeting guests

February 2020

Chris DeDene MPLS Public Works 37th AV NE resurfacing

Emma Pachuta MPRB Parks for all Planning

March 2020

David Ruebedor and Casey Carl City of Minneapolis 2020 elections

Marlene Spangler storm drain competition

Census 2020 is canvassing neighborhoods now

Census workers have begun canvassing neighborhoods to count the number of dwellings before census questionnaires are mailed out. [Learn how the Census Bureau does this and how to verify a census worker's credentials here.](#)

In 2020, the US census will determine how many congressional representatives Minnesota will have for the next decade, and will impact funding for schools and local communities. Getting an accurate and complete count of all residents is vital.

SNO Ball 2020

Saturday, February 8, 7 pm – 12 midnight

Food Building, 1401 Marshall St. NE

The Sheridan Neighborhood organization (SNO) invites you for a night of music, dancing, drinks and snacks as they raise money for the Sheridan Neighborhood Organization and the Northeast Arts District! The theme is Roaring 20s, and the event will feature dancing with The Ring Toss Twins, a silent auction, photo booth, good times, adult beverages and yummy eats. Come out and support a great cause and enjoy the awesome Sheridan neighborhood. Tickets are \$30 in advance through Eventbrite or at Eat My Words bookstore (cash only), and \$35 at the door (cash only). For information and tickets:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2522452431354393/>.

Workshop: Fight Snow and Ice, Pollution Free

Warm up with hot cocoa and treats while you learn ways to prevent slippery sidewalks using methods that prevent pollution in local waterbodies. Tour the Columbia Heights Library and learn how features built into its landscape reduce the need to use deicers, add winter beauty, and filter out water pollutants in the spring. Participate in a fun, hands-on demonstration and take home your own copy of the MWMO's Good Neighbor Guide.

This program is free, but registration is required.

When: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

Where: Columbia Heights Library
3939 Central Avenue NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) needs to update their 10-year plan and are looking for citizen input.

Survey Link: wmo.org/survey

Watershed Management Planning Information: <http://www.mwmo.org/planning/watershed-management-plan-update/>

7:41- Adjourn by Bob, 2nd Vickie, approved