

## Columbia Park Draft Meeting MINUTES for Monday September 21, 2020

**Board Members:** Melody Devine, Vickie Jensen, Joy Johnson, Cass Markovich, Yusuf Mohamed, and Rich Waryan

6:32- Call to

Other: Staff: Liz Wielinski, Dan and Linda Karst, Stacy Sorenson, City of Minneapolis, Jim Hasnik, CEE.

Call to Order for Board Actions by Melody 6:35

Approval of the Agenda as amended by Vickie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joy, approved

Approval the Minutes of Monday August 17, 2020, motion to approve by Cass, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rich, approved

Treasurer's Report- Receive and File motion by Rich, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cass, approved

- Open Time, no one
- General Meeting
- New Business

Meet Phil Steger, Brother Justus Whiskey Co. new business owner in the First and First building on 5<sup>th</sup> ST NE (did not join the Zoom Meeting)

- Old Business

Changes to the CPNA revolving loan programs. The following are the options that the sub committee (Liz and Melody) came up with and ran past Jim from CEE (our loan program administration contractor), and Stacy and Jack from the city. They agreed that we could amend our programs and add some to make these work. The only drawback, possibly too many choices and not enough funds to make them work, so our action this evening is to narrow the field and distribute the funding.

- Changing the max loan amount from \$10,000-\$15,000? (up to the neighborhood)
- Changing the contract we have with CEE to make the interest rates lower. (the other programs CEE manages offer lower rates thus making ours unattractive)
- Making the loans forgivable if the neighbor/owner remains in place for 10/15 years (deferred)? This would only be available for owner occupied properties, we are NOT looking to create more rental properties in the neighborhood. (up to the neighborhood)

- Adding a program that would make the loans for sustainability additions to the household (solar, geothermal, etc...) not lightbulbs or low flow toilets and showers. (These are already available through the existing loan program, need to advertise that)
- Adding a down payment assistance plan. We would like to make the homes in our neighborhood more rather than less affordable and again only owner occupied and we would likely also want to add that 10/15year deferment option. ( a viable option but depends on the funds allocated by the neighborhood as to how many participants this could serve)

Approve letter to David Rubedor and CM Reich regarding the changes to the NRP budget

Approve the 2020-2021 Calendar motion to approve by Joy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Yusuf, approved

Approve the 2019 Tax Filings motion to approve by Rich, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cass, approved

- Crime and Safety Update
- Announcements/ Communications.

1) While the pandemic is preventing a traditional public unveiling of "Collection Point," at the new NE Maintenance Facility (26th and University), the theme of collections that influenced the piece is prompting a collecting of donated art supplies for local organizations. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, art supplies for Edison High School's fine arts department and the ROHO Collective will be collected. The artist and Council Member Kevin Reich will be on hand to greet people as they drop off donations. Contactless drop off will be available. The first 50 participants who drop-off art supplies will receive a reusable "I love Minneapolis Recycling" Chico Bag. Recyclo superhero activity and coloring books from Hennepin County for kids will also be available.

Donations of new and gently-used (like new) supplies purchased within the last five years are welcome on the south end of the campus of the East Side Storage and Maintenance Facility on 26th Avenue NE. For more information about the event and a list of items being

2) Time is running out to get counted in the 2020 Census. Have you completed the census yet?

The data that is obtained by the census allows the federal government to determine where to allocate resources for things like schools, parks, roads and much more. Our communities deserve the proper funding for resources that we rely on including programs and services like SNAP, Medicaid, CHIP and Head Start.

Unfortunately, there are still neighborhoods in our city that are currently undercounted. An undercount in any of our communities could have devastating and long-lasting impacts for our future. Because the census comes only once every 10 years, it's important that we all get counted now.

Don't wait. Complete the census for you and for everyone in your household including all children and all relatives that live with you. Our voices matter, our communities matter and we count. Visit [My2020census.gov](http://My2020census.gov) or call 1-844-330-2020 and get counted before the Sept. 30 deadline.

### 3) Free Meals for Kids 18 and Younger

Starting Sept. 8, free meal boxes are once again available to all Minneapolis families with children ages 18 and younger. Similar to the free food box program Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) operated in the spring and summer, all families are welcome to participate at no cost – children do not need to be enrolled at an MPS school. Families can pick up one box per child per week. Each box contains five breakfasts and five lunches with fresh produce and whole grains. Milk is available upon request.

Meal boxes are available for pickup Monday through Friday at 29 school sites across Minneapolis. Most sites will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a few will have extended hours until 5 p.m. Find the full list of pickup sites and hours here. Questions? Call 612-668-2820 or email [info.cws@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:info.cws@mpls.k12.mn.us).

4) The Minneapolis Civil Rights Department is now accepting applications for the Police Conduct Oversight Commission (PCOC). The PCOC is a volunteer body of Minneapolis residents from diverse backgrounds and experiences who are appointed by the Mayor and City Council after submitting an application and interviewing for the position. The PCOC is one piece of the City of Minneapolis' police oversight work. Commissioners initiate research and study on Minneapolis Police policy and practice, engage the community in discussions of police procedure, and make recommendations. The PCOC meets monthly. Commissioners can expect a 10 hour per month time commitment. More info on the PCOC <http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/civilrights/conductcomm/index.htm>

Application Process <http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/wcmsp-225474>

8:00- Adjourn