

## **Columbia Park Draft Meeting Minutes for Monday October 19, 2020**

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

Other: Staff: Liz Wielinski

6:38 - Call to Order for Board Actions by Melody

- Approval of the Agenda moved by Rich, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cass, approved
- Approval the Minutes of Monday September 21, 2020\*moved by Vickie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob, approved
- Treasurer's Report- Receive and File (none)
- Open Time

Rich would like Liz to send out a roster of the board members and staff and sent it out to everyone on the board,

Thanks from Cass to Dan as she has seen a decrease in speeding drivers!

- General Meeting

– New Business

Metro Blooms and Raingardens...do we want to offer the program again in 2021 and for how much? If we choose to offer them, we need a motion so staff can move things along. Liz will check into cost and how program is operating currently and report back at the November meeting.

Rich is happy to help out.

Justus Brothers Whiskey: having seen the letter submitted for their license (vote Monday AM) are there any comments we would like to have on hand if this comes before another city body?

Liz send email regarding lack of notice to neighborhood, keeping to hours and having traffic exit to the south, especially deliveries.

– Old Business

Loan Programs, which to move to November general meeting, and send out notice

- Changing the max loan amount from \$10,000-\$15,000?
- Change the interest rate (lower)?

- 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.
- 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 would include the 10/15year deferment option.

From Stacy

### Columbia Park NRP Housing Contract with CEE

*Suggestions & decisions for October 19, 2020*

- 1. Expand strategy language:** Give notice tonight for language plan modification that could be voted on in November. Add the line, *"Funds may also be used to support other Columbia Park home improvement and home buyer programs"*.
  - Allows for deferred loans, grants & homebuyer programs. Also allows flexibility in moving funds between programs.
- 2. Decision: Add funds to contract?**
  - \$31,154.20 of housing program income can be added now.
  - Up to \$25,000 could also be added next month based on a plan modification (voted on in November) that moves funds from the Neighborhood Priority Reserve or from a previously approved priority.
- 3. Decision: Modify terms of existing program? Add new program?**
  - Current loan program:
    - *Lower interest rate to 0% or 1%. Possibly increase maximum loan amount.*
  - Possible new down payment assistance program:
    - *Forgivable after x years. Income limit?*
  - Possible deferred loan program:
    - *Forgivable after x years. For specific types of projects – exterior, energy, major mechanical...*
    - *Income limit? Require match require if over 100% AMI?*

Line 1: Motion to approve giving notice of modifying our strategy language, Moved Rich, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob, Roll Call all ayes

Line 2: Motion to move the remaining non contracted revolving loan money into the CEE contract, Moved by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vickie, approved by all

Line 2 part 2: Motion to approve giving notice that we will be shifting \$25,000 from our NPP reserve to our CEE contract for home loan programs, Moved by Yusuf, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob, approved by all

Emergency Loan Program, currently a deferred for 10 years and up to \$5000, total in fund is \$18,000. Should we do tier of deferment 20 % per year up to 5 years (Stacy and Jim can get the language together for the board to take a vote after the flex language)

Straight deferred based on income, lower easier to defer more income require a match

Can we make language that would give down payment assistance of \$5000 to those buying a rental and making it owner occupied, same for vacant houses. No AMI limit, 10 year deferment. Stacy will come up with the language for the contract.

Do we want the current loan program to go from revolving to deferred?

Suggested go to 0% and Stacy recommends staying at \$10,000.

Motion by Yusef, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joy to give Liz the authority to send out notice to the entire neighborhood by mail, approved

501c3 application returned, Liz will resend

Train Park on 27<sup>th</sup> AV NE and Holland Neighborhood community gardens. Meeting with RR and Holland to come.

AFCAC update from Liz W, UHT did get bonding from the state.

– Crime and Safety Update

2 PAC is looking for more participants. The meetings are online now for ease of attendance.

Niels attended online last Monday...some concern that crime is up in Marcy Holmes. Lots of retirements and now not enough officers.

Police dashboard crime alert website keeps people up to date.

Liz will draft a letter to send to the city council and Mayor regarding funding for the police in the 2021 budget requiring the minimum # of officers per the charter at least. Invite Rashid Ali (regarding crime in the 2<sup>nd</sup> precinct, policing levels historical/ current and proposed) neighbors calling and being told there will be no response, to our next meeting.

– Announcements/ Communications.

The Minnesota **Energy Assistance Program** is available to help Minnesotans pay for home heating costs, furnace repairs and fuel delivery to ensure our neighbors stay warm and safe. For more information, please visit the Department of Commerce [Energy Assistance Program website](#). Here you can find the service provider for your area.

The **Cold Weather Rule** ensures Minnesotans don't have their primary source of heat cut off in the cold winter months. More information is available at the Public Utility Commission's [Shut-off Protection website](#).

## VOTE 2020

**New to the neighborhood? Have not voted yet? Have you lived here for 30 days and have no impediment to voting? You can register and vote on election day?**

**How to register on Election Day?**

In Minnesota, you can register or update your registration at your polling place on Election Day. [Find out what you'll need to bring with you.](#) <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/>

### REGISTER ON ELECTION DAY

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To register at your polling place on Election Day, bring one proof of residence listed below.

#### ① ID with current name and address

- Valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit or ID; or a receipt for any of these.
- Tribal ID with name, address, photo and signature.

Print a factsheet on this topic

Download [Election Day Registration factsheet](#).

#### ② Photo ID and a document with current name and address

APPROVED PHOTO IDS (CHOOSE ONE)

*The ID can be expired.*

- Driver's license, state ID or learner's permit issued by any state

- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Military or Veteran ID
- Tribal ID with name, signature and photo
- Minnesota university, college or technical college ID
- Minnesota high school ID

#### APPROVED DOCUMENTS (CHOOSE ONE)

*Can be shown on electronic device.*

- Bill, account or start-of-service statement due or dated within 30 days of the election for:
  - Phone, TV or internet
  - Solid waste, sewer, electric, gas or water
  - Banking or credit card
  - Rent or mortgage
- Residential lease or rent agreement valid through Election Day
- Current student fee statement

#### ③ Registered voter who can confirm your address

A registered voter from your precinct can go with you to the polling place to sign an oath confirming your address. This is known as 'vouching.' A registered voter can vouch for up to eight voters. You cannot vouch for others if someone vouched for you.

#### ④ College student ID with housing list

Colleges and universities may send election officials a student housing list. If you are on the list, show your college photo ID to complete your registration.

#### ⑤ Valid registration in the same precinct

If you are registered in the precinct but changed names or moved within the same precinct, you only need to tell the election judge your previous name or address.

#### ⑥ Notice of Late Registration

If you registered to vote within 20 days of the election, you may get a Notice of Late Registration in the mail. Bring it with you and use it as your proof of residence to register.

#### ⑦ Staff person of a residential facility

If you live in a residential facility, a staff person can go with you to the polling place to confirm your address. This is known as 'vouching.' A staff person can vouch for all eligible voters living in the facility.

The staff person must prove their employment at the facility. There are several ways to do this, including by showing an employee badge. Learn more about [voter registration in residential facilities](#).

**Need help?**

Call us at 1-877-600-VOTE (8683) or contact [your county election office](#).

8:25- Adjourn moved by Yusuf, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob, approved

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