

Columbia Park Draft Meeting Minutes for Monday November 16, 2020

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

Other: Staff: Liz Wielinski, Dan Karst, Nick Juarez, Stacy Sorensen, Jim Hasnik

Call to Order for Board Actions by Melody at 6:34

Approval of the Agenda by Joy, 2nd Cass, approved

Approval the Minutes of Monday October 21,2020 moved as amended by Cass, 2nd Yusuf, approved (check Yusuf's name spelling)

Treasurer's Report- Receive and File moved by Yusuf 2nd by Cass, approved

Open Time

Vickie: about Columbia Park playground

The pirate ship had to be removed to accomplish the stormwater project. The MPRB will replace the playground after the project is done. It is in the MPRB CIP for 2021 or 22. The neighborhood will be involved in the planning for the replacement.

Yusuf is wondering if there is a plan to redo the pavement on the Hi View basketball court. Liz will contact the MPRB planning department to find out when it will be resurfaced.

General Meeting

Crime and Safety Update

Nick Jaurez from the 2nd Precinct Update

Crime wise we are having a huge increase in catalytic converter thefts especially from Toyota Prius. The #2 is people breaking into cars to get stuff lying in plain sight and rifling through glove boxes. We are seeing more robberies and there was a carjacking. Closest robbery was in Columbia Heights, but they caught him on Van Buren in our neighborhood.

There are no longer any beat officers city wide through 2021. In the 2nd precinct there were issues with a robbery in Windom Park that turned into a car chase, wreck, and fire.

Q: Are police working with recyclers re converters? Nick: Metro Metals on 280 is a known place for crushing stolen vehicles and turning a blind eye to the converter folks... There are now locks for the converters for owners to purchase (replacement is around \$3000). Rich wonders if the law can be changed, but the last time a new law was attempted it brought out the recycling lobbyists for the block.

Q: Reductions in squads out and about, how come? Nick: Covid-19 quarantines, retirements, leaving MPLS to go elsewhere, medical leaves have increased, sometimes there are issues just getting the minimum officers to fill a shift.

Q: Is the recent increase in police funding approved at the city going to help out? Nick: Only in downtown and on the Northside.

Q: Will there be more money put in to the 2021 budget? Nick: There was a lot of discussion today and there is money there for 3 academies. The first public input was today, then there is the upcoming public hearing and the actual vote night in December. Even with the academies that does not increase the numbers until the end of 2021.

Q: Car jackings, are they increasing in NE and are arrests happening? Nick: very few in NE, they picked up some and there was one that involved juveniles. They rolled the car and all died, many of the issues are juveniles for both the car jackings and the burglaries.

Q: How are the car jackings happening? Nick: When you are distracted. grocery shopping, sitting or waiting at lights or stop signs.

Q: Is now the time to ask at City Hall for more money for police? Nick: yes, and 2021 isn't looking any better as there is little tax revenue coming in from downtown.

Q: Are there any plans to recruit officers from outside MPLS to supplement the numbers? Nick: All we have heard about is getting help from the Sheriff's Department.

– Old Business

Changes to NRP Phase II language regarding home improvement revolving loan program
Motion to approve the following

“Funds may also be used to support other Columbia Park home improvement and home buyer programs”.

Moved by Yusuf, 2nd by Vickie

Roll call: Vickie, Rich, Joy, Yusuf, Melody ayes, no nays and no abstentions

Motion to move funds from NPP reserve to the revolving loan program
“Transfer \$25,000 of non-contracted Neighborhood Priority Program funds to the revolving loan program from the Neighborhood Priority Reserve.”

Moved by Rich, 2nd Joy, Roll Call: Melody, Vickie, Rich, Joy, Yusuf ayes, no nays, no abstentions.

Raingardens

Liz will present the responses she received from Metro Blooms regarding their program for raingardens in 2021 and what CPNA would be responsible for and for how much. TABLE to 2021

– New Business

Proposed language changes to CEE contract...

Move by Joy, 2nd by Yusuf

Revolving Loan interest rate be lowered to 0%.

Emergency loan program: Loan will be deferred but total due if sold within 10 years. No payments, no interest, Max income of 80% of MMI to qualify.

Down payment assistance: Loan will be deferred but total due if sold within 10 years. No payments, no interest, \$5000 maximum for loan. The loan is only available to those in owner occupied buildings of up to 4 units, with a maximum income of up to 100% of the MMI

The loan program funds shall be allocated as follows

Revolving Loan Program \$75,000

Emergency Loan Program \$20,000

Down Payment Assistance Program \$30,000

Moved by Joy, 2nd by Yusuf: Roll call Melody, Rich, Vickie, Joy, Yusuf ayes, no nays, no abstentions

The balance will go toward fees.

Stacy and Jim will use these guidelines to make the changes and send to Liz, Melody and Rich for Rich and Melody to sign and then it will go forward to Jack and those at the city that need it. Liz will make sure Jim and Stacy get Rich and Melody's email addresses. The board will also vote to move an additional \$25,000 at the turn of the year, notices will be posted.

Letter requesting changes of NCR. Motion to approve as edited to take Cass off and put Rich in as co-chair with the new logo. Moved by Rich, 2nd Joy, approved

Board went to closed session

Liz's Contract.... Plans to go month to month as getting overloaded with other job.

Returned from closed session...

Motion in closed session...approve Month to Month with a 60 day notice if she chooses to leave, and an increase to \$40 dollars per hour. Passed per vote in closed session with Liz not present.

Crime and Safety Con't

Possible letter to city about police budget... Liz will send out draft for edits and then do email vote.

7:55 – Announcements/ Communications.

Most current links for Crime Updates from the MPD

<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/resident-services/public-safety/police-public-safety/crime-maps-dashboards/>

<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/resident-services/public-safety/prevent-prepare/crime-prevention/crime-alert-signup-map/>

You can help shape the future of University and Central avenues!

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is studying how to improve Highway 47 (University Ave.) and Highway 65 (Central Ave.) for everyone who uses these roads. And your input is needed.

MnDOT is asking communities from Northeast Minneapolis to Blaine what these streets should look like in the future.

Share your ideas! [Take this survey.](#)



Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute

Upcoming trainings hosted by the Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute

Introduction to Restorative Justice for Community Healing and Transformation

Pay-What-You-Can-Up to \$50; CEs available for MN social workers, teachers, and nurses

[Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 9am-11am CST](#)

[Monday, November 23, 2020, 9am-11am CST](#)

Introduction to Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience for Cultural Competence, Racial Healing and Equity

Pay-What-You-Can-Up to \$30; CEs available for MN social workers, teachers, and nurses

[Friday, November 20, 2020, 3pm-5pm CST](#)

[Monday, November 23, 1pm-3pm CST](#)

[Friday, December 4, 10am-12pm CST](#)

Coming to the Table (CTTT) Racial Healing Talking Circles

These free monthly events are free, and donations are gratefully accepted

[Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 7pm-8:30pm CST](#)

[Saturday, November 21, 2020, 10:30am-12pm CST](#)

[Monday, November 23, 2020, 7pm-8:30pm CST](#)

Introduction to Self-Care for Resilience: Training for Practice in Everyday Life

Pay-What-You-Can-Up to \$50; CEs available for MN social workers, teachers, and nurses

[Friday, November 13, 2020, 3pm-5pm CST](#)

[Friday, December 4, 2020, 2pm-4pm CST](#)

STAR-Lite Training: Learning Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience in a Single Day for Cultural Competence, Racial Justice Healing and Equity

Early Tuition: \$99 Standard Tuition: \$155 CEs/CLEs available for MN mental health professionals, attorneys, teachers, and nurses.

[Thursday, December 10, 2020, 9am-5pm CST](#)

8:23- Adjourn Moved by Rich, 2nd Joy, approved