

Columbia Park Draft Meeting Minutes for Monday January 25, 2021

Board Members: Melody Devine, Joy Saengmany, Cass Markovich, Yusuf Mohamed, Rich Waryan and Bob Wielinski

Other: Staff: Liz Wielinski Linda and Dan Karst, Stacy Sorenson, Jack Whitehurst

6:35 - Call to Order for Board Actions

Approval of the Agenda moved by Rich, 2nd Yusuf, approved

Approval the Minutes of Monday November 16, 2020 moved by Cass, 2nd Yusuf, approved

Treasurer's Report- Receive and File: revised statements for 2020 and January of 2021 (transposition of 70.45 to 70.54 in Garden account) moved by Bob, 2nd Rich, approved

6:45- Open Time: Rich:448 St Anthony Parkway (Azz) you can see smoke exiting the building, who keeps tabs on that? Liz's reply: It's monitored by the MPCA, you can check out the permit # on the MPCA website. Will the tennis courts in Columbia Park be fixed? The tennis Courts at Columbia are not in the new master plan. The new plan will be pickleball and tennis at Hi View. Liz is still waiting to hear from MPRB about basketball court. Cass is wondering if there will be new signs on 5th ST NE about the reduced speed limit. Cass will contact Kevin's office about why there is NO sign. Dan and Cass would like to see a stop sign at the bottom of the hill at the intersection before the RR Bridge. Q: Anything new happening at 37th and University? Liz has not heard from OPUS, Liz can check again. New studio in building at 37th and University lots of cars parked in front anyone know what's there? Per Andy, Liz's husband the signs only show the hours.

General Meeting

Old Business

Approve working with CEE to design a flyer to go to the neighborhood about the new programs for the upcoming 2021 construction season. (see copy of new contract), ok given

Per Stacy we also need to designate where our new funds will go. There were some questions about the contract all satisfied.

New Business

Transfer more funding into our CEE managed loan programs for the neighborhood by passing the following motion to...

“Reallocate \$25,000 from the Neighborhood Priority Reserve Fund to the Home Improvement and Home Buyers Programs priority”

Moved by Yusuf 2nd by Rich, Aye's Cass, Rich, Yusuf, Joy, Bobby, Melody, no nays, no abstentions

Amend the CPNA contract with CEE to add 25,000 and put half into the revolving loan fund and half into the emergency loan fund. Moved by Yusuf, 2nd by Rich. Roll Call Aye's Cass, Rich, Yusuf, Joy, Bobby, Melody, no nays, no abstentions.

Status of 510c3 application ok to let the secretary of to the board sign, Bob W

Rain Gardens with Metro Blooms: postpone again to the February 2021 meeting

Review the new Neighborhood Organization Recognition Requirements and check to see where we may have deficiencies.

Engagement Activities Liz to look for the guidelines under NCR on city website

Most of this paragraph is unclear as to expectations, especially regarding engaging all residents, all categories and expectations for variety and documentation for engagement. Yusuf we should use the census results for determining who we are missing.

Website: This we have and new content is added. It is also where we store for the public, policies, old minutes, meeting agenda community links and links to our NRP loan programs.

Plan Modifications and Develop

1 and 2 have been documented in our end of year reports. # 3 unclear and demonstration of same also unclear.

Policies and Procedures

We need to date when they were last reviewed and create a schedule for review.

Financial Policies

1 yes, we have reviewed the finances, each board meeting has a treasure's report with the bank activities and when available the revolving loan reports.

2 yes, we have current policies and procedures for our finances

3 maybe, depends on how detailed they are thinking...the CPP form or more detailed, monthly?

Personnel Policy and Procedures

Policies we do have and they are on the website, this is not in an employee handbook format (a must?) Need to confirm we have what the city requires and if not add it.

Operations Manual

We have by-laws but they need updating. Is this different from the BY-laws which are later in the document? Otherwise no we do not have an operations manual.

Financial Accountability

Need Quickbooks

Does the treasurer's report posted monthly count

Organization accountability

By-Laws need updating to new standards...whatever they me be.

Required filings, we are OK here.

Insurance requirements

D&O we have for awhile longer

Find out about \$2 million

Worker's Comp...do we need that for Liz?

Per Jack we should be compliant by the end of 2021. He will help as much as he can. Jack recommends that if we want to respond to this document we do it with board approval and send a letter.

Crime and Safety Update: no one attended 2PAC

Announcements/ Communications.

Northeast Winter Market

February 6th, 11am-1pm

Parking lot of St. Boniface Catholic Church

629 2nd Street NE Mpls 55413

Support your local vendors!

Mini Maintenance Workshops: Managing Snow and Ice

With more snow on the way before spring arrives, it's not too late to consider how you can manage snow and ice while using less salt.

Salt is an important tool in winter safety, but it also permanently pollutes our rivers, lakes, and streams. Learn ways to prevent slippery sidewalks using methods that reduce pollution in local waterbodies for your home, community building, or office with MWMO staff in this brief Zoom workshop!

This program is free, but registration is required. Each option is the same workshop (and the same workshop as those held in December 2020); choose what works best for your schedule, and register by following these links:

[February 1 from 12:00-12:45 p.m.](#)

[February 3 from 6:00-6:45 p.m.](#)

If you are unable to attend and want to learn more about how to manage snow and ice, check out our [Snow and Ice Removal resource page!](#)

Upcoming Ward One Forum: An Eastside Community Solar Garden

Tuesday, January 26, 6:30-8 p.m.

Join Council Member Kevin Reich and representatives from [Minneapolis Climate Action \(MCA\)](#) to discuss a Community Solar Garden that's coming soon to the First Ward and ways our community can participate and benefit.

MCA has been working with [Emerge Enterprises](#) and minority enterprises [Renewable Energy Partners](#) and [S3 Solar Service Solutions](#) to install the [Second Chance Community Solar Garden](#) on the roof of Emerge's [Second Chance Recycling Facility](#) in the Mid-City Industrial neighborhood. The system is estimated to be fully operational by early March, 2021, offering opportunities for community members to become subscribers. Shares can be purchased up front and a portion of the shares will be reserved for pay-as-you-go subscribers that can participate regardless of income, credit score, or whether they rent or own their own home. Anyone who pays an electric bill can participate and receive a credit on their electric bill.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85945006134>

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Public comment period for new MPRB Comprehensive Plan, Parks for All, extended to July 18

This plan contains language that would have the park board possibly be selling parkland for affordable housing

Brush pile burns begin at Columbia Golf Course, Columbia Park next week

In the coming weeks, visitors at [Columbia Park](#) and [Columbia Golf Course](#) may smell or see smoke from controlled burns of brush piles. The burns are scheduled to begin the week of January 18 and continue periodically through February.

This activity is part of the [current project to improve stormwater management and restore habitat](#) at the golf course and park. The [Mississippi Watershed Management Organization](#) (MWMO) is leading construction; the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) are among the partners (details below).

About the brush pile burns

Buckthorn, honeysuckle and other woody invasive species are being cleared and gathered into brush piles; controlled burning is recommended as an efficient and effective way to manage this type of debris, reducing impacts from heavy hauling equipment.

The controlled burns will be conducted by a contractor that has obtained all required permits and notifies local municipal police and fire departments. MPRB customer service staff and the Park Police Department are also notified; signs at the site will inform park and golf course users of this activity.

About the habitat restoration

Later this year, cleared areas will be planted with trees and seed mix for plants that are native to the region. In all, nearly 20 acres will be restored as woodland, oak savanna and prairie habitats, enhancing the local ecosystem and aiding in stormwater management.

About the Project

The [Northern Columbia Golf Course and Park Stormwater BMPs](#) project is a joint effort to improve water quality, mitigate flooding, improve ecological systems and enhance recreational opportunities in Northeast Minneapolis, as part of the Northeast Stormwater Management Initiative. Partners include the [Mississippi Watershed Management Organization](#), [Board of Water and Soil Resources](#), [City of Minneapolis](#), [Hennepin County](#) and [Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board](#).

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Dan is unhappy that we brought up parking issues about the business. The city will come and go through an entire list of things that could be issues. So be careful when talking about businesses.

8:18- Adjourn motion by Bobby, 2nd Rich, approved.