

Columbia Neighborhood Association - Board Meeting

Date: July 9, 2025 Time: 6:30 Location: 2630 Henry St	President: Renee Running Vice President: Maddie Marvin Secretary: OPEN Treasurer: Christina Tawes	Communications: Zoe Harper Member at Large: Jon Running MNAC Rep: Deb Valentine MNAC Alt: Greg Hope
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Agenda

1. Call to Order at 6:38

- a. Renee, Maddie, Christina, Deb, Greg

2. Reports

- a. Action Log Review: [Link to Action Log](#)
 - i. A key log is needed for the Share Shack
 - ii. Good Time Girls are not available in August
 - iii. ~~Greg: will contact WTA about a presentation in August. Will presenter need a room for A/V? Is trivia in the park another option that does not require A/V or a room? (Decision was made to postpone WTA until November.)~~
 - iv. Deb: will also contact the “tree guy” about a possible presentation in August.
 - v. Christina: An Illinois Street neighbor near Lorraine Ellis Park agrees to having a sandwich board near their home. She has not yet not seen other targeted potential host for sandwich board.
- b. Treasurer’s Report
 - i. Current Bank Balance
 - 1. Balance as of EOM June was \$788.40.
 - 2. Balance as of July 9 is \$1990.65.
 - 3. Another \$310.00 is in Givebutter but not transferred as of July 9.
 - ii. Review Budget: [Link to Budget File](#)
 - 1. Deb submitted reimbursement forms for herself, Desiree, and Karen (July 4 committee).
- c. President’s Report
 - i. City reimbursement
 - 1. Renee submitted reimbursement request to COB in June and is awaiting response.
 - ii. IRS, Annual report & WECU
 - 1. No update as of July 9.
 - 2. Renee: We should start recruiting for new board members early, perhaps with personal appeals.

- d. MNAC Representative Report
 - i. Greg summarized the June MNAC meeting (see meeting notes).
- e. Comm Chair's Report
 - i. Newsletter - fill in for Zoe?
 - 1. August general meeting and July Share Shack event need to be promoted but this can be via email and Facebook.
 - ii. FB event for membership meeting in Aug.
 - 1. Renee will do this.

3. Subcommittees & Activity Leads

- a. Share Shack Committee - Updates
 - i. Deb and Christina have been covering the schedule but with some gaps.
 - ii. Response to Signup Genius is not really working, will try again.
 - iii. Drop-offs have been happening off hours.
- b. Garage Sale
 - i. An email was received from Steve B, participating homes in a community yard sale in another neighborhood received a yard sign and a dedicated URL for the sale was also used. Steve offered to volunteer for the 2026 garage sale.
- c. 4th of July Committee - Updates
 - i. Due to mis-posting on FB, it seems that people tore printed flyers from posts to acquire the details.
 - ii. Attendance was great.
 - iii. Started with a committee of four and another eight volunteered the day before. Next year we need to recruit and confirm volunteers earlier.
 - iv. The gazebo was decorated and desserts were located within. The majority of dessert entries were from kids.
 - v. Great sponsorship from the Eldridge Society and Savibank.
 - vi. Seventeen pizzas were purchased from Dominoes and provided free to attendees.
 - vii. The QR code for the Columbia Givebutter account was displayed. Donations totaling \$195 were received online and \$225 in cash was donated onsite.
 - viii. Each activity and setup component needs a dedicated lead next year.
 - ix. The committee planned for attendance of 200, but actual estimated attendance was higher.
- d. Local Resilience Meetings Program
 - i. Scope discussion
 - 1. Perhaps start with a planning meeting in August, recruiting block by block representatives.
 - 2. Greg will send social learning activities to Renee for and will post same in Gdrive.

4. Next General Meeting Planning

- a. August:
 - i. Location - Elizabeth Park. Reserved.
 - ii. Guest Speakers: **Good Time Girl - may have cancelled**
 - 1. Kolby LaBree was looking ahead to presenting at our August meeting but received an offer for paid summer employment that could not be passed up.
 - iii. Big ticket agenda items?
 - 1. 4th of July review
 - 2. Begin recruitment for next board members
- b. November:
 - i. Location: ReStore - small room
 - ii. Guest Speakers?
 - 1. Request for WTA

5. New Actions review: [Link to Action Log](#)

6. Adjournment at 8:01

2025 Goals Progress

- Goal 1: Improve communication and host activities that increase participation and interaction amongst our neighbors
- Goal 2: Provide space and information for neighbors to support leading their own neighborhood activities

Strategies	Tactics	Lead	Progress
Shift to more frequent smaller events	Garage Sale	NA	100%
	4th of July	Desiree	95%
	Halloween House Map	TBD	0%
Grow share shack activities and interaction	Add security measures and reopen	Maddie	100%
	Kick off event 5/4	All	100%
	Plan monthly summer events	?	40%
Improve publications frequency, style and tools	Build sandwich boards	Jon & Zoe	100%
	Develop newsletter template and frequency	Zoe	Done!
	Calendar	Zoe/Renee	Done!

Provide helpful information	Develop block party templates Add more in Q3/Q4	TBD	0%
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