

# Columbia Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA)

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## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 9,, 2025

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Location:** The Manor

**Board Attendees:** Justin Martin (T), Brittany Bradley (S), Joshua Mades, Shane O'Leary, Robert Wielinski, Frances Schmitz (VP) (present via phone)

Members not present: Eva Ichkhanian, Shannon Guerisoli (P), Kim Hutchingson

**Guest Attendees:** Peter Remes & Joe Meyer (Lucky Shots Pickleball)

### 1. Call to Order (1 min)

- a. Call to order 5:29pm
- b. President's Opening Remarks
  - i. Skipped presidents opening remarks
- c. Quorum and attendance
  - i. **Quorum:** YES

### 2. Approval of previous meeting minutes (1 min)

- a. Motion to accept and adopt March meeting [minutes](#)
  - i. **1st:** Shane
  - ii. **2nd:** Bob
  - iii. **Vote:** Unanimous - in favor

### 3. Community Members:

- a. **Peter Remes & Joe Meyer**, Lucky Shots Pickleball
  - i. Peter and Joe came to discuss their liquor license application. They shared their current plan, including a layout of the venue and where liquor would be sold. They expressed a need for our support to move forward with the application.
  - ii. **Motion:** I move that we extend to the correct authority [the city of Minneapolis] involved in issuing the liquor permit our statement of support in which Lucky Shots should be allowed to have a liquor license.
    1. **1st:** Bob
    2. **2nd:** Shane
    3. **Vote:** Unanimous - in favor

### 4. Treasurer's Report (15 min)

- a. Review April report
  - i. Justin presented the April Treasurer's Report. He expressed the need to identify the policy for parking reimbursement for board members when attending events / meetings as a representative of CPNA.

- ii. Motion to issue final payment to City of Minneapolis for previous contract balance
  - 1. The city advanced CPNA \$4200 in the early days of the pandemic. There were no receipts submitted to show what that money was for. Justin found \$2200 in old receipts we could apply towards that. We still have around \$2000 owed to the city to close out the cash advance and to close the contract.
  - 2. **Motion:** I move that we pay the \$2000 to the city after the CORF funding reimbursement
    - a. **1st:** Bob
    - b. **2nd:** Shane
    - c. Discussion: Would check in with Bob Cooper - we would like to cut the check but want to make sure we are close on the reimbursement.
    - d. **Vote:** Unanimous - in favor
- iii. Report out on items from meeting with Bob Cooper
  - 1. Justin discussed how much per attendees for food the city would cover for public, advertised events.
- iv. Review overall budget status for 2024/2025
  - 1. We are doing well with our budget. We can carry over 5% into next year but the rest should be spent.

## 5. Committee Reports (20 min)

- a. Executive Committee
  - i. [Technology Proposal](#)
    - 1. **Motion:** to approve technology proposal expenditure approximately \$4500.
      - a. **1st:** Bob
      - b. **2nd:** Shane
      - c. **Vote:** Unanimous - in favor
- b. Finance Committee
- c. Community Outreach and Engagement
  - i. The CEO committee is working to set up a regular meeting time. Next steps are to get bids on mailers for our engagement survey.
- d. Fundraising
  - i. Frances Met with Aryca. Will create a profile through GiveMN.org to start collecting donations.
  - ii. Surveys are coming back with many responses with getting involved w/ parks. Each park has a commissioner. They also have a popup park. Every park has a budget for community events.
  - iii. Neighborhood day - would like to have yard signs for that. Yard signs can be used as a fundraising opportunity. We would not charge anything for the signs but would suggest a donation amount.
  - iv. Motion to approve spending approximately \$500 to spend to purchase signs that will be reimbursed by the city to use as a fundraiser.

1. **Motion:** I move that we request the \$500 for the city for the outreach yard signs.
    - a. **1st:** Shane
    - b. **2nd:** Josh
    - c. **Vote:** Unanimous - in favor
  - e. Traffic and Safety
    - i. When passing through Minneapolis parkways buses & larger vehicles have to do a permitting process. If there are concerns about specific trucks passing through we can call the park board.
      1. We would like to look into creating a visual for residents on the website to support safety concerns in the neighborhood.
    - f. CED (CDEC)
      - i. Local Business Directory
        1. Josh collected the names of all of the businesses within Columbia Park and made a Google sheet. Would like to create a page on the website to display local businesses.
        2. Next step is to cold call businesses to get contact information and connect for future partnerships.
          - a. A spreadsheet will be created to collect this information.
      - ii. During their monthly meeting CDEC discussed the zoning variance proposal. They passed a motion to recommend that CPNA support the zoning variance as long as traffic and safety concerns were addressed.
        1. **Motion:** CPNA supports the zoning variance as long as the property owners provide a plan for increased traffic safety on that stretch of road.
          - a. **1st:** SHANE
          - b. **2nd:** Bob
          - c. Discussion: Discussed changing the language of the motion. However the language of the motion stands.
          - d. **Vote:** Unanimous: in favor
      - iii. Looking for a long term meeting space
  6. **Resolve outstanding business (3 min)**
    - a. Review survey responses for future discussion
  7. **New order of business/decisions (20 min)**
    - a. May 3 Neighborhood Day Event
      - i. Establish work group to lead event planning
        1. Brittany, Frances, Justin & Bob will work to plan this event.
        2. The group counts this as one of our outreach events for funding.
  8. **Good news / acknowledgements (3 min)**
  9. **Adjournment**
  10. **Next Meeting:**
    - a. New board member outreach / process for taking on new board members
      - i. Add part from the bylaws for the discussion

**Bob - motion to adjourn**