



**Community Safety meeting minutes – October 22, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.**

Present: Laura Bluebird and Aaron Szczech, co-chairs; Aimee Colegrove, Brianna Garman, Dave Hansen, Mike Frye, and Carl Valdez, Minneapolis Police department; Nikki Appelbaum City Attorney's office; Rob Helmerichs, Rand Management; Julian Gray, Fades of Gray; Kirstin Wiegmann, The Nicollet coffee shop; Ken Strobel, Jerry Paulson, Corwin Morton, Mary Sheppard, Howard Penas, Aria Campbell, Ginny F., Linda P., William L., Tiffanie Black, and SSCO safety coordinator Dave Delvoe

**Note: A sheet with some of the information presented at this meeting is available at this [link](#) or by request.**

Agenda item	Notes/decisions	Follow up
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community Safety meeting schedule for the remainder of 2015 – all meetings begin at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ November 19</li> <li>○ December 17</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ SSCO's Fall Festival is set for Saturday, 10/31, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Stevens Square Park. The event features a pet costume contest and photo booth, games, pumpkin decorating, and hot apple cider and s'mores.</li> </ul>	Next Community Safety meeting: Thursday, 11/19, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave
Updates from law enforcement partners – Officers Aimee Colegrove and Brianna Garman, Sgts Dave Hansen and Mike Frye, Chaplain Carl Valdez, Community Attorney Nikki Appelbaum	<p>5<sup>th</sup> Precinct CPS Chelsea Adams and Neighborhood Probation Officer Anne Forsyth-Gillette were unable to attend the meeting. <u>Presentation</u> by SSCO staff: From January through September, the total number of Part 1 (serious) crimes reported in the neighborhood dropped by 9.6% compared to 2014. Robbery is down 25% and aggravated assault is up 37.5%. There has been a significant increase in the number of burglaries, from 17 in 2014 to 28 this year.</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> Precinct staff provided some advice for community members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When making a 911 call, describe 1) the <a href="#">appearance of the suspect</a>(s) and 2) exactly what they did. This information is crucial for officers responding to an incident.</li> <li>▪ With the cold weather season coming on, remember not to leave an <a href="#">unattended vehicle</a> running with the key in the ignition.</li> <li>▪ If anyone – for example, a business owner – has video evidence of a criminal incident from <a href="#">surveillance cameras</a>, make sure to save the video and contact police. Many video surveillance systems automatically erase or delete information after a certain amount of time.</li> </ul> <p>There was a question about an assault in Stevens Square Park in which responding <a href="#">Park police</a> officers did not follow up with a victim. In such an instance, the victim should follow up and call Park police (230-6550) for an update on the status of the case and to provide any further information. Sgt Frye said that 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct officers on mid-watch have been conducting extra patrols around the park.</p> <p>There was a question about what it takes for police to deal with an individual who causes problems. Community</p>	<p>Chelsea.Adams@Minneapolismn.gov 673-2819</p> <p><a href="#">Crime Prevention Resources</a></p> <p><a href="#">911 / 311 information</a></p> <p>Nicole.Appelbaum@Minneapolismn.gov 673-5402</p> <p><a href="#">CRT</a> line (to report suspected drug and prostitution activity at specific addresses or locations): 673-5716</p>

	<p>Attorney Nikki Appelbaum explained what kinds of behavior give officers probable cause to make an arrest or issue a citation. For example, being intoxicated in public is not a crime, but acting in a <a href="#">disorderly manner</a> toward others can be a crime under certain circumstances. If an individual is acting out due to substance abuse or mental illness, an encounter with police can be an opportunity to get help for those problems, either through the services offered by the judicial system (such as evaluation and treatment) or from agencies such as Hennepin County <a href="#">COPE</a> (Community Outreach for Psychiatric Emergencies).</p> <p>There was a question about making a 911 call and asking to remain anonymous in order to protect oneself from retaliation. Appelbaum said that a caller wishing to remain anonymous should let the dispatcher know. However, for purposes of prosecution it is more helpful to be able to identify the caller if needed for court proceedings.</p> <p>There was a question about whether <a href="#">restraining orders</a> can include an address as well as an individual. For example, can a third party call 911 when a person prohibited from contact with an individual shows up at that individual's address? It depends on the conditions of the restraining order and whether it specifically mentions a location; if possible, check with the individual who has taken out the restraining order.</p> <p><u>Presentation</u> by Nikki Appelbaum: Update on the cases of four Stevens Square offenders featured on the <a href="#">5<sup>th</sup> Precinct CLEAN list</a>. Patrick Addy is in custody on \$10,000 bail for 4<sup>th</sup> degree felony assault of a police officer plus two gross misdemeanor trespassing cases. He goes to court on 11/4. Paul Clock recently pled guilty to a trespassing case and is on supervised probation in HOMES court (for qualifying defendants who are homeless). David Omurwa is also on supervised probation in HOMES court and is doing well in treatment. Frank Killwright is sober, in school, and doing well. Appelbaum also spoke about a case being tracked by SSCO, and which was prosecuted by the County Attorney's office, in which Anthony Deangelo Jackson (7/19/81) was arrested for felony 4<sup>th</sup> degree assault against four police officers at Franklin &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup>; he pled guilty to two counts of gross misdemeanor assault (the other charges were dismissed) and received a 365-day sentence, with 20 days to be served on a Sentence to Service work crew and the remaining 345 days stayed for two years. Jackson is on supervised probation.</p>	
<p>Neighborhood-related safety ideas and concerns</p>	<p><u>Community concern</u> Arson incident and fire alarms at the apartment building at 220 East 19<sup>th</sup> St. According to a community member, there have been no further incidents or alarms at this address, and the problem(s) which caused six fire alarms to sound within four days appear to have been resolved. Casidy Anderson, the <a href="#">MFD Community Risk Reduction Officer</a> who made a presentation to the community following an apartment building fire in 2012, has offered to make another presentation about fire prevention if there is interest. Staff asked the group to make a recommendation: Should SSCO organize another presentation? If so, should it occur as part of a Community Safety meeting or as a stand-alone meeting in a larger venue? After a discussion of options, the group decided to conduct a poll via the SSCO e-mail list to determine the level of interest in the neighborhood. Extra attention should be paid to the residents of the affected building. Staff will report back at the 11/19 meeting.</p> <p><u>Community concern</u> Drug-related loitering and traffic in the Clinton sector (3<sup>rd</sup> Ave to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave), especially at 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup>. There were seven police reports in this area during the past month, compared to ten in the previous month. Police made three arrests for narcotics violations (9/30 at 325 East Franklin Ave; 10/1 at Franklin &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup>; 10/8 at Franklin &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup>). No violent crimes or burglaries were reported. There were two bike thefts and one motor vehicle theft.</p>	

	<p>Year to date, there have been 51 narcotics-related arrests (for narcotics violation, loitering with intent to buy or sell narcotics, possession of drug paraphernalia) in the larger area from Lyndale Ave to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, I-94 to 24<sup>th</sup> St, compared to 40 arrests last year.</p> <p><u>Community concern</u> Illegal consumption of alcohol in the neighborhood. Year to date, there have been 107 arrests for alcohol offenses in the area from Lyndale Ave to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, I-94 to 24<sup>th</sup> St, compared to 105 arrests last year. There were three alcohol-related arrests in Stevens Square Park in the past month, compared to six during the previous month.</p> <p>There was a question about how to make people feel less afraid to contact the police. The police rely on community members to give them information about criminal activity, whether it's occurring at the moment (911) or ongoing at a particular location (CRT, 673-5716). Given this information, police can respond and identify and/or arrest those committing crimes. Prosecutors can request that repeat offenders be restricted from the area as a condition of release when they are sentenced.</p>	
<p>Block Patrol news – Laura Blue Bird</p>	<p><u>Presentation</u> by Ken Strobel: From 9/25 to 10/22, four Block Patrol volunteers participated in fourteen shifts, contributing 20 hours total.</p> <p>During the past month, Block Patrol teams spoke with about three dozen community members on the streets; spoke with our Franklin – Nicollet beat officers; patrolled with Neighborhood Probation officer Anne and Community Attorney Nikki; shared information with the manager of an apartment building on LaSalle Ave; spoke with a St Stephen's Street Outreach team; called Metro Transit police regarding four people drinking alcohol in a bus shelter at Franklin &amp; Nicollet – officers responded and sent them from the area; called 911 on a well-known offender who had urinated in public on the wall of an apartment building on Stevens Ave – Officer Brianna apprehended the suspect on the Franklin Ave bridge over 35W and the team leader made a citizen's arrest; called 911 on four people drinking alcohol, causing a disturbance, and trespassing at the Mall Center, 1816 Nicollet Ave – the team updated the call when the group went to LaSalle Community Gardens and then cancelled the call when the group headed downtown; called 911 to report a male and female punching, slapping, and kicking each other at Franklin &amp; Nicollet – the team cancelled the call after the male, who was very intoxicated, boarded an eastbound Metro Transit bus and left the area; called 911 to report five people who were drinking alcohol at a table in the park – the team cancelled the call after the group finished the bottle and disposed of it in a trash can; called 911 regarding a traffic signal problem at Franklin &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> in which Franklin Ave traffic had a green light for about ten minutes straight, with traffic backing up in both directions on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave; saw two males and a female, all of whom were intoxicated, sitting in the parking lot on the north side of the hardware store on Nicollet Ave, verbally harassing people passing by; saw three males drinking vodka outside the entrance to the Mall Center – and decided not to call 911 after they went into the building; reported to 311 three Walk / Don't Walk signs which were out at Franklin &amp; Nicollet and 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; Nicollet; reported graffiti on an apartment building to 311; reported to 311 a dumpster enclosure on Ridgewood Ave which was filled with furniture, a mattress, empty liquor bottles, clothing, and other debris – but no dumpsters.</p> <p>Block Patrol made more 911 calls in the past month than during any previous month this year.</p>	<p>Join Block Patrol – it's an easy and fun way to get to know people in your neighborhood and find out what's happening here. Contact: Dave at 874-2840 or dave_ssco@yahoo.com</p> <p><a href="#">Application and guidelines</a> are at the SSCO web site.</p>
<p><a href="#">Community Safety plan</a> – progress report</p>	<p><u>Discussion</u>: Plans for a community discussion at <a href="#">The Nicollet</a> coffee shop, 1931 Nicollet Ave, about ways to combat street harassment, particularly the physical and verbal harassment of women by men who are strangers. This particular location was chosen because of 1) its central and visible location, 2) the incidence of harassing behavior</p>	

along Nicollet Ave, and 3) the fact that many community members are either patrons or otherwise familiar with the shop. It's a public place where people might feel comfortable stopping by. The [Sexual Violence Center](#) has agreed to facilitate this discussion. SSCO and the [Whittier Alliance](#) will sponsor, organize, and promote the event. Kirstin Wiegmann, new co-owner of the Nicollet along with Jeff Therkelsen, offered her support for the project but had questions and concerns about how and when this event might occur. The sponsoring neighborhood groups would pay The Nicollet to provide an amount of decaf coffee for attendees, so that no one would feel compelled to make a purchase; attendees would also be welcome to buy other food or drink items on their own. The number of people expected to attend is unknown; interest in the topic was high when the project was introduced at Cinema & Civics in June. The Nicollet has a regular schedule of evening entertainment; if the event takes place there, it will likely have to happen in the early evening and end by 7:00 or 7:30. The event would likely include seating at tables or around the room, not theater-style, since this set-up would allow easy discussion among attendees. The event needs to occur sooner, rather than later, for a number of reasons, including the onset of the holiday season and imminent changes in the operation of the business – in other words, before Thanksgiving. Staff will follow up with The Nicollet owners to try to set a date and time for the event, and then with the other sponsors and participants. After this community discussion, the plan is to recruit volunteers plus public safety officials to participate in a process designed to make recommendations about how individuals and organizations in the area can combat street harassment. These meetings would take place in less public surroundings, but would be open to the public.

There was also discussion about some issues regarding street harassment, such as educating business owners to recognize and take action to stop the behavior when it occurs at or outside their establishments, especially when it affects their customers. Community members also shared ideas about how to publicize this event, including various social media plus flyers featuring the question, "Street harassment: What can you do about it?"

*Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.*

*Meeting minutes prepared by Dave Delvoye.*