

Stevens Square Community Organization

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Safety Committee minutes – October 25, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at The Nicollet café, 1931 Nicollet Ave

Present: Ken Strobel and Michele McGaughey, co-chairs; Bobbi Harrington and Jean Schwalen, Hennepin County Community Probation; Janee Harteau, Matt Clark, Chelsea Adams, Todd Loining, Rena Dudgeon, Aimee Colegrove, Brianna Garman, Minneapolis Police 5th Precinct; Jennifer Saunders, City Attorney’s Office; Michael Graca, The Nicollet café; Deb Loveland, Minnesota Teen Challenge; Chuck McGrew, Franklin Nicollet Liquor; Julian Gray, Fades of Gray; Diane Hansen, Copenhagen Enterprises; Arlene Storandt, Eddie Chambers, Joseph Finley, Howard Penas, Jay Damberg, Barb Jacobs, Corwin Morton, Jeanne Krueger, Katie Dailey Dillon, James Park, Mark M., Karen Ives, Lee Scholtus, Bryan Anderson, Becca Fallon, M. Nelson, John Novak, Maureen Wells, Jackie Malach, Susan Bergman, Amanda Hilligoss, Geoff Campbell, Ruthanne Heppner, Jerry Paulson, Howard Penas, SSCO executive director Steve Gallagher and safety coordinator Dave Delvoye (dave_ssc@yahoo.com or 874-2840)

Agenda item	Notes/decisions	Follow up
<p>Announcements</p> <p>Contact SSCO to volunteer or for more info.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SSCO's Fall Clean Sweep is set for Saturday, 10/27, 8 to 10 a.m., meet in Stevens Square Park. ▪ Due to the upcoming holidays, the Safety committee has changed its regular schedule and will instead meet on Thursday, 11/29, and Thursday, 12/20, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave. ▪ SSCO Board chair Bryan Anderson announced that the Board has expressed a commitment to organize a certain number of community events each year and that John Louis has been hired as a community organizer to help facilitate that plan. ▪ Thanks to Michael Graca, owner of The Boiler Room café and The Nicollet café for hosting this meeting! 	<p>Next Safety committee meeting: Thursday, 11/29, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.</p>
<p>Minneapolis Police report – Assistant Police Chief Janee Harteau, Inspector Matt Clark, CPS Chelsea Adams</p>	<p>Janee Harteau introduced herself and said that she is going through the confirmation process to be appointed to the position of Minneapolis police chief. In the meantime, as assistant chief, Harteau will take command of the department when current chief Tim Dolan leaves on 11/2. She has been conducting "listening sessions" with staff at each of the five police precincts to learn about any problems that need to be fixed and to gather ideas about how to make improvements. Harteau is also meeting with community groups such as the Safety committee to build relationships and encourage partnerships to address crime prevention and public safety issues. She thanked the committee for inviting her to attend the meeting and said that the 5th precinct was in very good hands with Inspector Clark in command. Clark announced that the City Council's public hearing on the appointment of the new police chief is set for 1 p.m. on 11/28 and encouraged everyone to attend.</p> <p>Matt Clark spoke about the shooting on 9/28 at 1905 3rd Ave. This case is under investigation and very little public information is available at this time. Clark characterized the incident as a robbery of person in which a victim was shot and wounded, and stated that it was not a random attack. He said that suspicious activity in that area increased during August and September and has subsequently decreased since the shooting due in part to the ongoing police response. Clark said that a reported robbery and motor vehicle theft in the area in the past week appears to have been unfounded. Clark praised the work of Sgt Dudgeon and Stevens Square – Whittier beat officers Colegrove, Hwang, Garman, and Malloy who are focused on that area, along with Franklin & Nicollet. Sgt Frieleben and the day CRT (community response team) work precinct-wide but have been spending up to 90% of their time in Stevens Square and Whittier. Sgt Metcalf and the night CRT frequently work undercover details in the area and have made a number of drug-related arrests since the shooting. It's crucial that community members share information with police so that they know where and when to allocate resources. Clark introduced Lt Todd Loining who is in charge of the precinct's 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. shift, which Clark said was the best in the city.</p> <p>Community members shared observations about what had been happening around 19th & 3rd, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An increase in suspicious traffic, especially visible during three consecutive weekends in September which culminated in the shooting. ▪ Suspicious vehicle traffic around the blocks between 19th St and Franklin Ave – which has declined significantly since the shooting. ▪ Suspicious loitering outside the Third Avenue Market and in the parking lot and near the bus stop and retaining wall on the 	<p>Chelsea.Adams@Minneapolismn.gov 673-2819</p> <p>Crime Prevention Resources</p> <p>911 / 311 information</p> <p>CRT line (to report suspected drug and prostitution activity at specific addresses or locations): 673-5716 or contact Sara.Metcalf@Minneapolismn.gov</p> <p>Contact SSCO to receive the list of offenders charged with felonies for selling drugs to undercover officers in the neighborhood.</p>

south side. Loiterers often watch for police and then go into the store, move out of sight into the parking lot, or simply walk around the block or into the alley until the coast is clear.

- An increase in incidents of shots fired during September, then no complaints about shots fired since the shooting.

Ideas were shared about how to further address the situation, including:

- Position a mobile police camera at 19th & 3rd.
- Improve the street and alley lighting in the area.
- Work with the owner of 1905 3rd Ave on issues related to the market – SSCO staff is already working on this. The building is posted for No Trespassing, but loiterers often claim to have made a purchase at the market or to be waiting for a bus when officers confront them for trespassing.
- Move the northbound bus stop away from 19th & 3rd. In the past, Council Member Lilligren, with the support of the committee, has asked Metro Transit to relocate that bus stop, without success.

Clark and SSCO staff spoke about challenges the neighborhood faced in August of 2011, with a large increase in drug-related loitering along and around Franklin Ave partly due to the 3rd Precinct's efforts to clean up Peavey Park. In response to neighborhood concerns, night CRT conducted details with decoy officers who bought narcotics from dealers and which resulted in felony drug charges against 23 persons, 13 of whom have already been convicted and sentenced. The plan for 2013 for Stevens Square is to maintain staffing for the beat patrols (four officers) and day CRT (a sergeant plus three officers), although the officers assigned to the jobs could change. In order to further reduce crime, police need the help and cooperation of community members willing to share information either directly or via SSCO staff who can pass it along to police.

There was a question about the sale and use of heroin in the 5th Precinct. Clark stated that the purity of the drug sold on the streets to new users is often very high, 60% to 70%, which gets them addicted quickly. Once a user becomes addicted, the dealers usually sell them drugs with purity in the range of 30% to 40%. During the past year, the 5th Precinct's CRT worked with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency to arrest eight people involved in a Chicago-based heroin ring operating in the precinct.

Chelsea Adams announced that a training for new block leaders is set for 11/14, noon to 12:45 p.m., at the 5th Precinct, 3101 Nicollet Ave. She made available to SSCO staff a map and list of Part 1 crimes reported in the neighborhood during September.

There were:

- 2 robberies of person: 9/11, 10:45 a.m., at 1900 1st Ave in which a male suspect approached a victim from behind, pressed an unknown object against the victim's back, and demanded money; 9/28, 10:31 p.m., at 1905 3rd Ave (see the discussion above).
- 1 burglary of business: 9/22, overnight, at 1904 1st Ave in which computer equipment was stolen from the basement of this apartment building.
- 1 burglary of dwelling: 9/23, overnight, at 1901 Stevens Ave.
- 5 motor vehicle thefts: 9/7 at 1900 1st Ave; 9/11 at 18th & 3rd; 9/15 at 1810 3rd Ave; 9/21 at 17th & 1st; 9/30 at 330 East 18th St.
- 3 thefts from motor vehicles: 9/1 at 341 East 19th St; 9/24 at Ridgewood & Pillsbury; 9/30 at 19th & Nicollet.
- 7 other incidents of theft.

SSCO's Google maps and lists of arrests in the area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, from 9/24/12 to 10/21/12 showed 27 [alcohol-related arrests](#) (37 in 2011), 13 [narcotics-related arrests](#) (12 in 2011), and 1 [prostitution-related arrest](#) (none in 2011). Year to date, there were 211 alcohol-related arrests (177 in 2011), 74 narcotics-related arrests (124 in 2011), and 2 prostitution-related arrests (10 in 2011). For the period from 9/24/12 to 10/21/12, SSCO's Google maps showed 57 police reports for the [Nicollet corridor](#) (LaSalle Ave/Blaisdell Ave to 1st Ave, I-94 to 24th St), 11 for the [Stevens Square Park area](#) (Stevens Ave to 2nd Ave, 17th St to Franklin Ave), and 22 for the [Clinton sector](#) (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave).

Contact SSCO to receive printed or e-mailed copies of the Google maps, which are updated weekly. The e-mailed versions include links to mugshots of chronic offenders.

Jennifer Saunders distributed copies of the [5th Precinct CLEAN list](#), which is a list of the top 30 offenders in Stevens Square and Whittier. The purpose of the list is to identify the offenders causing the most problems in the neighborhoods and to provide

<p>Community Prosecutor report – Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Saunders</p>	<p>better consequences when they go to court through the use of community impact statements, court-ordered geographic restrictions, and various community resources. The City Attorney's office uses this approach to deal with 200 chronic offenders in the city. Saunders updated the committee on some of the offenders active in Stevens Square, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Patrick Addy – in the workhouse until 12/21, three cases set for court on 12/18, on probation until 5/21/14. ▪ Charles Bailey – Brooklyn Center case set for court on 10/30, on supervised probation until 4/19/15, restricted from the area by court order. ▪ Darryl Brooks – case set for court on 11/15, on probation until 8/5/13. ▪ Maxim Chance – on supervised probation until 9/13/15. ▪ Anthony Ford – released from the workhouse on 10/2, on probation until 7/24/13. ▪ Maurice Giles – on supervised probation until 8/7/15, furloughed to treatment. ▪ Ahmed Hireed – on supervised probation until 10/17/13, furloughed to treatment. ▪ Frank Killsright – in jail for 5th degree assault and a probation violation, on supervised probation until 9/26/13. ▪ Dejuan McFarland – 8 cases set for court on 12/10, on probation until 2/22/13. ▪ Brandon Miller – in prison until 12/17 for two 5th degree felony drug possession convictions, will be on parole until 4/15/13. ▪ Alpheaus Putmon – two cases set for court on 10/29, on supervised probation until 12/16. ▪ Farid Suleiman – in custody on \$10,000 bail in Sherburne County for a felony theft case set for court on 11/14, on probation until 7/30/13. <p>Saunders asked community members to call 911 if they see any of the CLEAN offenders who have active warrants. The warrant list for the 3rd and 5th Precincts is available online.</p>	<p>Jennifer.Saunders@Minneapolismn.gov 673-5402</p>
<p>Priority concerns / hot spots / chronic offenders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Narcotics-related loitering in the Clinton sector (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave) – This was discussed during the Minneapolis Police report agenda item. ▪ 110 East 18th St – The property owner of this vacant, fenced, and boarded building had announced that construction would begin during the third week of October. There is no sign of construction activity at the property. Continue to report all problems at this address to 311 or 911 as appropriate. <p>SSCO's monthly chronic offender update included cases involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Abdimajid Esse (10 arrests in the area in the past four years, 12 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 6/26/12 possession of liquor in a park and disorderly conduct at 2200 3rd Ave, Fair Oaks Park; 8/3/12 possession of liquor in a park at 2200 3rd Ave, Fair Oaks Park. ▪ Nolan Wallace (11 arrests in the area in the past eight years, 76 prior convictions in Minnesota) – 7/16/12 open bottle at 2000 Nicollet Ave, Starbucks Coffee. ▪ Carl Williams (11 arrests in the area in the past seven years, 9 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 8/13/12 trespassing and public urination at 1808 Stevens Ave. ▪ Maxim Chance (5 arrests in the area in the past two years, 70 prior convictions in Minnesota) – 3/16/12 trespassing at 1900 3rd Ave; 5/11/12 trespassing at 2120 Nicollet Ave. 	<p>Contact SSCO to receive a printed or e-mailed copy of the monthly chronic offender update, which features the outcome of court cases resulting from arrests in the area along with the names of the sentencing judges and mugshots of the offenders.</p>
<p>Block Patrol report – Arlene Storandt</p>	<p>Arlene Storandt reported that, from 9/28 to 10/25, 11 Block Patrol volunteers participated in 18 shifts, contributing a total of 58 hours. One new volunteer joined Block Patrol. Storandt shared some stories from the Block Patrol log.</p>	<p>Contact SSCO to join Block Patrol. Application and guidelines are at the SSCO web site.</p>