



Community Safety meeting minutes – November 19, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.

Present: Aaron Szczech, co-chair; Aimee Colegrove, Brianna Garman, Robert Schnickel, Chelsea Adams, and Carl Valdez, Minneapolis Police department; Nikki Appelbaum City Attorney's office; Glenn Kurke, St Stephen's Street Outreach; Rob Helmerichs, Rand Management; Julian Gray, Fades of Gray; Ken Strobel, Jerry Paulson, Corwin Morton, John Ryser, Katrina Kubeczko, 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"> ▪ Next Community Safety meeting: Thursday, 12/17. Starting in January, the meeting schedule shifts to the fourth Thursday of each month. ▪ Co-chair Laura Blue Bird and Probation Officer Anne Forsyth-Gillette were unable to attend the meeting. 	Next Community Safety meeting: Thursday, 12/17, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave
<p>Updates from law enforcement partners – CPS Chelsea Adams, Officers Aimee Colegrove, Brianna Garman, Robert Schnickel, Chaplain Carl Valdez, Community Attorney Nikki Appelbaum</p>	<p><u>Presentation</u> by Chelsea Adams: A list and map of Part 1 crimes reported in the neighborhood from 9/25/15 to 11/11/15 showed one robbery of person (10/27 at Franklin & 1st), one theft from person (11/1 at 18th & Nicollet), ten burglaries (9/29 at 610 West Franklin Ave; 9/29 at 116 Groveland Ave, 10/3 at 1920 Stevens Ave; 10/17 at 1816 Stevens Ave; 10/17 at 1817 2nd Ave; 10/17 at 1912 Stevens Ave; 11/4 at 1808 Stevens Ave; 11/4 at 1827 LaSalle Ave; 11/6 at 1825 2nd Ave; 11/7 at 1927 2nd Ave), five motor vehicle thefts (10/27 at 608 Ridgewood Ave; 10/31 at 1900 Nicollet Ave; 11/4 at 1915 Clinton Ave; 11/9 at 229 Ridgewood Ave; 11/11 at 19th & 2nd).</p> <p>From January through October, burglaries are up 68.4% and motor vehicle thefts are up 71.4% in the neighborhood compared to 2014. A number of the burglaries have involved suspects cutting window screens to gain access via unlocked windows to first floor apartments. Some of the incidents happened while resident(s) were at home.</p> <p>Adams provided information about how to effectively secure houses and apartments: pin windows to allow them to be opened up to six inches only; ensure that you have a solid door with a proper deadbolt lock. To help prevent theft from motor vehicle, do not leave valuables in sight – place them in the trunk before reaching your destination; hiding items under a blanket or seat does not deter thieves. Some thieves are stealing documents (registration, insurance, etc) from vehicles in order to commit identity theft. With the cold weather season coming on, remember not to leave an unattended vehicle running with the key in the ignition.</p> <p>Adams distributed a police advisory regarding an assault and street harassment incident which occurred on 11/13 on the 2400 block of Pleasant Ave in Whittier. Two males approached a female and harassed her for her attention and information while walking beside her for a block. She attempted to ignore them. One of the males pushed her and caused her to stumble; the other male then grabbed her outside her clothing in a private area. The males then walked away. Adams provided the following advice: all survivors of any sort of sexual violence – including street harassment – can get free help and counseling from the Sexual Violence Center (24-hour hotline: 612-871-5111); information about sexual assault and rape can be found online at MPD crime prevention resources; call 911 on suspicious activity</p>	<p>Chelsea.Adams@Minneapolismn.gov 673-2819</p> <p>Crime Prevention Resources</p> <p>911 / 311 information</p> <p>Nicole.Appelbaum@Minneapolismn.gov 673-5402</p> <p>CRT line (to report suspected drug and prostitution activity at specific addresses or locations): 673-5716</p>

	<p>in progress.</p> <p>Officers Aimee and Brianna will continue to staff the Franklin-Nicollet beat in 2016; Officer Schnickel has been assigned to other duties.</p> <p><u>Presentation</u> by Nikki Appelbaum: A new offender – Sharee Barrett – has been added to the 5th Precinct CLEAN list. SSCO staff passed around copies of a community impact statement submitted to the court in regard to Barrett, who had been arrested in the area five times within four weeks. Barrett goes to court for seven cases on 1/25/16. Appelbaum reported that three individuals – Amy Bengtson, Troy Fait, Jennifer Robinson – will be removed from the list due to no recent offenses in the area. SSCO staff distributed information about the outcome of thirteen criminal cases from the neighborhood involving five offenders.</p> <p><u>Presentation</u> by Aaron Szczech about an eleven-question survey he has developed – as a class project at Metropolitan State University – to help understand community attendance at Safety meetings. He hopes to discover what attitudes and social norms can help predict whether someone will participate, using the 12/17 meeting as the example. The idea is to develop strategies through which SSCO could increase interest and attendance. He needs 68 survey responses to achieve a meaningful result. A number of community members at the meeting offered to help distribute the surveys.</p>	
<p>Neighborhood-related safety ideas and concerns</p>	<p><u>Community concern</u> Arson incident and fire alarms in July and August at the apartment building at 220 East 19th St. While flyering, SSCO staff spoke with some residents of that and other nearby buildings to try to gauge interest in attending a fire safety presentation. Responses were mixed, with a number of comments suggesting that a presentation during the summer would have been helpful. There was a discussion about whether and how to proceed with a presentation by Casidy Anderson, the MFD Community Risk Reduction Officer who made a presentation to the community following an apartment building fire in 2012. A number of suggestions were made, including scheduling a presentation at off-times in order to accommodate the work schedules of residents who are in the service industry; video taping a presentation and posting it online so that residents could access it at their convenience; door-knocking the affected buildings with Anderson; making fire prevention material available at neighborhood coffee shops. Staff will follow up and report at the 12/17 meeting.</p> <p><u>Community concern</u> Drug-related loitering and traffic in the Clinton sector (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave), especially at 19th & 3rd. There were nine police reports in this area during the past month, compared to seven in the previous month. There were no arrests for narcotics offenses. Police are working to resolve complaints about narcotics-related traffic at 1806 3rd Ave and 1810 4th Ave. One violent crime was reported: 10/28 robbery of business at the BP Service Station, 2000 3rd Ave. There were three thefts from motor vehicle, two reports of damage to motor vehicle, one motor vehicle theft, and one bike theft. There was a report about a recent incident at 1707 3rd Ave involving a young male. There was a discussion about poor street lighting – sometimes due to obstruction by tree branches – on the 1900 block of 3rd Ave, where community members have seen broken car window glass on the ground, but no police reports. Sometimes crime victims do not report incidents to police. For vehicle break-ins in which there is no evidence at the scene, victims can report the incident to 311. Adams spoke about using environmental design (such as trimming trees and shrubs to improve visibility) as a crime prevention tool. There were concerns about illegal parking – such as in a bus stop or by a fire hydrant – on the southeast corner of 19th & 3rd. Adams said that City parking enforcement staff could be asked to focus on that area. The SSCO Board is conducting a</p>	

	<p>parking study of the entire neighborhood.</p> <p><u>Community concern</u> Illegal consumption of alcohol in the neighborhood. Year to date, there have been 115 arrests for alcohol offenses in the area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, compared to 116 arrests last year.</p>	
<p>Block Patrol news – Ken Strobel</p>	<p><u>Presentation</u> by Ken Strobel: From 10/23 to 11/19, five Block Patrol volunteers participated in sixteen regular shifts – plus the SSCO Fall Harvest Festival, contributing 31 hours total.</p> <p>During the past month, Block Patrol teams spoke with over 50 community members on the streets and at community events; spoke with our Franklin – Nicollet beat officers; spoke with a Park Patrol agent who was enforcing dog leash and pet waste laws in the park; were joined for a shift by two guests from the Lyndale Walkers; stopped at LaSalle Community Gardens to check on a volunteer's garden plot and participated in the annual tomatillo harvest; visited Scratchy's Book Box; picked up trash; stopped at several neighborhood coffee shops; walked past a car parked on 3rd Ave in which the driver was counting money and stacking piles of currency on the passenger seat; received a drive-by honk and wave from a neighborhood rental property owner; encountered a male near the park who was wielding a sledge hammer and battery-operated drill – he turned out to be friendly; noted the seasonal shift from shade-seeking to sun-seeking behavior; spoke with the owner of Koji, the most popular dog in the neighborhood, who was being swarmed by well-wishers at 19th & 2nd; watched a well-known offender panhandling at Franklin & Nicollet; spoke with a semi-intoxicated older male in an alley who flirted with female team members; saw a group of street drinkers sitting in the parking lot behind the Mall Center; called Officer Aimee regarding an offender at Franklin & Nicollet who had a warrant; saw a small octopus on the sidewalk on 1st Ave; watched a group at Franklin & Nicollet passing around and admiring a bottle of vodka, although none of them opened it and took a drink; watched five males in the park sharing a bottle of "water"; spoke with a rental property manager about drug dealing in an alley; gave Block Patrol info to a visitor on LaSalle Ave; in the park, saw a squirrel's nest which had fallen to the ground from a tree, with a deceased resident inside; conducted surveillance and gathered information about a drug house on 4th Ave; stopped at a rental property office to drop off a set of lost keys.</p> <p>Block Patrol thanked St Stephen's Street Outreach staff for persuading MNDOT to repair the fence along I-94 and for helping people who were camped out along the highway – Outreach staff responded quickly and effectively.</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>Application and guidelines are at the SSCO web site.</p>
<p>Community Safety plan – progress report</p>	<p><u>Discussion:</u> Plans for a community discussion at The Nicollet coffee shop, 1931 Nicollet Ave, about ways to combat street harassment, particularly the physical and verbal harassment of women by men who are strangers. An owner of The Nicollet met with SSCO staff and provided three possible dates in November for the discussion, emphasizing that the business would try to be flexible regarding dates and times if possible. Unfortunately, none of the dates worked for all of SSCO's partners on the project. The Nicollet is willing to keep the conversation going and maybe look at possible dates in January. In the meantime, staff asked whether the committee should consider alternatives, such as private venues which could accommodate a crowd, since part of the problem is that there is no way to predict how many community members might attend. Suggestions included MIA or MCAD, Minnesota Church Center, Plymouth Church, and the vacant space in the CVS building at the corner of Franklin & 1st. Staff will check on the availability of these sites. There was also a discussion about the need for publicity about the meeting which will get the attention of community members who are concerned about the problem of harassment – an impactful message and design motivating them to attend.</p>	