



Community Safety meeting minutes – November 20, 2014, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.

Present: Ken Strobel and Laura Blue Bird, co-chairs; Rena Dudgeon, Kris Brown, and Aimee Colegrove, Minneapolis Police department; Nikki Appelbaum, City Attorney's office; Breanna Schell, St Stephen's Street Outreach; Rob Helmerichs, Rand Management; Melanie Olsen, Stevens Community Apartments; Jerry Paulson, John Ryser, Howard Penas, Corwin Morton, and SSCO safety coordinator Dave Delvoe (dave_scco@yahoo.com)

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
Announcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The next Community Safety meeting is on 12/18. 	Next Community Safety meeting: Thursday, 12/18, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave
Updates from law enforcement partners – Sgt Rena Dudgeon, Sgt Kris Brown, Officer Aimee Colegrove, Community Attorney Nikki Appelbaum	<p><u>Presentation</u> by Rena Dudgeon: A list and map, provided by CPS Chelsea Adams, of Part 1 crimes reported in the neighborhood during the past month showed two robberies of person (10/27 at 18th & Nicollet, 11/6 at 137 East 17th St), one theft from person (11/17 at Franklin & Nicollet), two motor vehicle thefts (11/4 at 1825 2nd Ave, 11/9 at 1728 3rd Ave), two thefts from motor vehicles (11/5 at 217 Ridgewood Ave, 11/5 at 229 Ridgewood Ave), and seven other incidents of theft. No aggravated assaults or burglaries were reported. Dudgeon also distributed copies of holiday season safety tips.</p> <p>Dudgeon reported that police use predictive analysis to identify ongoing crime patterns – including locations and suspect descriptions – in order to deploy their resources effectively. Call 911 to report incidents for which you want a squad to respond. Call 5th Precinct CRT (673-5716) to report ongoing drug or prostitution activity.</p> <p><u>Presentation</u> by SSCO staff: From January through October, violent crime in the neighborhood dropped 20% compared to last year. This includes a 62.5% drop in criminal sexual assaults and a 37.1% decline in aggravated assaults. Burglaries are down 29.7% and motor vehicle thefts have dropped 12.5% in the neighborhood compared to 2013. The total number of Part 1 crimes reported this year is down 3%.</p> <p><u>Presentation</u> by Nikki Appelbaum included information about three cases SSCO has been tracking, an update on the status of a dozen 5th Precinct CLEAN list offenders, copies of the 5th Precinct geographic restrictions list (which includes three people restricted from the neighborhood), and advice on staying safe in the winter: be aware and mindful when you are walking, especially in the dark, and do not leave your vehicle parked and running unattended, which could lead to the theft of the vehicle and a ticket for the driver for open ignition.</p> <p>Staff passed around copies of community impact statements submitted to the court by SSCO during the past month.</p>	<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</p>

<p>Neighborhood-related safety ideas and concerns</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 ten police reports in this area in the past month, compared to 12 during the previous month. Two robberies and three motor vehicle thefts were reported. There were no drug-related arrests in this area. It appears that complaints regarding suspicious activity at 1900 Clinton Ave have been resolved. Arrests for drug offenses in the larger area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, are down 34.8% compared to last year. There were complaints about drug-related loitering mid-afternoon outside the Third Avenue Market – call 911 to report suspicious activity in progress – and about intruders at 1707 3rd Ave – educate new residents to not let strangers into this Public Housing high rise.</p> <p><u>Community concern</u> SSCO continues to monitor a number of rental properties on the 1900 block of Stevens Ave. There have been no police reports on that block during the past month.</p> <p><u>Community concern</u> Illegal consumption of alcohol in the neighborhood. Arrests for alcohol offenses in the area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, are down 38% compared to last year. Total arrests in this area for alcohol, drug, and prostitution offenses are down 37.6% compared to 2013. Alcohol-related arrests in Stevens Square Park are down 50% compared to last year.</p> <p><u>Presentation</u> by Breanna Schell about St Stephen's Street Outreach, which is based at Central Lutheran Church, 333 South 12th St, 879-7624 or toll free (888) 550-7624. Street Outreach is part of St Stephen's Human Services, which runs the shelter at 2211 Clinton Ave and provides social services at 2309 Nicollet Ave. Street Outreach teams help those who sleep outside and those who panhandle. In regard to panhandlers, the teams provide the person with a brochure – in lieu of food or money – containing information about shelters, drop-in services, free meals, health care, and crisis lines. The Street Outreach teams are available to transport intoxicated persons to detox and to help in situations involving homeless persons, especially when police are unable to take action because no crime has been committed. Plans are underway to add two additional positions to deal with military veterans on the street who need assistance. The Street Outreach teams have worked with 1st Precinct officers for a long time and are now beginning to partner with 5th Precinct officers. The teams work with many of the individuals on the precinct CLEAN lists in order to improve community livability and reduce recidivism.</p>	
<p>Block Patrol news – Laura Blue Bird</p>	<p><u>Presentation</u> by Laura Blue Bird: From 10/24 to 11/20, 15 Block Patrol volunteers participated in 18 regular shifts, contributing 56 hours. One new member joined Block Patrol. On 10/26, 10 Block Patrol volunteers participated in SSCO's Fall Fest, contributing 17 hours. On Election Day, Block Patrol teams held "Vote Today" signs and directed voters to the polls. Block Patrol assisted 30 voters in the neighborhood who had questions about voting location or same-day registration requirements. 5 volunteers contributed 8 hours. On 11/8, 3 Block Patrol volunteers participated in a clean-up project at the Stevens Square police substation, contributing 6 hours. Totals for the past month: altogether, 18 volunteers contributed 87 hours.</p> <p>During the past month, Block Patrol teams: conducted surveillance at two addresses where there have been complaints about suspicious traffic, loitering, disturbances, or possible drug dealing; spoke with over 60 community members on the streets and at events; went squirrel hunting in the park with the Block Patrol canine contingent; reported lights out and graffiti in the park to 311; gave directions to a lost driver who was trying to get to Mankato; spoke with a Park police officer who had just installed a mobile camera in Stevens Square Park; frequently spoke with our beat officers and neighborhood probation officers; spoke with a person who used to volunteer with the Mad Dads,</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_ssco@yahoo.com or Dave at 874-2840</p> <p>Application and guidelines are at the SSCO web site.</p>

	<p>who advised us to be careful on the streets; recovered an abandoned Nice Ride bike at 19th & Clinton; sampled the tasty tomatoes and tomatillos at a Block Patrol member's community garden plot; encountered a person who asked if Block Patrol was responsible for cleaning up the leaves in the streets – the answer is "no"; called 911 regarding a person who was passed out at an apartment building which is posted for No Trespassing – a squad responded and officers dealt with the person; spoke with a person in a wheelchair who was panhandling outside the SSCO office and who refused the team's offer to call St Stephen's Street Outreach workers to come and assist him; reported a problem with a security door lock to an apartment building manager; asked our beat officers to check on the welfare of two people at a bus stop who appeared to be intoxicated; encountered a hostile person making obscene gestures and remarks who asked sarcastically if the team had 911 on speed dial – yes we do; called 911 on a Level 3 sex offender who was in violation of his conditions of release by being in the neighborhood – he fled downtown and disappeared before our beat officers could locate him; called our beat officers regarding two males drinking alcohol and acting in a disorderly manner on Nicollet Ave – one was cited and released, the other was cited and transported to detox; watched a person who appeared to be extremely intoxicated – a passerby said that he had fallen face down into the street – stagger aboard an eastbound Metro Transit bus at Franklin & Nicollet; received a suggestion from a resident that SSCO supply apartment companies with trash bags and gloves for residents who would like to clean up litter in the neighborhood; repaired a trash container in the park; and had our photo taken during the Fall Festival with Block Patrol's number one fan!</p>	
<p>Community Safety plan – progress report</p>	<p><u>Presentation</u> by SSCO staff: Block Patrol leaders plan to schedule meetings with volunteers over the course of the winter to review the recommendations of the program evaluation and decide what changes to implement and how to go about that. The group will seek the approval of all current volunteers before making any changes to the program.</p>	

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Dave Delvoye.