

Safety Committee minutes – November 21, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.



Present: Ken Strobel and Michele McGaughey, co-chairs; Chelsea Adams, Adam Chard, and Rob Illetschko, Minneapolis Police department; Jennifer Saunders, City Attorney’s Office; Rob Helmerich, Rand Management; Dave Hautman, Franklin Nicollet Liquor; John Ryser, Jerry Paulson, Howard Penas, Tommy Little, and safety coordinator Dave Delvoe ([dave\\_ssc@yahoo.com](mailto:dave_ssc@yahoo.com) or 874-2840)

Agenda item	Notes/decisions	Follow up
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The SSCO Board approved the committee's recommendation that Licensing remove the requirement that Tibet Kitchen, 1833 Nicollet Ave, hire an off-duty officer from 8 p.m. to midnight from Thursday through Sunday and extend the closing time from midnight to 2 a.m. with the stipulation that the issue be reviewed in six months in order to determine whether the current restrictions should be reinstated.</li> <li>▪ The Stevens Square police substation Open House is set for 11/23 from 1 to 5 p.m. at 1905 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. Refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded.</li> <li>▪ <b>How does the Safety committee – and Block Patrol – need to change to better cope with the needs of the community?</b> That will be the topic for discussion at the Safety committee meeting on <u>12/19</u>, at 6 p.m. at Loring Nicollet Center, 1925 Nicollet Ave. Please come prepared to share your thoughts, ideas, and opinions. A number of observations and suggestions emerged from a discussion at the SSCO Executive committee meeting on 11/12, including the following.  <u>In regard to the Safety committee:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Focus on presenting information in a positive way to improve the image of the neighborhood, such as by emphasizing improvements in crime statistics and not dwelling on chronic offenders.</li> <li>○ Publicizing crime statistics can have a negative effect on those who might consider living here and can make it more difficult to market the neighborhood as a good place to live.</li> <li>○ The committee places too much emphasis on crime and safety and not enough on community building.</li> <li>○ The committee needs to work together with SSCO’s other standing committees to achieve the organization’s overall goals, not just its own priorities.</li> </ul> <u>In regard to Block Patrol:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Focus less on crime and more on becoming like the Downtown Improvement District “ambassadors” by providing assistance and information to residents on the street, picking up trash and litter, and reporting problem properties and street lights out.</li> <li>○ To attract new volunteers, Block Patrol needs to be more welcoming and open to new directions and activities that don’t involve crime prevention.</li> </ul> <p><b>Come and participate in the discussion about the future direction of the Safety committee and Block Patrol!</b></p> </li> </ul>	Next Safety committee meeting: Thursday, 12/19, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.
Minneapolis Police report – CPS Chelsea Adams, Officers	<p>Crime Prevention Specialist Chelsea Adams distributed copies of a map and list of Part 1 crimes reported in the neighborhood from 10/25 to 11/21. There were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 aggravated assault: 11/14, 8:15 p.m., outside 1930 Clinton Ave, Clinton Market, in which a male suspect approached a victim, told him he had a gun, fired into the air, walked away, fired more shots hitting two vehicles</li> </ul>	Chelsea.Adams@Minneapolismn.gov 673-2819

<p>Adam Chard, Rob Illetschko</p>	<p>and a window in the market, and fled before police arrived. No one was injured.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3 aggravated domestic assaults.</li> <li>▪ 1 sexual assault: 11/19, in an alley along the 1900 block of Stevens involving a juvenile female victim. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Sex Crimes Unit at (612) 673-3081.</li> <li>▪ 2 burglaries: 11/1, overnight, a bike taken from a locked garage on the 300 block of East 19<sup>th</sup> St; 11/17, overnight, at an apartment on the 100 block of Groveland Ave.</li> <li>▪ 1 motor vehicle theft: 11/17, overnight, at Franklin &amp; Harriet.</li> <li>▪ 8 other incidents of theft.</li> </ul> <p>There were no robberies reported in the neighborhood in the past month. Bikes can now be registered online for free via <a href="#">311</a> or at the <a href="#">Minneapolis Police bike information page</a>.</p> <p>SSCO made copies available of a list of 23 offenders who have been charged with felonies for selling drugs to night CRT undercover officers along Franklin Ave from August, 2011, to April, 2012. So far, 20 of the 23 cases have been resolved.</p> <p>SSCO's Google maps and lists of arrests in the area from Lyndale Ave to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, I-94 to 24<sup>th</sup> St, from 10/21 to 11/17 showed 9 <a href="#">alcohol-related arrests</a> (7 in 2012), 2 <a href="#">narcotics-related arrests</a> (none in 2012), and no prostitution-related arrests (none in 2012). Year to date, there were 187 alcohol-related arrests (218 in 2012), 72 narcotics-related arrests (74 in 2012), and 2 prostitution-related arrests (2 in 2012). For the period from 10/21 to 11/17, SSCO's Google maps showed 19 police reports for the <a href="#">Nicollet corridor</a> (LaSalle Ave/Blaisdell Ave to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, I-94 to 24<sup>th</sup> St), 7 for the <a href="#">Stevens Square Park area</a> (Stevens Ave to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, 17<sup>th</sup> St to Franklin Ave), 9 for the <a href="#">Clinton sector</a> (3<sup>rd</sup> Ave to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave), and 7 for <a href="#">Loring Heights</a> (Lyndale Ave to Pillsbury Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave).</p>	<p><a href="#">Crime Prevention Resources</a></p> <p><a href="#">911 / 311 information</a></p> <p><a href="#">CRT</a> line (to report suspected drug and prostitution activity at specific addresses or locations): 673-5716</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Community Prosecutor report – Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Saunders</p>	<p>Jennifer Saunders distributed copies of the <a href="#">5<sup>th</sup> Precinct CLEAN list</a> and updated the committee on some of the offenders active in Stevens Square, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">Patrick Addy</a> – open bottle case set for court on 12/2.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Ellery Charging Thunder</a> – active arrest and detention warrant for gross misdemeanor trespassing.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Jules Chomilo</a> – in the workhouse until 5/17/14 for gross misdemeanor obstructing the legal process, giving police a false name, and disorderly conduct.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Ahmed Hired</a> – in treatment as of 11/12, five cases (trespassing [2], open bottle [2], tampering with a motor vehicle) set for court on 12/18.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Frank Killwright</a> – in the workhouse until 12/4 for open bottle.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Ronald King</a> – in custody on \$200 bail for 11 cases (trespassing [3], consuming alcohol in public [4], smoking in a bus shelter, open bottle [3], aggressive panhandling) set for court on 12/4 and a gross misdemeanor trespassing case set for court on 2/19/14. King had previously been found mentally incompetent to stand trial and all of his pending misdemeanor cases were automatically dismissed. Under these circumstances, the gross misdemeanor trespassing case remains and can be revisited every six months.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Dejuan McFarland</a> – open bottle case set for court on 12/16.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Randy McNellis</a> – trespassing case out of Anoka County set for court on 12/23.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Maurice Patterson</a> – on the 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct CLEAN list, in the workhouse until 6/3/14 for felony violation of an order for protection, felony 4<sup>th</sup> degree assault of a police officer, and gross misdemeanor trespassing.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Farid Suleiman</a> – in custody on \$300 bail for four cases (obstructing the legal process, open bottle [2], and</li> </ul>	<p>Jennifer.Saunders@Minneapolismn.gov 673-5402</p>

	prohibited conduct) set for court on 11/22.	
Priority concerns / hot spots / chronic offenders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Stevens Square Park, 1801 Stevens Ave – 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct and Park police continue to focus on the park. Of the 9 alcohol-related arrests in the area in the past month, 2 of them occurred in Stevens Square Park and 2 in Fair Oaks Park. Total year-to-date alcohol-related arrests/citations in the area are down 14% compared to 2012.</li> <li>▪ Narcotics-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> – No narcotics-related incidents were reported in this area in the past month.</li> </ul> <p>There was a question about the prevalence of <a href="#">theft from motor vehicle</a> crimes in the area. A recent search warrant at an address on the 2400 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave may have resulted in the arrest of person(s) involved in this activity. Property crimes investigators are reporting that those responsible for smash-and-grab vehicle break-ins are now targeting clothing in addition to laptop computers and GPS units.</p> <p>SSCO's monthly chronic offender update included cases involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">Nooh Mohamud Abdille</a> (13 arrests in the area in the past three years, 32 prior convictions in Minnesota) – 8/29/13 consuming alcohol in public at 2200 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Fair Oaks Park; 8/30/13 consuming alcohol in public at 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; Stevens.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Edward Thomas</a> (7 arrests in the area in the past eight years, 6 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 2/3/12 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony sale of drugs at Franklin &amp; 4<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	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.
Block Patrol report – Michele McGaughey	Michele McGaughey reported that, from 10/25 to 11/21, 11 Block Patrol volunteers participated in 22 shifts, contributing 53 hours. On Election Day, Block Patrol teams held "Vote Today" signs and directed voters to the polls. Block Patrol volunteers also planned the police substation open house celebration and cleaned the substation in preparation for the event. McGaughey shared a story from the Block Patrol log.	<a href="#">Application and guidelines</a> are at the SSCO web site.
Safety coordinator report – Dave Delvoye	Community members had questions about changing the focus of the committee. The coordinator stated that the committee needs to operate within the guidelines set out in SSCO's strategic plan and that all of the organization's committees were asked the same question about how to better cope with the needs of the community. Saunders said that the sharing of information between community members and law enforcement is crucial to reducing crime in the area, that SSCO's Safety committee and Block Patrol provide effective venues for that communication to occur, and that the focus on chronic livability offenders is key to making sure that they are treated seriously in the court system. Adams said that having an active Safety committee and Block Patrol are huge selling points for the neighborhood, which shows that it is organized and dealing with its problems in a realistic and effective way. Some other neighborhoods have similar problems but do little or nothing to acknowledge or resolve them. The coordinator stated that he needs to do a better job of explaining to the Board and the community exactly what problems the committee is trying to solve and how it goes about that. The committee already has the data showing how livability crime in the area has declined over time and needs to better publicize those results.	

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Dave Delvoye.