



Stevens Square Community Organization
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Community Safety meeting minutes – December 15, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.

Present: Corwin Morton, co-chair; Chelsea Adams, Minneapolis Police department; Matt Wilcox, City Attorney's office; Rob Helmerichs, Rand Management; Kirstin Wiegmann, Reverie Café + Bar; Jill Ferguson, John Ryser, Jerry Paulson, and SSCO safety coordinator Dave Delvoeye

Note: A sheet with some of the printed 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, 1/26, 6 p.m., at 1925 Nicollet Ave. The meeting will include a summary of 2016 crime numbers and trends. Starting in January, the committee resumes its regular schedule of meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month. ▪ The follow-up discussion on the project to combat street harassment is now planned for the 1/26 Community Safety meeting. 	Next Community Safety meeting: Thursday, 1/26, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave
Updates from law enforcement partners – 5 th Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist Chelsea Adams, Community Attorney Matt Wilcox	<p><u>Presentation</u> by Chelsea Adams: In the past month in Stevens Square – Loring Heights, there were two robberies of person at gunpoint (11/20 at an address on the 1900 block of 1st Ave; 11/24 at 19th & Stevens), one carjacking (11/26 at Franklin & LaSalle), one other robbery of person (11/27 at 17th & 1st), one attempted robbery of business (12/4 at Net Supermarket, 1845 Nicollet), three burglaries (11/19 in a storage locker room at an address on the 1900 block of 1st Ave; 11/25 in a laundry room at an address on the 1900 block of 3rd Ave; 11/28 at a group home on the 1900 block of 1st Ave), three motor vehicle thefts (in two of the incidents the vehicle was recovered), two thefts from motor vehicle, and four other incidents of theft.</p> <p>Adams provided information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ preventing motor vehicle theft during the winter – don't leave an unattended vehicle running or the key in the ignition; ▪ the alert issued on 12/3 regarding the string of robberies in the area – see the list above; ▪ the need for block leaders on the 1900 blocks of Clinton, Pillsbury, and Pleasant – to volunteer, contact Adams. <p>SSCO staff reported that, from January through November, violent crime in the neighborhood is up 14.2% compared to 2015 and property crime is down 13.2%. Robberies are up 85.7% compared to 2015, from 14 last year to 26 this year.</p> <p><u>Presentation</u> by Matt Wilcox: Update about Stevens Square offenders who are on the 5th Precinct CLEAN list. David Brenner (7/5/75) has been added to the list – he mostly offends in the area where Lyndale and Hennepin merge, east of the neighborhood. Patrick Addy (3/6/77) has been released from treatment and is not currently on probation. A case from the neighborhood involving theft, public urination, and gross misdemeanor trespassing is set for court on 1/20/17.</p>	<p>Chelsea.Adams@Minneapolismn.gov 673-2819</p> <p>Crime Prevention Resources</p> <p>911 / 311 information</p> <p>Matthew.Wilcox@Minneapolismn.gov 673-5402</p> <p>CRT line (to report suspected drug and prostitution activity at specific addresses or locations): 673-5716</p>
Neighborhood-related safety	<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 seven police reports in this area during the past month, compared to fifteen in the</p>	

<p>ideas and concerns</p>	<p>previous four weeks. There was one violent felony (11/15 robbery of person at 1922 Clinton Ave), one burglary (11/25 at 1920 3rd Ave), and one motor vehicle theft (12/10 at 1707 3rd Ave). 5th Precinct CRT (Community Response Team) arrested a 40-year-old male for a felony narcotics violation at an apartment in 1806 3rd Ave on 12/8.</p> <p>In the larger area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, arrests for narcotics-related offenses are down 20.8% compared to last year. Alcohol-related arrests in this area are down 36.7%.</p> <p>There was a discussion about prostitution, and how the problems have migrated out of the neighborhood – no arrests in Stevens Square – Loring Heights since 2013 – but are still prevalent online at various web sites, at illegal massage parlors, and on and around Lake St east of 35W.</p> <p>SSCO staff made available information about the outcome of cases involving three chronic offenders active in the area.</p>	
<p>Block Patrol news</p>	<p><u>Presentation</u> by Chelsea Adams: From 11/18 to 12/15, 9 Block Patrol volunteers participated in 13 shifts, contributing 34 total hours.</p> <p>During the past month, Block Patrol teams: spoke with several dozen community members on the streets; frequently spoke with our Franklin-Nicollet beat officers; picked up trash and litter; watched five squads respond to an address on LaSalle Ave; stopped at neighborhood coffee shops to get out of the cold; received complimentary cups of hot chocolate from the owner of Boiler Room Coffee on an especially frigid afternoon; watched a beat-up vehicle, with three males in the back seat, parked in the lot on the north side of the hardware store on Nicollet Ave – two more males, coming over the I-94 bridge from downtown, approached the vehicle, got into the front seat, and drove away; encountered a female on Nicollet Ave who was very aggressively picking up trash on the sidewalk, cursing and throwing it violently into trash containers; spotted a pair of hockey gloves tied together and hanging from a utility line in an alley near 3rd Ave – not sure what that means; near the parking lot by the strip mall at Franklin & Clinton, encountered a suspicious male who made obscene gestures and shouted offensive comments at a team that was watching a tree trimming crew at work – the male, after repeatedly circling the team, finally got tired of shouting and went away; during an especially cold shift, offered a pair of gloves to a woman on Nicollet Ave who was wearing socks on her hands – she politely declined; received a lost wallet from a concerned neighborhood resident who found it at a bus stop, and returned the wallet to a woman who works at a business at 1801 Nicollet Ave – she was happy to have the wallet, i.d., and credit cards back even though \$150 cash was missing from it – the team suggested that she make a police report.</p> <p>During the 1 p.m. shift on December 1, a team encountered a male and female who were loitering outside the entrance to the Mall Center on Nicollet Ave. The male, who had a bike with a suitcase attached to the handlebars, approached the team and said that they were homeless and that he was using methadone as an alternative to heroin and meth. Both appeared to be high; the male was extremely hyperactive and the female was nodding off. The male said that he had just arrived from Seattle. He asked the team to buy a sandwich for the female, who is known to a team member and is not from out of town. The team told the male about local organizations that provide free food and meals and gave him a brochure from St Stephen's Street Outreach. The male was not interested in that information. The team moved away from them and considered how to proceed. When the team leader returned to the area, they were both gone.</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>