



Community Safety meeting minutes – December 17, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.

Present: Michele McGaughey and Ken Strobel, acting co-chairs; Anne Forsyth-Gillette, Hennepin County Neighborhood Probation; Chelsea Adams, Minneapolis Police department; Nikki Appelbaum, City Attorney's office; Rob Helmerichs, Rand Management; Julian Gray, Fades of Gray; Mary Gunderson, CVS; Jerry Paulson, Katrina Kubeczko, Howard Penas, Bruce Sikkema, and SSCO safety coordinator Dave Delvoye

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"> ▪ Starting in January, the meeting schedule shifts back to the fourth Thursday of each month. ▪ Next Community Safety meeting: 1/28. The meeting will include a recap of Part 1 crime numbers in the neighborhood for 2015 compared with annual numbers going back to 1998; the annual number of arrests for alcohol and narcotics offenses in the area going back to 2005; a list, with photos, of the top repeat offenders in the neighborhood in 2015; and a discussion about current trends and what to expect in 2016. 	Next Community Safety meeting: Thursday, 1/28, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave
Updates from law enforcement partners – CPS Chelsea Adams, Community Attorney Nikki Appelbaum, Neighborhood Probation Officer Anne Forsyth-Gillette	<p><u>Presentation</u> by Chelsea Adams: A list of Part 1 crimes reported in the neighborhood from 11/12 to 12/17 showed one robbery of person (a Metro Transit case from 12/14 at Franklin & Nicollet for which no details were available); two aggravated assaults (11/26 at 1933 Lyndale Ave in which a victim, who provided limited information and does not want to press charges, was transported to a hospital with non-life threatening stab wounds; 12/14 in the Village Center Mall parking lot, 1816 Nicollet Ave, in which a person was assaulted with a weapon by a stranger); two thefts from motor vehicles (11/25 at 203 East 19th St, 12/12 at 18th & 1st); two bike thefts (12/9 at 1811 1st Ave; 12/14 at 1830 Stevens Ave); and five other thefts. There were no burglaries reported. There was one report of rape, on 12/7 at an unspecified location involving a suspect who is known to the female victim. That case is under investigation.</p> <p>The name of the suspect in the 8/4 robbery, kidnapping, and sexual assault incident on the 1800 block of 2nd Ave has been released: Mohamed (or Mohammed) Ali Elmi (1/1/90). Elmi, who has been in custody since 8/5 on \$500,000 bail, has been charged with three counts of 1st degree criminal sexual conduct, two counts of 1st degree aggravated robbery, and one count of kidnapping. The case goes to trial on 1/19. Elmi was on supervised release from prison for 1st degree burglary when the incident occurred and is being held without bail for violating parole.</p> <p>Adams provided other information about becoming a block or apartment building leader; the MPD Citizens Academy; receiving crime alert information via e-mail; preventing motor vehicle theft by not leaving one's vehicle running unattended – there have been a number of such vehicle thefts reported in the precinct, including one at the BP Service Station at Franklin & 3rd; preventing theft of packages delivered to one's home; security for residents of apartment buildings; online links to MPD web sites and e-mail lists; MPD app and 311 app for smart phones; and MFD's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the decline in street drug dealing and the shift to more mobile forms of dealing which</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>

can be more difficult to stop. There have been robberies in parts of the city (especially south side and northeast) targeting Hispanic victims, who may be seen by perpetrators as more likely to carry large amounts of cash due to lack of bank accounts and less likely to report incidents to the police due to fears of deportation.

Franklin / Nicollet Beat Officer Brianna Garman will be on special assignment field training new officers for the next couple of months. Officer Aimee Colegrove will continue to work the beat.

Presentation by SSCO staff: From January through November, burglaries are up 75% and robberies are down 33% in the neighborhood compared to last year. The total crime report numbers for 2015 will be presented at the 1/28 Community Safety meeting, along with charts showing the long-term trends (since 1998).

Discussion Two well-known offenders with a history of violent crime have been identified by neighborhood business owners and SSCO as engaging in ongoing criminal behavior in the commercial district along Nicollet Ave this year: Sharee Barrett (7/10/81) and Patrick Addy (3/6/77). SSCO and its law enforcement partners have been dealing with problems caused by these individuals – who are featured on the [5th Precinct CLEAN list](#) – all year. Barrett has nine cases set for court on 1/25. Addy, who is in custody, has eleven cases set for court on 12/21. SSCO has submitted community impact statements regarding both offenders to the court, asking that they be sentenced to the maximum amount of time in custody if convicted of any crimes and that they be restricted from the area if they are conditionally released. There was a discussion about how businesses can respond to this type of threat: Per [Minnesota statute](#), fill out and serve a [Trespass notice](#) to the offender (make sure to have a witness present when doing that) in order to prohibit the offender from returning to the premises for one year. Make three copies of the form: one for the business, one for the offender, and one for police. (If a business owner knows the identity of the offender, police can be asked to serve the Trespass notice to the offender.) If the offender returns to the property, call 911 and ask for police to respond. The offender can be charged with misdemeanor trespassing with a penalty of up to 90 days in jail; if the offender qualifies for an [enhanced penalty](#) (two or more prior convictions for trespassing within the past ten years), he or she can be arrested and charged with a gross misdemeanor with a penalty of up to 365 days in jail. If a business has video of the offender violating the Trespass notice, provide police with a copy for the police report and make sure to keep a copy for the record.

There was a question about 911 calls and community expectations about response times. Dispatchers prioritize each call and determine what level of service is required and available. Low priority calls can sometimes sit in queue for a significant period of time depending on the volume of more serious calls and the availability of squads to respond. Call 911 back to check on a call's status and to update a call with any changes to the situation.

Presentation by Nikki Appelbaum: Update on an offender who is on the [5th Precinct CLEAN list](#). Robert Yellow Wolf (10/29/68) is in custody on \$3,000 bail for gross misdemeanor 5th degree assault, gross misdemeanor 3rd degree riot, and disorderly conduct for an incident at Franklin & Nicollet on 12/10. More serious charges may be pending in the case. SSCO staff distributed information about the outcome of an aggressive panhandling case involving Dahir Yussuf Aden (1/1/82).

There was a question about MPD officers' use of body cams. The department has completed a pilot project and is evaluating the results in order to develop guidelines for the use of the cameras and for responding to requests from the public for access to the video. MPD's goal is to deploy body cams in 2016. The State legislature is exploring whether

	<p>standard guidelines for body cam use should be established statewide rather than by each jurisdiction. The issues are complex, but the benefits provided by the cameras could be of value both to police officers and the public.</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. MFD can provide fire safety and prevention literature for distribution to neighborhood gathering places, at community events, and for Block Patrol door-knocking. There was a report of arson incident(s) in an apartment building near Franklin & 3rd. Staff will follow up.</p> <p><u>Community concern</u> There was a report of frequent late-night robberies and assaults in and around the parking lot between Nicollet Ave and Oak Grove St, from 16th St to I-94. This area is in the Loring Park neighborhood and Chelsea Adams will forward the information to the 1st Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist for that area.</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 five police reports in this area during the past month, compared to nine in the previous month. There was one arrest for a felony narcotics violation (1st degree possession / sale of heroin at 1707 3rd Ave) and one incident of misdemeanor assault. No robberies or burglaries were reported. SSCO has received no complaints in the past month about suspicious traffic or loitering outside the market at 19th & 3rd. Police are working with property owners and managers to resolve complaints about narcotics-related traffic at 1806 3rd Ave and 1810 4th Ave. In the larger area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, there have been 53 narcotics-related arrests or citations year to date compared to 50 last year.</p> <p><u>Community concern</u> Illegal consumption of alcohol in the neighborhood. Year to date, there have been 120 arrests or citations for alcohol-related offenses in the area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, compared to 119 last year.</p>	
<p>Block Patrol news – Ken Strobel</p>	<p><u>Presentation</u> by Ken Strobel: From 11/20 to 12/17, four Block Patrol volunteers participated in sixteen shifts, contributing 24 hours total.</p> <p>During the past month, Block Patrol teams spoke with about three dozen community members on the streets; spoke with our Franklin – Nicollet beat officers and neighborhood probation officers; visited Scratchy's Book Box; stopped at several neighborhood coffee shops; conducted surveillance of drug houses on 3rd Ave and 4th Ave; called a company which owns some abandoned "road construction" signs and asked that they please pick them up; noted during several visits that there was no staff on site at the laundromat in the neighborhood and that the business appeared to be lacking maintenance; watched a well-known offender "prospecting" for cans in commercial dumpsters – and drinking the last drop from empty liquor bottles he found inside; watched the same offender pushing a shopping cart in a lane of oncoming traffic on Franklin Ave, causing vehicles to swerve to avoid hitting him; called 911 on three males who were harassing students outside Loring Nicollet Alternative School, then updated the call when one of them crossed the street and urinated on the wall of Plymouth Church in full view of passersby – after 45 minutes, the team cancelled the call when the males left the area; called Metro Transit police regarding a male drinking vodka at a bus stop at Franklin & Nicollet, then cancelled the call when he left the area; called a rental property manager to report a broken window in a first floor apartment; encountered a male on Nicollet Ave who said that "pants are cut too low in the crotch" and asked if that was against the law; spoke with a male who told us about the murder of his son which occurred outside a bar on Cedar Ave; spoke with the caretaker of an apartment building who complained about</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>an unlit, fenced-in vacant lot on 1st Ave which attracts suspicious persons after dark; called Metro Transit police regarding an intoxicated male and female at a bus stop at Franklin & Nicollet – an officer responded, spoke with them, and then left – 15 minutes later, called 911 regarding the same individuals who were now passed out on the sidewalk – Officers Aimee and Brianna responded and the female was transported from the scene by ambulance; watched squad 510 respond to a vehicle accident on Nicollet Ave; encountered an old-time offender on Nicollet Ave who cursed at the team as he walked by; spoke with the owner and manager of the apartment building where the police substation is located; spoke with an intoxicated person who claimed to be visiting from California; called 911 on offender Patrick Addy who was aggressively panhandling and trespassing in the Mall Center parking lot – then flagged down Officers Aimee and Brianna, who were responding, to let them know that Addy had joined a group of four people drinking alcohol in a bus shelter at 18th & Nicollet – one was arrested for a felony warrant, one was cited for open bottle, and Addy fled from the area while the officers were processing the others – the team leader filled out a citizen's arrest form regarding Addy, who was later apprehended by the officers; watched Officer Aimee respond regarding an intoxicated female, who had a warrant, sitting on a bench in the park – the team watched the female while the officer responded to another call – eventually, the female regained consciousness and left the area before the officer returned; startled three males who were sitting at a picnic table at the privately owned sculpture garden at Franklin & 4th – they jumped up and immediately left the area; spent a number of shifts watching suspicious males loitering on Nicollet Ave; called Metro Transit police regarding an intoxicated male drinking vodka from a mango juice bottle in a bus shelter at 18th & Nicollet, and updated the call when the male boarded a northbound bus on Nicollet, still in possession of the bottle; came upon CPS Chelsea Adams meeting at a coffee shop with two university students who were doing a research project on crime prevention; encountered several people through the course of the month who thanked the teams for patrolling the neighborhood.</p>	
<p>Community Safety plan – progress report</p>	<p><u>Discussion:</u> Plans for a community discussion about ways to combat street harassment. SSCO staff reported on the availability of venues for this event: a meeting room at Plymouth Church is available; MCAD will check with its student organization to see if they want to participate in or sponsor the event; no word yet from the Minnesota Church Center; Minneapolis Institute of Arts has a \$750 room rental fee; the space in Eat Street Flats / CVS building at Franklin & 1st is being renovated to house a new business. There was a discussion about when to schedule the event: sooner (February or March) or later (in the Spring). The intent is to recruit volunteers from the community discussion for a task force with the goal of developing recommendations for how community members can combat street harassment. There was also a short discussion of how the final recommendations would be presented or distributed to the community. The issue was tabled and will be up for discussion and a decision at the 1/28 Community Safety meeting.</p>	

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Dave Delvoye.