



Stevens Square Community Organization
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Community Safety meeting minutes – December 21, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.

Present: Corwin Morton and John Littlejohn, co-chairs; Eric Dison and Jennifer Neale, Minneapolis Police department; Matt Wilcox, City Attorney’s office; Drew Kirch, Hennepin County Neighborhood Probation; Malcolm Williams, Plymouth Congregational Church; Annie Kackman, Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge; Rob Helmerichs, Rand Management; Jerry Paulson, John Ryser, Ruth Martin, Michele McGaughey, and SSCO safety coordinator Dave Delvoye (dave_ssco@yahoo.com)

Note: A sheet with some of the printed information presented at this meeting is available at this [link](#) or upon request.

Agenda item	Notes/decisions	Follow up
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thanks to those, including Michael Graca of Boiler Room Coffee, who brought food and drink to share with others at the meeting! The feast included meatballs, chicken, shrimp, sausage, cheese, crackers, cookies, hot chocolate, and more. ▪ Next Community Safety meeting: 1/25/18 at 6 p.m. Starting in January, the committee resumes its regular schedule of meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month. 	Next Community Safety meeting: Thursday, 1/25, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave
Updates from law enforcement partners – 5 th Precinct Lt. Eric Dison, Crime Prevention Specialist Jennifer Neale, Community Attorney Matt Wilcox, Probation Officer Drew Kirch	<p><u>Presentation</u> by Crime Prevention Specialist Jennifer Neale: From 11/30 to 12/21 in the neighborhood, there were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4 robberies of person: 12/5, 7:05 p.m., at 1826 LaSalle Ave in which a suspect implied that he had a handgun and attempted to rob a person; 12/5, 8:40 p.m., at 1816 Nicollet Ave in which a suspect attempted to rob a person; 12/8 at 18th & Nicollet in which two suspects pushed and robbed a person of a bottle of alcohol; 12/12 at 1906 Clinton Ave in which a person was robbed of \$180. Neale reported that there were no leads in the two robberies on 12/5 or in the robbery reported on 11/26 at 1828 Clinton Ave. ▪ 1 apartment burglary: 12/9 at 1815 1st Ave in which suspects entered an apartment and took a backpack, cash, and illegal drugs. ▪ 3 motor vehicle thefts: 12/1 at 16 East 19th St; 12/8 at 1816 Nicollet Ave; 12/18 at Franklin & Clinton. ▪ 3 other incidents of theft. <p>Neale is recruiting block leaders for certain areas of the neighborhood, including the 1800 block of LaSalle Ave and 1900 block of 2nd Ave. Contact her if you live there and are interested. Neale distributed a sheet with tips from Minneapolis Police about how to stay safe during the holiday season. There was a discussion about thefts of delivered packages and what can be done to prevent it. Many of the packages stolen are left in unsecured areas (including in entryways inside and on steps and sidewalks outside apartment buildings) by carriers who are not required to obtain a signature from the recipient. Dison reported that the theft of any package delivered to an address is a felony. Call 911 to report an incident in progress or for which there is evidence or a description or video of suspects and vehicles. Otherwise report such thefts to 311. There are also complaints about phone scams, including fraudulent solicitations by criminals posing as IRS agents. Matt Wilcox said that the IRS does not contact individuals by phone, does not have the authority to issue warrants, and does not accept payment in cash.</p> <p><u>Presentation</u> by Community Attorney Matt Wilcox regarding some Stevens Square offenders who are on the 5th Precinct CLEAN list: Sharee Barrett’s workhouse release date for her 3rd degree burglary sentence has been changed</p>	<p>Crime Prevention Resources</p> <p>911 / 311 information</p> <p>Crime Prevention Specialist Jennifer.Neale@Minneapolismn.gov 673-2819</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>

	<p>to 3/8/18; the following offenders have active warrants: Jules Chomilo, Paul Clock, Harry Leftbear, Lavell Love, Abdullahi Yasin Muse, and Brian Whitebird.</p> <p>Neighborhood Probation Officer Drew Kirch reported that William Ernst has completed his sentence for felony 4th degree assault and was released from prison on 12/10. Dison, who was promoted to Lieutenant this month, reported that offender Eloy Stier was arrested for warrants today by beat officers.</p> <p>There was a discussion about how the security measures planned for the Super Bowl will affect the neighborhood. The biggest impact will be downtown around the stadium, the convention center, and Nicollet Mall, although users of public transit will probably experience some disruptions, especially on the days immediately preceding the game. Wilcox said that the City of Minneapolis and Metro Transit web sites have specific information about what's planned for residents and visitors.</p>	
<p>Neighborhood-related safety ideas and concerns</p>	<p><u>Community concern</u> Narcotics-related loitering and traffic in the Clinton sector (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave). There have been seven police reports in this area in the past three weeks. There was 1 narcotics-related arrest (12/1 at 1707 3rd Ave), two motor vehicle thefts (11/26 at 308 East 18th St – a motorized scooter; 12/7 at the BP Service Station, 2000 3rd Ave), and one incident of damage to property (12/11 at 1813 3rd Ave in which an unknown suspect threw a large rock through a window). No aggravated assaults, burglaries, or thefts from motor vehicle were reported.</p> <p>Year to date, in the larger area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, there have been 41 narcotics-related arrests compared to 42 in 2016. Alcohol-related arrests in the same area are down 37.7%, from 77 in 2016 to 48 this year.</p> <p><u>Community concern</u> There were reports of late-night drug dealing along 3rd Ave involving vehicles stopping to conduct transactions with people waiting on foot. Neale said that this kind of activity was also a concern among residents of the district in the 3rd Precinct she served before taking the job in the 5th Precinct. Report suspicious traffic in progress to 911 if you have a description of the vehicle and those involved.</p>	
<p>Block Patrol news – Michele McGaughey</p>	<p>From 12/1 to 12/21, 14 Block Patrol volunteers participated in 15 shifts, contributing 58 hours. One new volunteer joined Block Patrol.</p> <p>During the past three weeks, Block Patrol teams: spoke with over 30 community members on the streets; picked up trash and litter; visited Scratchy's Book Box; gave information about Block Patrol to several residents who thanked teams for helping to keep the neighborhood safe; watched crews trimming and cutting down trees in the park; noted that the crosswalk lights at 17th & 1st are actually working; spoke with staff at Frattallone's Hardware, Third Avenue Market, Cajun Boiling, Boiler Room Coffee, Giant Laundromax, Family Dollar Store, and Tibet Kitchen; frequently checked on the progress of the Franklin Ave bridge project; counted 32 streetlights out in the neighborhood:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On 12/11, a team conducted an inventory of streetlights out between Nicollet Ave and 4th Ave: 23 lights were out. All but three of the lights had already been reported to 311; thirteen of them had initially been reported eight months ago. ▪ On 12/18, a team conducted an inventory of streetlights out between Lyndale Ave and Nicollet Ave: 9 lights were out. All but one of the lights had already been reported to 311. ▪ SSCO staff shared the information with the Ward 6 and Ward 7 City Council offices. City staff is working to resolve these problems. 	<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>