



Community Safety meeting minutes – February 25, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.

Present: Ken Strobel, acting co-chair; Morgan Miller, Hennepin County Probation; Chelsea Adams, Minneapolis Police department; Jeff Johnson, Minneapolis Park Police; Nikki Appelbaum, City Attorney's office; Rob Helmerichs, Rand Management; Jerry Paulson, Howard Penas, John Ryser, and SSCO safety coordinator Dave Delvoeye

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"> Next Community Safety meeting: 3/24 at 6 p.m. 	Next Community Safety meeting: Thursday, 3/24, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave
Updates from law enforcement partners – CPS Chelsea Adams, Park Police Sgt Jeff Johnson, Community Attorney Nikki Appelbaum, Probation Officer Morgan Miller	<p><u>Presentation</u> by Nikki Appelbaum: Update on ten 5th Precinct CLEAN list offenders active in Stevens Square. David Omurwa and Nathaniel Roby are doing well on supervised probation and have not reoffended. There is a bench warrant out for the arrest of Mohamed Ahmed Farah, who has been charged for an incident involving the assault of a student at Loring Nicollet Alternative School. Farah has been prohibited from being within a three-block radius of the school. Robert Yellow Wolf is set for court on 4/25 for a felony assault which occurred at Franklin & Nicollet. Ahmed Abdi Hired, who is in custody on \$30,000 bail, was scheduled for court today for a felony domestic assault in St Louis Park. Jules Chomilo is in jail for a probation violation plus two new cases. Dahir Yussuf Aden is on supervised probation for gross misdemeanor trespassing at the Mall of America. Ellery Charging Thunder is in the workhouse until 5/29 for gross misdemeanor trespassing. Harry Left Bear is ordered to report to the workhouse on 3/3 to serve part of a sentence for gross misdemeanor trespassing, and will serve 365 days if he fails to report. Lavell Love is set for court on 3/9 for violating his conditions of release – he is restricted from the area.</p> <p>Sharee Barrett, the top offender in the neighborhood during 2015, is set for court on 2/26 with eleven cases pending including two felony 3rd degree burglary cases, one of which occurred at CVS, 2001 Nicollet Ave, on 12/12/15. SSCO and an employee of CVS have submitted community impact statements.</p> <p><u>Presentation</u> by Chelsea Adams: A list of Part 1 crimes reported in the neighborhood from 1/29 to 2/25 included one aggravated assault (2/7, 2:45 a.m., at Franklin & Clinton in which a driver brandished a gun and ordered a pedestrian to get into his vehicle – the pedestrian yelled for help, called 911 on a phone provided by a passerby, and then fled from the area); one laundry room burglary (2/4 at 1810 3rd Ave); one motor vehicle theft (2/2 at 1800 Stevens Ave perhaps involving lost keys belonging to the owner); one theft from motor vehicle (2/4 at 1826 LaSalle Ave); and three other incidents of theft. There were no robberies, sexual assaults, or home burglaries reported – and no incidents of shoplifting.</p> <p>Laundry room burglaries continue to be a problem in the area. Long-time burglar Rahsaan Wells, who frequently</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>

	<p>targets apartment buildings in Whittier, is in custody for three incidents. Another trend noted by police is guests who stay with acquaintances and steal items belonging to their host. Contact Adams to become a block or apartment building leader.</p> <p>Mohamed (or Mohammed) Ali Elmi (1/1/90) is charged with kidnapping, three counts of 1st degree criminal sexual conduct, and two counts of 1st degree aggravated robbery for an incident on the 1800 block of 2nd Ave on 8/4/15. Elmi is in custody on \$1,000,000 bail plus a Department of Corrections hold without bail – he was on supervised release from prison at the time of this incident. Elmi has been in custody since 8/5/15; a pretrial hearing is set for 4/8 and a jury trial is scheduled for 5/31.</p> <p>SSCO staff made available information about Part 1 (serious) crimes reported in the neighborhood during January. Compared to 2015, this year is starting off with fewer robberies and aggravated assaults but more burglaries.</p> <p>SSCO staff announced that Chelsea Adams was named 5th Precinct's civilian employee of the year for 2015. The group applauded Adams and congratulated her for the award.</p>	
<p>Neighborhood-related safety ideas and concerns</p>	<p><u>Community concern</u> Suspicious males causing problems at and around Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge (MNTC), 1717 2nd Ave. MNTC staff report that Chelsea Adams met with them on site, gave them No Trespassing signs to post, conducted a security audit, and provided them with other resources to help combat the problem – excellent service all around. There have been a couple of incidents in which groups of male intruders came onto their property, but they left fairly quickly. Staff will call 911 immediately if any violations occur. A number of residents will join Block Patrol. MNTC staff are very thankful for the help they have received since attending the last Community Safety meeting.</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 nine police reports in this area during the past month, compared to seven in the previous month. There were two arrests for felony narcotics violations: 1/27 at an apartment in 1900 Clinton Ave in which the Southwest Hennepin Drug Task Force executed a warrant and recovered heroin. Two violent crimes were reported: 1/31 on the 1700 block of 3rd Ave in which shots were fired and a vehicle was hit; and a 2/7 incident at Franklin & Clinton described in Adams' presentation above.</p> <p>In the larger area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, there have been six arrests or citations this year for narcotics-related offenses, the same number as in 2015.</p> <p><u>Community concern</u> Illegal consumption of alcohol in the neighborhood. Year to date, there have been six arrests or citations for alcohol-related offenses in the area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, compared to seven in 2015.</p> <p>Nikki Appelbaum reported that the chief judge of Hennepin County District Court has issued a new standing order regarding payable offenses which affects an officer's ability to arrest and book for certain offenses. The new payable offenses include loitering with open bottle and consuming alcohol in public, among others. Under current practice, most of these alcohol-related offenses result in citations and not jail bookings. However, police have the discretion, if certain criteria are met, to book a person in jail for these offenses. Now, that policing tool appears to no longer apply to these payable offenses. The implications of this change are uncertain and difficult to predict. It is clear that police will</p>	

	<p>no longer have the option of issuing judicial release receipts for these offenses, which serve to set a court date at the time of arrest. That has been an effective tool to make sure that frequent offenders are held accountable for their crimes in a timely manner. Morgan Miller stated that probation officers will still be able to count these payable offenses as probation violations. It's unclear whether failure to respond to a summons for a payable offense would lead to a warrant being issued. Jeff Johnson stated that the new policy is frustrating because it takes away options currently available to police who are responding to community complaints about livability crimes.</p>	
<p>Block Patrol news – Ken Strobel</p>	<p><u>Presentation</u> by Ken Strobel: From 1/29 to 2/25, 5 Block Patrol volunteers participated in 17 shifts, contributing 31 total hours. On four evenings in February, Block Patrol teams door-knocked 239 apartments in 11 buildings, spoke with 102 residents, signed up 25 people for the SSCO e-mail list, and gave 25 Block Patrol applications to interested residents.</p> <p>During the past month, Block Patrol teams: spoke with a couple dozen community members on the streets; frequently spoke with our Franklin – Nicollet beat officers; patrolled the Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge property on 2nd Ave in response to complaints about suspicious males loitering in the area and harassing staff and residents; recovered an abandoned Nice Rice bike which was on the sidewalk by an apartment building on Stevens Ave; cancelled a shift during a heavy snowstorm due to treacherous conditions: icy sidewalks, dangerously out-of-control drivers; visited neighborhood coffee shops to seek shelter from cold and windy weather; came upon a rental property owner who asked the team to key an eye on an apartment building on Stevens Ave which was attracting intruders; checked out a home on Groveland Ave which was posted for a zoning code variance; spoke with Officer Aimee who was checking the security of the vacant building formerly known as the Minnesota African American Museum – there was evidence that people were camping out on one of the porches; watched a well-known offender, dressed in a camouflage jumpsuit with neon blue sunglasses, acting out on Nicollet Ave and getting kicked out of every business he entered; encountered several groups of aggressive, intoxicated males who were yelling at and intimidating passersby on Nicollet Ave; checked out the Sisters Camelot bus which was parked on Nicollet Ave – free organic produce and chocolate bars.</p> <p>Block Patrol will continue to door-knock apartment buildings once a week during March to share information about the neighborhood and to recruit new volunteers.</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>Community Safety plan – progress report</p>	<p>SSCO staff reported that a venue has been found for the community discussion about ways to combat street harassment: the auditorium at Minneapolis College of Art and Design in Whittier. The event will tentatively take place in April, after the school's spring break. More details will be forthcoming.</p>	

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Dave Delvoye.