Stevens Square Community Organization (612) 874-2840

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Safety Committee minutes – April 22, 2010, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.

Present: Ken Strobel, co-chair; Bobbi Harrington and Jean Schwalen, Hennepin County Community Probation; Michael Friestleben, Geoff Johnson, and Chelsea Adams, Minneapolis Police 5th Precinct; Chris Dixon, City Attorney's office; Rob Helmerichs, Rand Management; Arlene Storandt, Richard Kotlarz, Judy Austin, Jerry Paulson, Charles Rosensteel, Aaron Szczech, Ray Perry, Bryan Anderson, Howard Penas, and SSCO safety coordinator Dave Delvoye (dave ssco@yahoo.com or 612-874-2840)

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Agenda item	Notes/decisions	Follow up
Announcements – contact SSCO to volunteer or for more info	Square Court, 400 Sibley St, St Paul) sponsored by the Department of Public Safety's Office of Justice	Next Safety committee meeting: Thursday, 5/27, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.

Community Probation report –	Bobbi Harrington asked that anyone who sees chronic offender <u>Darryl Brooks</u> prior to his court appearance on 5/13/10 please contact her. Brooks was released to an outstate treatment center in lieu of bail on a 2/19/10 public	Contact info:
		Bobbi.Harrington@
		co.hennepin.mn.us
		879-8075
and team Sen water	Blaisdell Ave to 4 th Ave, I-94 to 24 th St, except when she has an appointment with Harrington. Other clients include	077 0075
	CLEAN sheet offenders <u>Joseph Conklin</u> (in jail for a probation violation on a criminal damage to property case) and	Jean C Schwalen@
		co.hennepin.mn.us
		879-8212
	and 10 subdivan cases pending).	077-0212
	Jean Schwalen reported on the status of her CLEAN sheet clients. <u>Judy Peters</u> has an arrest and detention warrant	
	for 4th degree assault of a police officer from 9/29/09. <u>Jessica Matt</u> violated her conditions of release on a 1/14/10	
	prostitution case and was sentenced to 180 days in the workhouse on a probation revocation. Kenneth Nickaboine	
	has completed his recent sentence and is no longer on probation.	
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Community	Chris Dixon distributed copies of the 5 th Precinct CLEAN sheet, which is at http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/	Contact info:
Prosecutor report –	police/about/docs/Pct5CLEAN.pdf and provided updates on some Stevens Square offenders.	
Assistant City	 Curtis Batton – In jail pending appearances for violating a no contact order tied to a domestic assault incident on 	Christopher Dixon@
Attorney Chris		ci.minneapolis.mn.us
Dixon	■ Walter Bray – In the workhouse until 7/18/10.	673-5402
DIXOII	■ Maxim Chance – In jail on \$40,000 bail for a domestic assault case, which was enhanced to a felony due to	073-3402
	having two or more prior convictions for domestic assault within three years.	
	 Osbin Davis – Serving 90 days in the workhouse for 5th degree assault at 2001 Nicollet Ave, CVS Pharmacy, on 	
	4/9/10. Any further assaults will be charged as felonies.	
	■ William Ernst – Ordered to report to the workhouse on 5/4/10, goes to court on 5/10/10 for a felony assault	
	charge.	
	 Anthony Ford – Disorderly conduct case pending out of Brooklyn Center. 	
	 Tammie Houle – Ordered to report regularly to Mental Health court, will probably be removed from the CLEAN 	
	sheet if she continues to succeed on probation.	
	 Ronald King – Conditionally released from the workhouse on 3/31/10, then arrested for violating his geographic 	
	restriction from the area of LaSalle Ave/Blaisdell Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, on 3/31/10 and again on 4/1/10.	
	Goes to court on 4/23. The prosecutor is pushing for King to serve 90 days in the workhouse, which is the	
	consequence imposed at sentencing for violating this condition of release.	
	 Randy McNellis – In jail pending a 4/23 hearing on a 3/26/10 trespassing case at 1820 Stevens Ave plus a public 	
	urination case.	
	■ Walter Weyaus – In the workhouse until 5/17/10 on a consuming alcohol in public case from 4/9/10 at 1801	
	LaSalle Ave.	
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report – Crime Prevention Specialist Chelsea Adams, Sergeant Michael Friestleben, Officer Geoff Johnson

Minneapolis Police Chelsea Adams provided a map and list of Part 1 crimes reported in the neighborhood during March. There were:

- 2 sexual assaults: 3/13 child molestation at an address on the 500 block of Ridgewood Ave, in which a suspect has been charged with tampering with a witness; 3/31 at an address on the 1900 block of 4th Ave in which a victim was sexually assaulted by a known suspect.
- 1 aggravated robbery of person: 3/25, 9:25 p.m., outside of Rudolphs, 1933 Lyndale Ave, in which a suspect demanded money from a victim at gunpoint and then fled in a vehicle.
 - 3 business burglaries: 3/17, 5:05 a.m., at Kulan Restaurant, 137 East Franklin Ave, in which a laptop was stolen; CRT line (to report suspected 3/23, 10:25 p.m., at Stevens Community Associates, 128 East 18th St, in which a suspect, who fled the scene, was encountered after he kicked in an office door and was putting on a mask; 3/26, overnight, at ECDI Property Management, 1806 LaSalle Ave, in which keys to multiple buildings were stolen from an office resulting in laundry room burglaries at this and other properties.
- 1 garage burglary: 3/29, overnight, at an address on the 1800 block of 3rd Ave in which an unknown suspect pried open a door and stole a GPS unit from a vehicle parked inside.
- 3 motor vehicle thefts: 3/7 at Franklin & 2nd; 3/12 at 1929 3rd Ave; 3/20 at 19th & 3rd.
- 5 thefts from motor vehicle: 3/4 at 1933 Lyndale Ave; 3/7 at 1822 LaSalle Ave; 3/20 at Ridgewood & Lyndale; 3/26 at 19th & 3rd; 4/1 at 223 Ridgewood Ave.

There have also been a number of laundry room burglaries reported at apartment buildings throughout the precinct.

Police have encountered a number of problems in accessing video surveillaince information at businesses following the report of a crime, sometimes due to the inability of employees to operate the camera system. Police are asking business owners to 1) make sure they and their employees know how to operate the camera system and download information so that it can be accessed at any time of day, 2) provide off-hours contact information, and 3) consider upgrading to digital if they have a videotape system. Police need quick access to surveillance images in order to proceed with investigations.

Block leader training is set for 4/28, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at the 5th Precinct community room, 3101 Nicollet Ave. Contact Amy.Lavender@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or 673-5407 for further information. Block leaders organize block or building clubs and work with police to report suspicious behavior and prevent crime.

The annual 5th Precinct Open House is set for 5/13, 5 to 7 p.m., at 3101 Nicollet Ave. The event features free refreshments, drawings for prizes, music from the Police Band, and information displays or demonstrations from the Bomb Squad, K-9, SWAT, CCP/SAFE, the Horse Patrol, Police Athletic League, and more.

SSCO's Google maps and lists of arrests in the area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, from 3/22/10 to 4/18/10 showed 52 alcohol-related arrests (31 in 2009), 5 narcotics-related arrests (12 in 2009), and no prostitutionrelated arrests (none in 2009). Year to date, there have been 100 alcohol-related arrests (76 in 2009), 22 narcoticsrelated arrests (39 in 2009), and 12 prostitution-related arrests (2 in 2009). For the same period, SSCO's Google maps showed 13 police reports for the Clinton sector (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave), 17 for the Stevens Square Park area (Stevens Ave to 2nd Ave, 17th St to Franklin Ave), and 64 for the Nicollet corridor (LaSalle Ave/ Blaisdell Ave to 1st Ave, I-94 to 24th St). Information in text format is at http://www.sscoweb.org/What We Do/ Community Safety/Crime Information/index.htm

Contact info:

Chelsea.Adams@ ci.minneapolis.mn.us 673-2819

drug and prostitution activity at specific addresses or locations): 673-5716

Contact SSCO to receive printed or e-mailed copies of the Google maps, which are updated weekly. The emailed versions include links to mugshots of chronic offenders.

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Priority concerns, hot spots, chronic offenders	•	Stevens Square Park, 1801 Stevens Ave – Police report no sign of any organized, suspicious activity in or around the park. Except for a few alcohol-related offenses, the park has been quiet. 5 th Precinct and Park police have focused on the area. Park staff is looking into possible lighting improvements. 19 th & 3 rd – Police report that no further gang-related incidents have occurred in the area. 1811 Clinton Ave – There is a report of suspicious activity at this address.	
	SSO	Curtis Batton: 3/2/10 domestic assault at Franklin & 3 rd . Osbin Davis: 4/9/10 5 th degree assault at 2001 Nicollet Ave. William Ernst: 1/9/10 trespassing at 1804 Nicollet Ave. Inez Green: 9/13/09 5 th degree felony possession of a controlled substance at Franklin & Nicollet. Tammie Houle: 7/24/07 trespassing at 203 East 19 th St; 8/8/07 loitering with intent to commit prostitution at Franklin & Clinton; 8/21/07 prostitution at 22 nd & Nicollet; 11/15/07 prostitution at Franklin & Nicollet; 1/7/08 loitering with intent to commit prostitution and consuming alcohol in public at Franklin & 4 th ; 11/11/08 loitering	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	Fro	m 3/26 to 4/22, 11 Block Patrol volunteers participated in 18 shifts, contributing a total of 66 hours. Three shifts	Contact SSCO to join Block
– Arlene Storandt			Patrol.
		e Block Patrol guidelines and application are at http://www.sscoweb.org/What_We_Do/Community_Safety/	

- Dave Delvove

Coordinator report On 4/6, a small group of committee members met to update and rewrite the committee's statement about community safety for the new SSCO web site. Copies of the document were distributed and members were encouraged to contact staff with any further suggestions for changes. The document is at http://www.sscoweb.org/What We Do/ Community Safety/

> Staff reported on an idea brought up at the 4/15 Board meeting to try to get restraining orders on behalf of the neighborhood against the top offenders who are arrested most frequently here, such as a certain offender who has been arrested 37 times in the area in the past six years. This might be another way – in addition to court-ordered geographic restrictions – to keep the offenders who cause the most harm out of the area. Currently, there are three chronic offenders restricted from the area by court oder, two of whom are in custody for violating the restriction. Many chronic offenders opt for straight pleas at sentencing with the aim of serving their time and avoiding conditional release. Two Board members listed some of the key points of discussion:

- Is there any legal precedent for this approach?
- Can a restraining order be issued to protect a geographic area, as opposed to protecting specific individual(s)?
- If there is interest, how would SSCO approach and frame the issue?
- Would this in any way be interpreted as an attempt to discriminate against certain persons for reasons prohibited by law?
- Would pursuing this without reasonable hope of success put undue pressure on an already taxed court system?

Dixon reported that he had looked into the suggestion at staff's request and could find no legal precedents for such an approach anywhere in the country. Restraining orders – which are civil, not criminal, court actions – are typically issued by courts to protect persons, businesses, or specific properties, but not the population of large geographic areas such as neighborhoods. An attempt to impose such a restraining order could raise serious constitutional issues and could involve a costly uphill battle likely to attract the attention of civil liberties groups. Two committee members expressed opposition to the idea on the grounds that it would infringe on a number of civil rights and would be a contentious issue within the neighborhood, probably not gaining the support of most residents. No one spoke in favor of the idea.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Dave Delvoye.