

Stevens Square Community Organization

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Safety Committee minutes – April 25, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.

Present: Ken Strobel and Michele McGaughey, co-chairs; Robert Lilligren, Ward 6 City Council; Jean Schwalen, Hennepin County Community Probation; Adam Chard and Chelsea Adams, Minneapolis Police department; Jennifer Saunders, City Attorney’s Office; Deb Loveland, Minnesota Teen Challenge; Dave Hautman, Franklin Nicollet Liquor; Julian Gray, Fades of Gray; Rob Helmerich, Rand Management; Adam Campbell, Stevens Community Apartments; Eddie Chambers, Jerry Paulson, Aaron Szczech, John Ryser, Howard Penas, Melinda Langer, Laura Blue Bird, Debra Behrens, John Pillen, and safety coordinator Dave Delvoe (dave.scco@yahoo.com or 874-2840)

Agenda item	Notes/decisions	Follow up
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SSCO's Neighborhood Development committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on 5/7 at 137 East 17th St for a tour of the renovated St George Apartments building which was damaged in a fire last year. The committee will then commence its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave. ▪ The 5th Precinct Open House is set for 5/14, 5 to 7 p.m., at 3101 Nicollet Ave, and features displays and demonstrations by various police units and teams, free food and beverages donated by Minneapolis businesses, and a performance by the police band. ▪ SSCO's spring Clean Sweep is set for 5/18, meet in Stevens Square Park at 10 a.m. ▪ Cinema & Civics in Stevens Square Park will take place every Wednesday evening in June. ▪ Red Hot Art festival is set for 7/27 and 7/28 in Stevens Square Park; the application deadline for participating artists is 6/1. 	Next Safety committee meeting: Thursday, 5/23, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.
Minneapolis Police report – CPS Chelsea Adams, Officer Adam Chard	<p>Chelsea Adams distributed copies of maps and lists of Part 1 and Part 2 crimes reported in the neighborhood from 3/28 to 4/25. There were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 domestic aggravated assaults. ▪ 4 thefts from motor vehicles: 3/30 at Ridgewood & Pleasant; 3/30 at 308 East 18th St; 4/4 at 1821 1st Ave; 4/6 at 1700 1st Ave. ▪ 5 other incidents of theft. <p>Adams said that there were no violent crimes (except for the domestic assaults) and very few property crimes reported in the neighborhood. She distributed copies of information about how to get involved in keeping the neighborhood safe, including: reporting crimes and suspicious activity to 911; subscribing to the gov delivery crime alert system; securing your property; getting to know your neighbors; becoming a block leader; attending or planing a National Night Out event; and participating in SSCO meetings, events, and activities, such as Safety committee and Block Patrol. Adams also distributed copies of information about keeping underground parking garages safe and secure. She recently contacted the owner of the Dunwoody Apartments development at 110 East 18th St to offer recommendations on this and other building security issues.</p> <p>Adams said that, as part of the 5th Precinct's 2013 focus on neighborhood priorities, Inspector Tony Diaz, in partnership with Park police, is implementing two weeks of consistently heavy patrol in and around Stevens Square Park. The idea is to prevent any problems from developing in the park now that the weather is warmer and the snow is melted. Beat Officer Adam Chard said that he and his partner, Officer Rob Illetschko, will soon be patrolling the neighborhood on bikes.</p> <p>Chard said that he began working the Stevens Square – Whittier beat at the start of this year. He has served in the 5th Precinct for 15 years, and was a beat officer here about eight years ago. The neighborhood has changed in a positive way. The focus on dealing with nuisance crimes helps to prevent more serious, violent crimes in the area. Chard is open to hearing everyone's concerns about the neighborhood and ready to help solve any problems which are identified.</p> <p>SSCO made copies available of a list of 23 offenders who have been charged with felonies for selling drugs to night CRT undercover officers along Franklin Ave from August, 2011, to April, 2012. So far, 18 have been convicted and sentenced.</p>	<p>Chelsea.Adams@Minneapolismn.gov 673-2819</p> <p>Crime Prevention Resources</p> <p>911 / 311 information</p> <p>CRT line (to report suspected drug and prostitution activity at specific addresses or locations): 673-5716</p> <p>Contact SSCO to receive the list of offenders charged with felonies for selling drugs to undercover officers in the neighborhood.</p>

	<p>SSCO's Google maps and lists of arrests in the area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, from 3/25 to 4/21 showed 9 alcohol-related arrests (16 in 2012), 12 narcotics-related arrests (11 in 2012), and no prostitution-related arrests (none in 2012). Year to date, there were 26 alcohol-related arrests (38 in 2012), 22 narcotics-related arrests (23 in 2012), and 1 prostitution-related arrest (1 in 2012). For the period from 3/25 to 4/21, SSCO's Google maps showed 43 police reports for the Nicollet corridor (LaSalle Ave/Blaisdell Ave to 1st Ave, I-94 to 24th St), 7 for the Stevens Square Park area (Stevens Ave to 2nd Ave, 17th St to Franklin Ave), and 9 for the Clinton sector (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave).</p>	<p>Contact SSCO to receive printed or e-mailed copies of the Google maps, which are updated weekly. The e-mailed versions include links to mugshots of chronic offenders.</p>
<p>Ward 6 report – City Council Member Robert Lilligren</p>	<p>Robert Lilligren reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Police department is hiring Community Service Officers; applications are due by 5/3. ▪ The Minneapolis Homeownership and Banking Fair is set for 4/27. ▪ The Neighborhood and Community Relations department is hosting the 38th annual Neighborhoods USA conference from 5/22 to 5/25. Police department staff – including Chelsea Adams, Amy Lavender, Matt Clark, and Luther Krueger – will make a presentation at the conference. The conference, which will draw over 800 people from around the country, will give the City an opportunity to showcase its neighborhood-based infrastructure which was developed through the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. ▪ 311 will implement a pilot program to expand service hours (7 a.m. to 8 p.m.) through mid-October. ▪ Lilligren will introduce a Complete Applications ordinance at the 4/26 City Council meeting which is designed to streamline the process of obtaining City permits and approval for various aspects of a single development project. <p>There were questions about the Dunwoody Apartments project at 110 East 18th St. Lilligren found information on the City's web site: 25 out of 123 units in this building will be affordable for those earning 50% of the metro median income; 104 parking spaces will be provided, with 40 underground and 64 in surface lots; three Inspections orders are unresolved at the property, two of which are related to the construction project and will be resolved when it is completed, while the other involves removal of graffiti. A community member has repeatedly photographed and reported graffiti on this building to 311, including information about a specific tagger. Taggers often work in groups called crews. The amount of graffiti being put up in the neighborhood this spring appears to be at the highest level ever. Graffiti can be easily reported on the 311 web site or with a free smart phone app. Officer Chard reported that most of the graffiti in the neighborhood is put up by taggers and is not gang-related. Graffiti is a big nuisance and taggers are tough to catch, but police investigate reports of graffiti damage to property and obtain search warrants when suspects are identified.</p>	<p>Robert.Lilligren@Minneapolismn.gov</p> <p>673-2206</p> <p>Ward 6 web site</p>
<p>Community Prosecutor report – Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Saunders</p>	<p>Jennifer Saunders distributed copies of the 5th Precinct CLEAN list and updated the committee on some of the offenders active in Stevens Square, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Patrick Addy – in the workhouse until 10/16 for gross misdemeanor trespassing, then on probation for a second trespassing sentence until 5/21/14. ▪ Charles Bailey – review hearing on a 3rd degree burglary case set for 5/9, restricted from the area as a condition of release. ▪ Darryl Brooks – appeared in court on 5/22 for a littering case which is not resolved yet. ▪ Maxim Chance – 4 cases (theft, gross misdemeanor trespassing, loitering, and crimes against Metro Transit) set for court on 5/1. ▪ Ellery Charging Thunder – trespassing case set for court on 5/29. ▪ William Ernst – 4 cases (consuming, theft, two for trespassing) set for court today. ▪ Anthony Ford – in the workhouse until 6/29. ▪ Mark Hamilton – on parole from prison until 4/3/14, on probation for two theft cases until 4/5/14, restricted from CVS at 2001 Nicollet Ave, as a condition of release. ▪ Frank Killwright – active warrants, failed to appear in court for four cases on 3/13. ▪ Ronald King – littering case set for court on 5/2. ▪ Dejuan McFarland – on probation until 4/12/14, restricted from the area as a condition of release. ▪ Walter Weyaus – littering case set for court on 4/26. <p>Staff passed around copies of SSCO's community impact statement in regard to Darryl Brooks, who was cited for littering at Franklin & Nicollet on 4/3.</p>	<p>Jennifer.Saunders@Minneapolismn.gov</p> <p>673-5402</p>

<p>Priority concerns / hot spots / chronic offenders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Narcotics-related loitering and traffic in the Clinton sector (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave), especially at 19th & 3rd – There have been two drug-related arrests in the Clinton sector over the past month. There was a report of loitering and other suspicious activity in the alley between Clinton Ave and 4th Ave, south of 19th St. A house near the mouth of the alley on 19th St was burglarized during daytime hours in January; thefts from motor vehicles and attempted burglaries were also said to have occurred in the area, although it's unclear if all of the incidents were reported to police. Property owners are taking measures to make the area safer: motion detector lights were installed on one house; fences will be erected between three houses on 19th St to prevent cut-through traffic and loitering in the side yards; lighting at a nearby apartment building has been repaired; a homeowner may ask Xcel Energy to install a street light on the wooden utility pole at the mouth of the alley at a cost of about \$10 per month. Lilligren suggested that property owners look into SSCO's Building Safety Improvement program, which offers matching grants for certain lighting and fence projects. He will find out whether the City offers any additional street or alley lighting options. Adams offered to perform security audits for the houses in that area along 19th St. Call 911 to report suspicious activity and vehicles and crimes in progress. If community members get the license plate number and description of any vehicle and driver engaged in suspected narcotics activity in that area – along with the date, time, and location – Adams can send a letter from the Police department notifying the registered owner that the vehicle was seen in an area in which mobile drug dealing has been reported. This approach can put drug dealers and buyers on notice that they are being watched in the neighborhood, which could lead them to go elsewhere. ▪ Tibet Kitchen Bar and Restaurant, 1833 Nicollet Ave – Jennifer Saunders reported that Licensing staff has decided not to consider changing the license conditions of this business at this time due to a recent incident nearby for which the required off-duty police officer was not available and restaurant staff failed to call 911 to request police response. ▪ 1913 Stevens Ave – There is a report of suspicious activity and traffic at this apartment building. <p>SSCO staff reported that Minneapolis police have a suspect in the sexual assault which occurred in Stevens Square Park on 11/19/12. Leroy Lemonte-Perry Williams (11/11/86) was arrested on 4/15 for the assault; the case is under investigation and Williams was released without being charged, although he was charged with burglary in a Richfield case. A <i>Star Tribune</i> report on 4/19 stated that "investigators collected DNA evidence from the attack, and that evidence recently matched DNA evidence taken from a Richfield case." If Williams is charged with the sexual assault, SSCO will follow the case and seek community impact statements from neighborhood residents.</p> <p>SSCO's monthly chronic offender update included cases involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jennifer Thompson (5 arrests in the area in 2012) – 7/16/12 trespassing at 1707 3rd Ave; 8/11/12 trespassing at 1707 3rd Ave; 11/24/12 trespassing at 1707 3rd Ave; 12/18/12 trespassing at 1707 3rd Ave. ▪ Mark Hamilton (on parole from prison until 4/3/14 for aggravated robbery, 53 prior convictions in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties) – 12/31/12 theft at CVS, 2001 Nicollet Ave. ▪ Taylor Gehrking (7 prior convictions in Minnesota) – 8/5/12 indecent exposure at Stevens Square Park, 1801 Stevens Ave. ▪ Carl Williams (14 arrests in the area in the past eight years, 15 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 3/31/13 consuming alcohol in public at 2020 Nicollet Ave. 	<p>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.</p>
<p>Block Patrol report – Ken Strobel</p>	<p>Ken Strobel reported that, from 3/29 to 4/25, 11 Block Patrol volunteers participated in 18 shifts, contributing a total of 53 hours. Two new members joined Block Patrol. Block Patrol teams participated in SSCO's Art Squared fundraiser on 4/6. Contact SSCO to join Block Patrol.</p>	<p>Application and guidelines are at the SSCO web site.</p>
<p>Restorative Justice Community Action report</p>	<p>An RJCA client contributed nine hours of community service in the past month picking up trash and litter in the neighborhood. RJCA is holding its spring fundraiser on 4/29 at Hell's Kitchen.</p>	<p>Call 746-0780 RJCA web site</p>