

Stevens Square Community Organization

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Safety Committee minutes – April 26, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave

Present: Ken Strobel and Michele McGaughey, co-chairs; Robert Lilligren, Ward 6 City Council; Bobbi Harrington and Jean Schwalen, Hennepin County Community Probation; Chelsea Adams, Minneapolis Police 5th Precinct; Chris Dixon, City Attorney’s Office; Deb Loveland, Minnesota Teen Challenge; Rob Helmerich, Rand Management; Julian Gray, Fades of Gray; Arlene Storandt, Eddie Chambers, Howard Penas, Paul Soderquist, Don Davis, Jerry Paulson, Maureen Wells, Samantha Teschendorf, Rachel Weishan, Aaron Szczech, Laura Blue Bird, Corwin Morton, and SSCO safety coordinator Dave Delvoye (dave_ssc@yahoo.com or 874-2840)

Agenda item	Notes/decisions	Follow up
<p>Announcements</p> <p>Contact SSCO to volunteer or for more info.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Fire Safety presentation organized by the Safety committee and facilitated by City Council Member Lilligren will take place on 5/8, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at Plymouth Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave (use the LaSalle Ave entrance). ▪ The annual 5th Precinct Open House is set for 5/14, 5 to 7 p.m., at 3101 Nicollet Ave, featuring information displays, demonstrations by police special units, a performance by the Police department band, and free food and beverages. ▪ SSCO's spring Clean Sweep is set for 5/19, 10 a.m. to noon. Meet in Stevens Square Park. ▪ The SSCO annual neighborhood meeting is set for the morning of 6/9 at Plymouth Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave. ▪ Cinema & Civics in Stevens Square Park will take place on 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, and 7/11. ▪ The Red Hot Art festival is set for 7/28 and 7/29 in Stevens Square Park. 	<p>Next Safety committee meeting: Thursday, 5/24, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.</p>
<p>Community Prosecutor report – Assistant City Attorney Chris Dixon</p>	<p>Chris Dixon distributed copies of the 5th Precinct CLEAN sheet and updated the committee on some of the offenders active in Stevens Square:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Patrick Addy – arrested on 4/13 for gross misdemeanor trespassing at Starbucks, 11 other cases set for court on 5/21/12. ▪ Charles Bailey – restricted from the area by court order. ▪ James Black – in prison on a drug conviction until 11/19/12. ▪ Darryl Brooks – back in the area, set for sentencing on 6/6/12. ▪ Maxim Chance – 3 cases set for court on 4/25/12, 1 case set for 5/10/12, and another case set for 5/21/2. ▪ Joseph Conklin – 1 case set for court on 5/22/12. ▪ Kathleen Croud – restricted from the area by court order. ▪ William Ernst – in jail on \$40,000 bail for failure to register as a predatory offender. ▪ Anthony Ford – active warrants for 6 cases. ▪ Maurice Giles – in jail on \$100,000 bail for 1st degree aggravated robbery and check forgery. ▪ Larry Harper – restricted from the area by court order. ▪ Ahmed Hired – in the workhouse until 9/6/12. ▪ Frank Killwright – 2 cases set for court on 5/7/12, will request geographic restrictions. ▪ Ronald King – active warrant, restricted from the area by court order. ▪ Harry Leftbear – active warrant. ▪ Jessica Matt – restricted from the area by court order. ▪ Brandon Miller – in prison on a drug conviction until 11/22/12. ▪ Maurice Patterson – in the workhouse until 12/18/12. ▪ Frederick Washington – active warrant. ▪ Robert Yellow Wolf – in jail on \$350,000 bail for 2 charges of 2nd degree assault with a dangerous weapon. <p>Former CLEAN sheet offender Randy McNellis is restricted from the area by court order. Dixon distributed copies of a mugshot of McNellis, who has violated the restriction several times in the past week. SSCO submitted a community impact statement in regard to McNellis on 4/12/12; copies were passed around. Dixon will continue to try to get geographic restrictions imposed on the top Stevens Square offenders.</p>	<p>Christopher.Dixon@Minneapolismn.gov 673-5402</p>

<p>Minneapolis Police report – CPS Chelsea Adams</p>	<p>Chelsea Adams distributed a map and list of Part 1 crimes reported in the neighborhood during March, noting that there were few violent crimes reported. There were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 robbery of person – 3/18, 1:20 a.m., at 19th & 3rd in which two females walking on the street were followed by a group of four to six unknown males who shouted sexual comments at them and one of whom took a purse from one of the females. ▪ 3 arrests for theft from person on 3/22 at Franklin & Nicollet – Paula Georgia Drain (7/29/56) was arrested for stealing money from an undercover officer; Christopher William McClellan (6/28/92) and a 16-year-old male were arrested for stealing money from an undercover officer. ▪ 3 apartment burglaries – 3/11 at an unlocked apartment at 1805 1st Ave; 3/14 at 1820 Stevens Ave in which two suspects entered an apartment with a handgun, assaulted the residents, and took unlisted items – police advise that this situation does not appear to be a concern for the community at large; 3/23 to 3/24 at 1926 3rd Ave in which an unknown suspect forced entry to an apartment and took change. ▪ 2 motor vehicle thefts – 3/10 to 3/13 at 1906 Clinton Ave; 3/23 at 1801 3rd Ave. ▪ 1 theft from motor vehicle – 3/25 at 1800 3rd Ave in which a window was broken out and computer items and a GPS unit stolen. ▪ 7 other incidents of theft. <p>Adams offered advice in regard to thefts: record the serial number of a bike in case it is stolen and recovered; leave no valuables inside a parked vehicle; let go to avoid injury if someone tries to steal your purse; secure window air conditioners; lock and pin windows in homes and apartments; get permission from your landlord to install a peephole in your apartment door if there is none.</p> <p>At the committee's request, the SSCO Board agreed to support the 5th Precinct's proposal to add various conditions to the license of Franklin Nicollet Liquor, 2012 Nicollet Ave.</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 3/19/12 to 4/22/12 showed 18 alcohol-related arrests (11 in 2011), 12 narcotics-related arrests (10 in 2011), and no prostitution-related arrests (1 in 2011). Year to date, there were 38 alcohol-related arrests (30 in 2011), 24 narcotics-related arrests (33 in 2011), and 1 prostitution-related arrest (3 in 2011). For the period from 3/19/12 to 4/22/12, SSCO's Google maps showed 57 police reports for the Nicollet corridor (LaSalle Ave/Blaisdell Ave to 1st Ave, I-94 to 24th St), 10 for the Stevens Square Park area (Stevens Ave to 2nd Ave, 17th St to Franklin Ave), and 36 for the Clinton sector (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave).</p>	<p>Chelsea.Adams@Minneapolismn.gov 673-2819</p> <p>CRT line (to report suspected drug and prostitution activity at specific addresses or locations): 673-5716 or contact Sara.Metcalf@Minneapolismn.gov</p> <p>Crime Prevention Resources</p> <p>911 / 311 information</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>Priority concerns / hot spots / chronic offenders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Narcotics-related loitering in the Clinton sector (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave) – There are reports of drug-related loitering at and around the Wendy's Restaurant at 325 East Franklin Ave. SSCO made copies available of a list of 23 offenders who have been charged with felonies for selling drugs to 5th Precinct Night CRT (Community Response Team) undercover officers in the area. Most of these offenders have been charged by complaint, after the fact. So far, seven have been convicted and sentenced. An updated list will be made available at each Safety committee meeting. This is an ongoing project which began in August, 2011, in response to the increase in street drug dealing in the Clinton sector as a result of the 3rd Precinct's move to clean up Peavey Park and Franklin & Chicago. The most recent undercover buy occurred on 4/20 on the 1800 block of Nicollet Ave. Chelsea Adams requests impact statements from community members about those charged with dealing drugs in the area. Contact her at Chelsea.Adams@minneapolismn.gov for further information. <p>SSCO's monthly chronic offender update included cases involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mark Bell (21 prior convictions in Minnesota) – 8/11/11 aggressive panhandling and giving police a false name at 1801 Nicollet Ave. ▪ James Wilkins (14 arrests in the area in the past six years, 15 prior convictions in Minnesota) – 1/9/12 aggressive panhandling at 2000 Nicollet Ave, Starbucks Coffee. ▪ Ibrahim Musse (6 arrests in the area in the past two years, 8 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 1/10/12 possession of liquor in a park and consuming alcohol in public at 2200 3rd Ave, Fair Oaks Park. 	<p>Contact SSCO to receive the list of offenders charged with felonies for selling drugs to undercover officers in the neighborhood.</p> <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</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ronald King (37 arrests in the area in the past six years, 69 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 3/8/12 criminal contempt of court for violating conditions of release at Groveland & Nicollet. ▪ Maurice Patterson (29 arrests in the area in the past seven years, 34 prior convictions in Minnesota) – 11/2/11 trespassing at 1929 3rd Ave. 	area along with the names of the sentencing judges and mugshots of the offenders.
Ward 6 report – City Council Member Robert Lilligren	<p>Robert Lilligren reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The City Council voted to oppose the voter i.d. constitutional amendment. ▪ The Council approved nine new cab stands downtown. ▪ On 4/27, the Council is likely to vote to return the patio ordinance to its author, effectively killing the measure. ▪ Police Chief Tim Dolan, who has been with the Police department since 1983, plans to resign at the end of this year when he completes his current term. The department's leadership presented information at a Congressional hearing about its innovative public health approach to reducing youth violence. Using this strategy in Minneapolis, juvenile crime dropped 56% and juvenile gun crime declined 58% from 2006 to 2010. ▪ The I-35W Transit /Access Project is holding an open house on 5/1, 5 to 7 p.m., at Whittier Community Center to present the results of the first half of its 18-month design process. ▪ It appears that momentum continues to build to reopen Nicollet Ave at Lake St. The City's master plan, its streetcar plan, and Metro Transit's study of streetcars on the Midtown Greenway all call for reopening Nicollet. The process could still take four to six years to complete. ▪ There was a discussion about the Vikings stadium issue. The Council held a procedural vote to add the stadium project to the City's list of legislative priorities for 2012. The resolution passed on a 7 to 6 vote, with Lilligren among those voting against it. The City charter requires a referendum to spend more than \$10 million on a professional sports facility, which the plan under consideration at the Legislature and supported by the Mayor would override. 	<p>Robert.Lilligren@Minneapolismn.gov</p> <p>673-2206</p> <p>Ward 6 web site</p> <p>Office hours at 1925 Nicollet Ave: third Monday of each month, 9:30 a.m. to noon, except for city holidays. Call to make an appointment.</p>
Restorative Justice Community Action report	One RJCA client contributed 16 hours of community service during the past two months picking up trash and litter in the neighborhood. A community conference for Drug Court cases is set for 5/5 at 10 a.m. at Plymouth Church. To participate, contact Sheila Mirembe at 746-0784.	RJCA web site
Block Patrol report – Arlene Storandt	<p>Arlene Storandt reported that, from 3/23 to 4/26, 17 Block Patrol volunteers participated in 28 shifts, contributing a total of 81 hours. Two new members joined Block Patrol. The Stevens Square police substation will soon be moving to 1905 1st Ave. Storandt shared some stories from the Block Patrol log.</p> <p>Block Patrol received a two-year restraining order against Brandon Lee Cloud, who threatened a team during a citizen's arrest on 3/28. Cloud, who was convicted of disorderly conduct for this incident and whose parole was subsequently revoked, is prohibited from having any contact with Block Patrol teams and from being in the neighborhood. Cloud is due to be released from prison on 10/5/12. Thanks to Bobbi Harrington, Chris Dixon, Alice White, and Karen Ives for their help with that matter.</p>	<p>Contact SSCO to join Block Patrol.</p> <p>Application and guidelines are at the SSCO web site.</p>

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Dave Delvoye.