

Stevens Square Community Organization

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Safety Committee minutes – May 23, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.

Present: Ken Strobel and Michele McGaughey, co-chairs; Tara Rother, Hennepin County Community Probation; Jennifer Saunders, City Attorney’s Office; Malcolm Williams, Plymouth Church; Dave Hautman, Franklin Nicollet Liquor; Julian Gray, Fades of Gray; Adam Campbell, Stevens Community Apartments; Eddie Chambers, Jerry Paulson, John Ryser, Howard Penas, Arlene Storandt, John Pillen, and safety coordinator Dave Delvoye (dave_ssc@yahoo.com or 874-2840)

Agenda item	Notes/decisions	Follow up
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cinema & Civics in Stevens Square Park will take place every Wednesday evening in June. ▪ The SSCO annual meeting is set for Saturday, 6/8, at Plymouth Church. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10:00. ▪ 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, 6/27, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.
Minneapolis Police report	<p>Jennifer Saunders reported that CPS Chelsea Adams was unable to attend the meeting because of a prior commitment to participate in the Neighborhoods USA conference. Saunders reported that the 5th Precinct Open House on 5/14 was well-attended. Crime trends in the precinct include an increase in thefts from motor vehicles and thefts of wallets and purses at restaurants and bars. Lock your vehicle and don't leave anything of value inside.</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, 19 of the 23 cases have been resolved.</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 4/22 to 5/19 showed 14 alcohol-related arrests (19 in 2012), 2 narcotics-related arrests (9 in 2012), and no prostitution-related arrests (none in 2012). Year to date, there were 40 alcohol-related arrests (57 in 2012), 24 narcotics-related arrests (32 in 2012), and 1 prostitution-related arrest (1 in 2012). For the period from 4/22 to 5/19, SSCO's Google maps showed 26 police reports for the Nicollet corridor (LaSalle Ave/Blaisdell Ave to 1st Ave, I-94 to 24th St), 6 for the Stevens Square Park area (Stevens Ave to 2nd Ave, 17th St to Franklin Ave), and 7 for the Clinton sector (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave). 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>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>
Community Prosecutor report – Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Saunders	<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 11/17 for gross misdemeanor trespassing, then on probation for a second trespassing sentence until 5/21/14. ▪ Darryl Brooks – 2 cases (littering and disorderly conduct) set for court on 5/22. ▪ Maxim Chance – 4 cases (theft, gross misdemeanor trespassing, loitering, and crimes against Metro Transit) set for court on 7/17. ▪ Ellery Charging Thunder – trespassing case set for court on 5/29, another trespassing case set for court on 6/17. ▪ William Ernst – in the workhouse until 10/15. ▪ Troy Fait – failed to report to the workhouse on 5/21 to serve 90 days for trespassing, warrant pending. ▪ Anthony Ford – in the workhouse until 6/29. ▪ Frank Killwright – 4 active warrants. ▪ Ronald King – 5 active warrants. ▪ Harry Leftbear – in the workhouse until 6/7, then on probation until 5/21/14. ▪ Dejuan McFarland – 1 case (criminal contempt of court) set for court on 6/21, 3 cases (disorderly conduct and two criminal contempt of court) set for court on 8/8. 	Jennifer.Saunders@Minneapolismn.gov 673-5402

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brandon Miller – 3 cases (5th degree felony drug possession, loitering, and theft) set for court on 7/17. ▪ Farid Suleiman – on probation for felony theft until 5/9/14. ▪ Walter Weyaus – active warrant. <p>Staff passed around copies of SSCO's community impact statement in regard to Ronald King, who was cited for trespassing at 1801 LaSalle Ave on 5/4.</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 that area in the past month (4/29 and 5/12). There are reports that police have increased patrols of the alley between Clinton Ave and 4th Ave, south of 19th St, which was the subject of complaints at the 4/25 committee meeting. Grace Temple Deliverance Center will fix their lighting along that alley. Property owners in that area have posted No Trespassing signs. There was a report of loitering on the steps to the parking lot just south of the Third Avenue Market, 1905 3rd Ave. ▪ 1913 Stevens Ave – There are ongoing reports of suspicious activity and traffic at this apartment building. Chronic offender Edward Thomas was arrested in an apartment in this building on 5/15 for a felony warrant for 3rd degree sale of drugs. ▪ Stevens Square Park, 1801 Stevens Ave – 5th Precinct and Park police have focused enforcement on the park since the snow has melted. So far this year, two people have been cited in the park for alcohol-related offenses. <p>SSCO's monthly chronic offender update included cases involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Michael Mathis (5 arrests in the area in 2011 and 2012) – 3/28/12 consuming alcohol in public and open bottle at Franklin & Nicollet; 6/27/12 interfering with traffic at Franklin & Nicollet; 10/24/12 littering at Franklin & Nicollet. ▪ Willis Taylor (7 arrests in the area from 2008 to 2012, 71 prior convictions in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties) – 12/8/12 trespassing at 1814 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 – Arlene Storandt</p>	<p>Arlene Storandt reported that, from 4/26 to 5/23, 16 Block Patrol volunteers participated in 24 shifts, contributing a total of 95 hours. One new member joined Block Patrol. A Block Patrol team attended the 5th Precinct Open House on 5/14. Storandt shared a story from the Block Patrol log.</p>	<p>Application and guidelines are at the SSCO web site.</p>
<p>Safety coordinator report</p>	<p>Ken Strobel reported that the SSCO Board, in reviewing its strategic plan earlier this month, made some suggestions for Block Patrol and the Safety committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Incorporate the role of "neighborhood ambassador" into Block Patrol's responsibilities by encouraging people to approach and get information from the teams. <p>Committee members were in favor of this recommendation, since Block Patrol already provides that service but not in a way that's specifically tied to promoting the neighborhood. There was a suggestion to update and expand the kind of information Block Patrol teams carry and distribute.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ask Block Patrol to participate in neighborhood tours which would be organized by the new Outreach & Events committee. Committee members were in favor of this recommendation, suggesting that this could be a way to educate residents, especially newcomers, about the neighborhood's history and all that the area has to offer. This could also be a great recruiting tool. There was a suggestion to find out if there is any interest among residents in such tours. ▪ Safety committee should organize a neighborhood-wide National Night Out (NNO) event, which falls on Tuesday, 8/6, this year. <p>Committee members liked the idea of having such an event, but no one expressed interest in taking the lead or helping to plan or organize it. Three people offered to help out on the night of the event. The original idea of NNO was to have small events so that immediate neighbors would have a chance to get to know each other. Last year there were only two NNO parties in the</p>	

	<p>neighborhood, one sponsored by Minnesota Teen Challenge in Stevens Square Park which provided free food and was open to everyone but lasted a short time, the other sponsored by the Public Housing high rise at 1707 3rd Ave which was for residents of that building. There was a suggestion to partner with one or both of those organizations. There was also a suggestion to ask the SSCO Board to take on the task of organizing such an event.</p> <p>Strobel said that he would report back to the Board on the discussion.</p>	
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Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Dave Delvoye.