

# Stevens Square Community Organization

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## Safety Committee minutes – May 24, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave



**Present:** Ken Strobel and Michele McGaughey, co-chairs; Robert Lilligren, Ward 6 City Council; Matt Clark, Minneapolis Police 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct; Chris Dixon, City Attorney's Office; Malcolm Williams, Plymouth Congregational Church; Dave Hautman, Franklin Nicollet Liquor; Arlene Storandt, Eddie Chambers, Aaron Szczech, Jerry Paulson, Maureen Wells, Matt Gerard, Jill Ferguson, and SSCO safety coordinator Dave Delvoe ([dave\\_ssc@yahoo.com](mailto: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"> <li>▪ The <a href="#">SSCO annual neighborhood meeting</a> is set for 6/9 at Plymouth Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave: registration begins at 9:30 a.m., the meeting at 10 a.m. Use the LaSalle Ave entrance.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Cinema &amp; Civics</a> in Stevens Square Park will take place at 8 p.m. on 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, and 7/11.</li> <li>▪ The <a href="#">Red Hot Art</a> festival is set for 7/28 and 7/29 in Stevens Square Park.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">National Night Out</a> is on 8/7.</li> </ul>	<p>Next Safety committee meeting: Thursday, 6/28, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.</p>
<p>Minneapolis Police report – Inspector Matt Clark</p>	<p>Matt Clark thanked Block Patrol for attending the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct's Open House on 5/14. The event was well attended. The 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct has been working with Tibet Kitchen, 1833 Nicollet Ave, to help the business comply with its licensing conditions. There have been no issues or complaints. Clark and others including Council Member Lilligren, Community Attorney Dixon, and staff from SSCO and Whittier Alliance have been working on a number of projects, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Following up on a plan to prevent and reduce problems at – and in the vicinity of – the weekday free meal program run by <a href="#">Loaves &amp; Fishes</a> at St Stephen's Catholic Church, 2211 Clinton Ave.</li> <li>▪ Working on a security plan with <a href="#">St Stephen's Human Services</a>, which is moving most of its day service programs to 2309 Nicollet Ave.</li> </ul> <p>Clark has secured \$7,000 in buyback (overtime) funds to increase 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Night CRT's (Community Response Team) details in the area over the next month. 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 since August, 2011. So far, eight have been convicted and sentenced. The County Attorney has two prosecutors assigned to this project.</p> <p>So far this year, violent crime in the precinct is down 16% compared to 2011. Clark credited the precinct's collaborative projects with community groups, along with the great work of the officers and follow up by the Community Attorney, for this improvement. Property crime is up 11% compared to 2011, sparked by a 31% increase in theft, mostly from retail stores. According to numbers compiled by SSCO staff, violent crime is down in the neighborhood, with 3 robberies of person reported from January through April compared to 8 last year.</p> <p>In response to questions from community members, Clark encouraged residents to check up regularly on their vulnerable neighbors and to <a href="#">be alert</a> and trust their instincts on the streets in order to avoid uncomfortable or dangerous situations. It's too soon to tell whether crime has increased at Public Housing high-rises since security staff cuts were implemented, although crime at Horn Towers in the Lyndale neighborhood is down this year. Police have received reports of intruders checking doors in some Public Housing buildings and entering apartments if doors were left unlocked. Call 911 to report that kind of suspicious behavior in progress.</p> <p>Copies of a map and list of Part 1 crimes reported in the neighborhood during April were provided by CPS Chelsea Adams and made available. There were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 robbery of person: 4/14, 1:05 a.m., at Franklin &amp; Nicollet which also involved 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault with a dangerous weapon.</li> </ul>	<p>Chelsea.Adams@Minneapolismn.gov 673-2819</p> <p><a href="#">CRT</a> line (to report suspected drug and prostitution activity at specific addresses or locations): 673-5716 or contact Sara.Metcalf@Minneapolismn.gov</p> <p><a href="#">Crime Prevention Resources</a></p> <p><a href="#">911 / 311 information</a></p> <p>Contact SSCO to receive the list of offenders charged with felonies for selling drugs to undercover officers in the neighborhood.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 other aggravated assault: 4/21, 2:25 a.m., 4<sup>th</sup> degree assault of a police officer at 220 East 19<sup>th</sup> St.</li> <li>▪ 3 burglaries of dwelling: 4/7 at 1824 4<sup>th</sup> Ave; 4/11 at 102 East 19<sup>th</sup> St which also involved aggravated domestic assault; 4/29 at 217 Ridgewood Ave.</li> <li>▪ 1 motor vehicle theft: 4/22 at 1829 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.</li> <li>▪ 1 recovery of a stolen vehicle: 4/29 at 1912 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.</li> <li>▪ 10 incidents of theft.</li> </ul> <p>SSCO's Google maps and lists of arrests in the area from Lyndale Ave to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, I-94 to 24<sup>th</sup> St, from 4/23/12 to 5/20/12 showed 19 <a href="#">alcohol-related arrests</a> (9 in 2011), 9 <a href="#">narcotics-related arrests</a> (10 in 2011), and no prostitution-related arrests (1 in 2011). Year to date, there were 57 alcohol-related arrests (39 in 2011), 32 narcotics-related arrests (43 in 2011), and 1 prostitution-related arrest (4 in 2011). For the period from 4/23/12 to 5/20/12, SSCO's Google maps showed 46 police reports for the <a href="#">Nicollet corridor</a> (LaSalle Ave/Blaisdell Ave to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, I-94 to 24<sup>th</sup> St), 12 for the <a href="#">Stevens Square Park area</a> (Stevens Ave to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, 17<sup>th</sup> St to Franklin Ave), and 19 for the <a href="#">Clinton sector</a> (3<sup>rd</sup> Ave to 4<sup>th</sup> 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>Community Prosecutor report – Assistant City Attorney Chris Dixon</p>	<p>Chris Dixon reported good news: for the first time, SSCO staff had no offenders to add to the quarterly update of the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct CLEAN sheet. No new chronic offenders have emerged in the neighborhood in the past three months, which is phenomenal.</p> <p>Dixon distributed copies of the CLEAN sheet and updated the committee on some of the offenders active in Stevens Square. Many of these offenders are in jail, the workhouse, or prison; restricted from the area; or have active warrants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">Derick Addison</a> – active warrants.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Charles Bailey</a> – restricted from the area by court order.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">James Black</a> – in prison on a drug conviction until 11/19/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Darryl Brooks</a> – in the workhouse until 6/8/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Maxim Chance</a> – in jail on \$20,000 bail, 9 cases set for court on 5/30/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Joseph Conklin</a> – 2 cases set for court on 5/25/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Kathleen Croud</a> – in jail on \$10,000 bail, 1 case set for court on 6/12/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">William Ernst</a> – in jail on \$40,000 bail, 3 cases set for court on 6/4/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Maurice Giles</a> – in jail on \$100,000 bail for 1<sup>st</sup> degree aggravated robbery, set for court on 7/9/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Larry Harper</a> – restricted from the area by court order.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Ahmed Hired</a> – in the workhouse until 9/6/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Frank Killwright</a> – ordered to report to the workhouse on 5/24/12 to serve 45 days or serve 90 days if he fails to report.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Ronald King</a> – in the workhouse until 6/27/12, restricted from the area by court order.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Harry Leftbear</a> – active warrant.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Jessica Matt</a> – in jail for a probation violation hearing set for 5/24/12, restricted from the area by court order.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Randy McNellis</a> – in jail awaiting sentencing for 6 cases on 6/1/12, restricted from the area by court order.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Brandon Miller</a> – in prison on a drug conviction until 11/22/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Maurice Patterson</a> – in the workhouse until 12/18/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Farid Suleiman</a> – in jail on \$25 bail, 1 case set for court on 5/24/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Frederick Washington</a> – in the workhouse until 7/7/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Robert Yellow Wolf</a> – in jail on \$400,000 bail, 3 cases of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault with a dangerous weapon set for court on 6/29/12.</li> </ul> <p>Dixon reported that the City Attorney's office is conducting an internal review of the recent cases involving <a href="#">Patrick Addy</a> and <a href="#">Anthony Ford</a> to determine whether they were prosecuted appropriately. SSCO submitted a community impact statement in regard to Patrick Addy; all five of the pending cases from the neighborhood were subsequently dismissed. Copies of the statement were passed around.</p>	<p>Christopher.Dixon@Minneapolismn.gov 673-5402</p>

<p>Priority concerns / hot spots / chronic offenders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Narcotics-related loitering in the Clinton sector (3<sup>rd</sup> Ave to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave) – There are numerous reports of drug dealing at and around 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; Clinton. There are reports of late-night drug- and prostitution-related loitering on Franklin Ave from 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.</li> <li>▪ 1801 Nicollet Ave – There were complaints about the parking lot on the south side of this commercial building in regard to insufficient capacity and the traffic problems which often result.</li> </ul> <p>SSCO’s monthly chronic offender update included cases involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">Patrick Addy</a> (10 arrests in the area in the past two years, 44 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 9/24/11 disorderly conduct at 24<sup>th</sup> &amp; Nicollet; 10/22/11 gross misdemeanor trespassing at 1812 Nicollet Ave, Uruba Restaurant; 11/11/11 obstructing the legal process and interfering with traffic at 1823 Nicollet Ave; 4/13/12 aggressive panhandling and gross misdemeanor trespassing at 2000 Nicollet Ave, Starbucks Coffee; 5/3/12 consuming alcohol in public at 1801 Stevens Ave, Stevens Square Park.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Anthony Ford</a> (10 arrests in the area in the past four years, 26 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 9/7/11 consuming alcohol in public and possession of a small amount of marijuana at 2119 Pillsbury Ave; 10/14/11 open bottle at 1700 Nicollet Ave.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Darryl Brooks</a> (42 arrests in the area in the past eight years, 36 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 9/29/11 trespassing and criminal contempt of court at 2119 Pillsbury Ave.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Frederick Washington</a> (19 arrests in the area in the past five years, 17 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 3/16/12 consuming alcohol in public and trespassing at 1900 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Dejuan McFarland</a> (4 arrests in the area in the past year, 27 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 9/9/11 giving police a false name at 2011 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Linda McCoy Barnes</a> – 12/20/11 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony sale of drugs at 62<sup>nd</sup> &amp; Lyndale.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Calvin Rallings</a> (6 arrests in the area in the past year, 1 prior conviction in Hennepin County) – 7/5/11 possession of liquor in a park at 1801 Stevens Ave, Stevens Square Park; 10/7/11 misdemeanor narcotics violation at 19th &amp; Nicollet.</li> </ul>	<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>Ward 6 report – City Council Member Robert Lilligren</p>	<p>Robert Lilligren passed around a sign-up sheet for the biweekly Sixth Ward e-newsletter, which can also be received by contacting the ward office. The City is now posting updates on <a href="#">Twitter</a>. City meetings can be viewed live on cable access channel 79 or online at the <a href="#">Minneapolis 79</a> web site. Video of past meetings is also archived at this site.</p> <p>Lilligren reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ "Bicycling" magazine has ranked Minneapolis the <a href="#">second best biking city</a> in the country.</li> <li>▪ The second annual benefit concert for the Friends of the Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery is set for 4:30 p.m. on 6/9 at the cemetery at 2925 Cedar Ave. The bands Low and Zoo Animal will perform. Check the <a href="#">web site</a> for ticket information.</li> <li>▪ On 5/25 the City Council will decide whether to move toward <a href="#">single sort recycling</a> in 2013. Implementing this program is expected to increase the rate of residential recycling in Minneapolis from 18% to 32%.</li> <li>▪ On 5/25 the City Council is expected to award a design consulting contract for the streetcar project.</li> <li>▪ On 5/25 the City Council will vote on the <a href="#">Vikings stadium proposal</a>, which is expected to pass by a vote of 7 to 6. Lilligren is opposed to the plan.</li> </ul> <p>Matt Gerard – who is a member of the Board of Commissioners of the <a href="#">Minneapolis Public Housing Authority</a> (MPHA), chair of the citywide Minneapolis Highrise Representative Council, and chair of the Resident Council at 1920 4<sup>th</sup> Ave – spoke about the effect of recent budget cuts on security at the MPHA highrise buildings in the neighborhood. The City decided to cut its special \$1.4 million Public Housing tax levy in 2010, 2011, and 2012 which led MPHA to reduce its security budget by about 59% this year to roughly \$1 million. Lilligren explained that the City Council made the initial cut to ease property tax increases and subsequently decided not to restore the levy. Lilligren opposed those cuts – which are having a severe impact on areas with MPHA highrises and little impact on other areas – and will work to restore at least some of those funds for 2013. Additional reductions in federal funding for MPHA have exacerbated the problem. Security guard hours at 1920 4<sup>th</sup> Ave have been reduced</p>	<p>Robert.Lilligren@Minneapolismn.gov</p> <p>673-2206</p> <p><a href="#">Ward 6 web site</a></p> <p><a href="#">Office hours</a> 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>

	<p>by at least two thirds and at 1707 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave by half. The Project Lookout crime prevention volunteer groups at the highrises – which citywide have lost \$200,000 in annual grants from the State – are under pressure to cover for the loss of guard hours, which is putting a strain on their volunteer base. MPHA may use its reserve funds to support Project Lookout in lieu of security guards. SSCO staff explained the close relationship between the neighborhood and the highrises in regard to community safety: problems on the streets of the neighborhood – especially in the Clinton sector – quickly spread to the highrises, and vice versa. The outstanding management and volunteer leadership at the highrises has contributed significantly to the decline in street crime in that area over the past half dozen years. MPHA is collecting data on the impact of the cuts at the highrises citywide. MPHA had been awarded federal stimulus funds to make capital improvements, including security camera systems, at its properties while at the same time its funding for operations, including security guards, has decreased.</p>	
<p>Block Patrol report – Arlene Storandt</p>	<p>Arlene Storandt reported that, from 4/27 to 5/24, 14 Block Patrol volunteers participated in 23 shifts, contributing a total of 85 hours. Block Patrol volunteers attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Open House on 5/14. Storandt shared some stories from the Block Patrol log.</p>	<p>Contact SSCO to join Block Patrol.  <a href="#">Application and guidelines</a> are at the SSCO web site.</p>

*Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.*

*Meeting minutes prepared by Dave Delvoye.*