

## Stevens Square Community Organization

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### Safety Committee minutes – May 27, 2010, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.



**Present:** Michele McGaughey and Ken Strobel, co-chairs; Robert Lilligren, Ward 6 City Council; Bobbi Harrington and Jean Schwalen, Hennepin County Community Probation; Tony Diaz, Michael Friestleben, and Michael Killebrew, Minneapolis Police 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct; Chris Dixon, City Attorney's office; Taryn Runck, Restorative Justice Community Action; Malcolm Williams, Plymouth Congregational Church; Rob Helmerichs, Rand Management; Max Ellis, UPI Property Management; Arlene Storandt, Richard Evans, Jerry Paulson, Charles Rosensteel, Ray Perry, Mary Gunderson, Rochelle Peyton, Robert Fischer, Eddie Chambers, Connie Bernt, and SSCO safety coordinator Dave Delvoye ([dave\\_ssc@yahoo.com](mailto:dave_ssc@yahoo.com) or (874-2840) Meeting agendas and minutes are at [http://www.sscoweb.org/What\\_We\\_Do/Community\\_Safety/Agendas\\_and\\_Minutes/](http://www.sscoweb.org/What_We_Do/Community_Safety/Agendas_and_Minutes/)

Agenda item	Notes/decisions	Follow up
Announcements – contact SSCO to volunteer or for more info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The committee will elect two co-chairs for the upcoming year (July 2010 to June 2011) at its 6/24 meeting. Contact staff at 874-2840 or <a href="mailto:dave_ssc@yahoo.com">dave_ssc@yahoo.com</a> for information about eligibility and responsibilities.</li><li>▪ SSCO annual meeting, 6/12, 10 a.m., Plymouth Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave.</li><li>▪ Cinema &amp; Civics in Stevens Square Park, every Wednesday at 8 p.m. from 6/16 to 7/21. <a href="http://www.cinemaandcivics.org/site_10/">http://www.cinemaandcivics.org/site_10/</a></li><li>▪ SSCO farmers market, 2:00 to 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday starting 7/7 in the Plymouth Church parking lot at Franklin &amp; Nicollet.</li><li>▪ Red Hot Art festival in Stevens Square Park, 7/31 &amp; 8/1. <a href="http://redhotart.org/">http://redhotart.org/</a></li></ul>	Next Safety committee meeting: Thursday, 6/24, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.

<p>Community Probation report – Probation Officers Bobbi Harrington and Jean Schwalen</p>	<p>Jean Schwalen reported that chronic offender <a href="#">Jessica Matt</a> is back in the workhouse, this time until 8/25. Bobbi Harrington reported that chronic offender <a href="#">Pamela Beaulieu</a> is in custody and goes to court for a probation violation on 6/1. Beaulieu was recently arrested for 5<sup>th</sup> degree assault.</p> <p>There were questions regarding the recent homicide near Lake Calhoun and press reports that police were gearing up for a summer of increased gang violence. Tony Diaz emphasized that the homicide was an isolated incident which does not reflect the situation in that area and that much of the concern expressed about gang activity is focused on the north side. There are some Somali gang members active in the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct but, except for those passing through the area, there is not much organized gang activity in Stevens Square. Michael Friestleben of 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct <a href="#">CRT</a> (community response team) reported that certain businesses at Franklin &amp; Lyndale and 22<sup>nd</sup> &amp; Lyndale draw some people who cause problems during late night hours, and that there has been drug traffic and gang disputes around 22<sup>nd</sup> &amp; Portland in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. His team is trying to keep these kinds of problems out of the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct. A community member reported increased loitering around the Third Avenue Market, especially on the stairs on the south side of the building, and asked about the reporting status and conditions of release of Level 3 sex offender <a href="#">Robert Loren Thompson</a>, who was recently seen at Stevens Square Park. All registered sex offenders living in the city must register with the <a href="#">MPD Sex Crimes unit</a>, to which all questions should be directed.</p>	<p>Contact info:</p> <p>Bobbi.Harrington@co.hennepin.mn.us 879-8075</p> <p>Jean.C.Schwalen@co.hennepin.mn.us 879-8212</p>
<p>Community Prosecutor report – Assistant City Attorney Chris Dixon</p>	<p>Chris Dixon distributed copies of the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct CLEAN sheet, which is at <a href="http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/about/docs/Pct5CLEAN.pdf">http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/about/docs/Pct5CLEAN.pdf</a> and provided updates on some Stevens Square offenders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">Curtis Batton</a> – Goes to court on 6/14 for a probation violation on a 3/3/10 domestic assault case at Franklin &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> and for a felony from last year.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Darryl Brooks</a> – Goes to court on 6/22 for a 2/9/10 public urination case at 2120 Nicollet Ave.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Maxim Chance</a> – In jail on \$40,000 bail for a felony domestic assault case which, along with eight other cases, is set for court on 7/19.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Joseph Conklin</a> – Furloughed to treatment.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Osbin Davis</a> – In the workhouse until 6/21.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Maurice Giles</a> – Scheduled to appear in court today for sentencing on a 5/6/10 disorderly conduct case at 344 East Franklin Ave.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Larry Harper</a> – Released from the workhouse today.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Tammie Houle</a> – Ordered to report regularly to Mental Health court.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Ronald King</a> – Probation revoked today after failing to report for treatment, ordered to serve 180 days in the workhouse, 9/17 release date.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Randy McNellis</a> – In the workhouse until 6/17.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Kenneth Nickaboine</a> – In custody for a bench warrant on an open bottle case.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Maurice Patterson</a> – Goes to court on 6/3 for a consuming alcohol in public case.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Walter Weyaus</a> – Goes to court on 6/1 for a 5/18/10 open bottle case at Plymouth Church.</li> </ul> <p>Dixon is waiting for a decision from a judicial committee regarding his request that the misdemeanor offenses of “consuming alcohol in public” and “loitering with open bottle” be added to the bail schedule, which would give police the ability to book offenders in jail for these crimes.</p>	<p>Contact info:</p> <p>Christopher.Dixon@ci.minneapolis.mn.us 673-5402</p>

<p>Minneapolis Police report – Lieutenant Tony Diaz, Sergeant Michael Friestleben, Officer Michael Killebrew</p>	<p>Tony Diaz reported that alcohol arrests in the area were down significantly in the past month compared to last year (26 vs 63), and that the number of narcotics arrests stayed about the same. Officer Kou Vang will return soon to his night beat patrol job in the neighborhood. The 5/1/10 aggravated robbery at 1820 Stevens Ave is under investigation, and police are working with the new building manager at that address to resolve problems related to the shots fired incident there on 5/11/10. Police have focused on a number of addresses on the 1800 block of Stevens Ave and, with the help of Park police, on Stevens Square Park in response to complaints about drug dealing, loitering, trespassing, and disorderly behavior. Diaz encouraged residents to share their concerns and information with him and emphasized the need for property owners and managers to work with police to resolve problems. The city <a href="#">rental licensing ordinance</a> is a way to hold landlords accountable for certain criminal behavior by tenants on the premises. Council Member Robert Lilligren reported that rental license revocations have increased significantly during the past several years. Call or e-mail <a href="#">311</a> to make complaints to Housing Inspections about the physical condition of residential properties.</p> <p>The manager of 1816, 1820, and 1830 Stevens Ave, who has been on the job for about two weeks, reported that some progress is being made in resolving the problems at those buildings. A number of arrests have been made recently, and some of the drug traffic has moved to the alley and to the vicinity of 110 East 18<sup>th</sup> St. A number of tenants are being evicted.</p> <p>Michael Killebrew offered advice about preventing thefts from motor vehicles: don't leave any items inside parked vehicles. Call <a href="#">911</a> to report suspicious persons loitering around or looking into parked vehicles. Videotaping suspicious activity or making a citizen's arrest after the fact when police arrive are effective ways to help police apprehend suspects. Dixon stated that, in his experience prosecuting cases, no one making a citizen's arrest has had to testify in court. <a href="http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/docs/TIPSPREV.pdf">http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/docs/TIPSPREV.pdf</a></p> <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 4/19/10 to 5/23/10 showed 26 alcohol-related arrests (63 in 2009), 20 narcotics-related arrests (19 in 2009), and no prostitution-related arrests (3 in 2009). Year to date, there have been 126 alcohol-related arrests (139 in 2009), 42 narcotics-related arrests (58 in 2009), and 12 prostitution-related arrests (5 in 2009). For the same period, SSCO's Google maps showed 76 police reports for the Nicollet corridor (LaSalle Ave/Blaisdell Ave to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, I-94 to 24<sup>th</sup> St), 18 for the Stevens Square Park area (Stevens Ave to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, 17<sup>th</sup> St to Franklin Ave) and 17 for the Clinton sector (3<sup>rd</sup> Ave to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave). Information in text format is at <a href="http://www.sscoweb.org/What_We_Do/Community_Safety/Crime_Information/index.htm">http://www.sscoweb.org/What_We_Do/Community_Safety/Crime_Information/index.htm</a></p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> Precinct information is at <a href="http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/about/5th-precinct.asp">http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/about/5th-precinct.asp</a></p>	<p>Contact info:</p> <p>Chelsea.Adams@ci.minneapolis.mn.us 673-2819</p> <p>Anthony.Diaz@ci.minneapolis.mn.us 673-3137</p> <p>CRT line (to report suspected drug and prostitution activity at specific addresses or locations): 673-5716</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>
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<p>Priority concerns, hot spots, chronic offenders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1800 Stevens Ave – The property manager has hired a private security guard to help resolve problems at this apartment building and to patrol others nearby.</li> <li>▪ 1816, 1820, 1830 Stevens Ave – There are numerous complaints about suspicious traffic, drug dealing, shots fired, armed robberies, trespassing, and other problems at and around these apartment buildings. See the comments in the Minneapolis Police report section above.</li> <li>▪ 1900 and 1904 1<sup>st</sup> Ave – There are reports of suspicious traffic to these apartment buildings.</li> <li>▪ Level 3 sex offender <a href="#">Brent Murray Spafford</a> is due to be released from prison on 7/12/10.</li> </ul> <p>SSCO’s monthly chronic offender update featured cases involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">William Casarez</a>: 4/22/10 public urination and disorderly conduct at 2000 Nicollet Ave, Starbucks Coffee.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Nanette Haggi</a>: 5/10/10 trespassing, loitering with intent to buy or sell narcotics, and possession of drug paraphernalia at LaSalle Community Garden.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Larry Harper</a>: 3/10/10 consuming alcohol in public and criminal contempt of court for violating conditions of release at 22<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup>.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Ronald King</a>: 3/31/10 criminal contempt of court for violating conditions of release at 1814 Nicollet Ave; 4/1/10 criminal contempt of court for violating conditions of release at Groveland &amp; Nicollet; 5/3/10 criminal contempt of court for violating conditions of release at Franklin &amp; Nicollet.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Jessica Matt</a>: 1/14/10 prostitution at Franklin &amp; 4<sup>th</sup>; 4/14/10 consuming alcohol in public and criminal contempt of court for violating conditions of release at 2025 Nicollet Ave.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Randy McNellis</a>: 3/26/10 trespassing at 1820 Stevens Ave.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Brandon Miller</a>: 4/13/10 possession of drug paraphernalia at 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup>.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Charles Roberts</a>: 1/11/10 trespassing at Franklin &amp; Nicollet; 3/30/10 consuming alcohol in public at 1800 Stevens Ave.</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>
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<p>Ward 6 report – City Council Member Robert Lilligren</p>	<p>Robert Lilligren thanked the committee for being a great group of allies. He reported on the outcome of the recent legislative session and its impact on the city. The state pushed any resolution of its long-term financial problems out to the future, which means that the city will not experience any additional cuts in state aid this year. The state gang task force was restructured. The governor line-item vetoed a bonding request for the <a href="#">Minnesota African American Museum and Cultural Center</a> proposed for 1700 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.</p> <p>The City Council is considering restructuring housing inspections for multi-unit buildings following an assessment of the program which was reorganized and put under the jurisdiction of the Fire department a number of years ago. There is a proposal to move training and oversight of inspectors out of the Fire department and back to Housing Inspections in order to improve operations.</p> <p>The city has received a federal emergency response grant to help cover the \$12 million cost of establishing a coordinated system to track land management and property ownership. This would include a database giving police and fire personnel all information about any property to which they might respond. The Minneapolis Public Housing Authority has received federal stimulus funds to improve energy efficiency at its properties. Lilligren agreed to contact Metro Transit about installing an additional trash container at the westbound bus stop at Franklin &amp; Nicollet.</p> <p>Ward 6 information is at <a href="http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward6/">http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward6/</a></p>	<p>Contact info:  Robert.Lilligren@ci.minneapolis.mn.us 673-2206</p>
<p>Restorative Justice Community Action report – Community Coordinator Taryn Runck</p>	<p>Taryn Runck reported that the Powderhorn Park neighborhood’s Midtown Restorative Justice Council is now part of RJCA. The same services will be offered under the new arrangement, and all RJCA cases of soliciting for prostitution will now be conferenced at Midtown. Drug Court clients will now participate in an RJCA community conference as part of the court process. Council Member Lilligren reported that, due to budget cuts, financial support for RJCA from the community is now greater than that provided by the city.</p> <p>A community conference involving two cases from Stevens Square (open bottle and littering) and one from Uptown is set for 6/7. To participate, contact Taryn. Two RJCA clients provided 14 hours of community service for SSCO in the past month, removing graffiti from public property in the neighborhood. <a href="http://www.rjca-inc.org/">http://www.rjca-inc.org/</a></p>	<p>Contact info:  Taryn Runck trunck@rjca-inc.org 746-0784</p>
<p>Block Patrol report – Arlene Storandt</p>	<p>From 4/23 to 5/27, 12 Block Patrol volunteers participated in 22 shifts, contributing a total of 95 hours. Six shifts were cancelled. On 5/13, a Block Patrol team attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Open House.</p> <p>The Block Patrol guidelines and application are at <a href="http://www.sscoweb.org/What_We_Do/Community_Safety/Block_Patrol/">http://www.sscoweb.org/What_We_Do/Community_Safety/Block_Patrol/</a></p>	<p>Contact SSCO to join Block Patrol.</p>