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Community Safety meeting minutes – June 22, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.

Present: Corwin Morton, chair; Kathy Waite, Eric Dison, Carl Valdez, Minneapolis Police department; Matt Wilcox, City Attorney’s office; Drew Kirch, Hennepin County Neighborhood Probation; Annie Kackman and Ashlynn, Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge; Jerry Paulson, John Littlejohn, Ken Strobel, Jill Ferguson, Devin Ross, Josh Stock, Mario Vargas, Brandi Cavalletti, and SSCO safety coordinator Dave Delvoe (dave_ssc@yahoo.com)

Note: A sheet with some of the printed information presented at this meeting is available at this [link](#) or upon request.

Agenda item	Notes/decisions	Follow up
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cinema & Civics in Stevens Square Park concludes on 6/28 with a screening of <i>Hidden Figures</i> at dusk. ▪ Stevens Square Farmers Market: every Wednesday, 2:00 to 6:30 p.m., in the Plymouth Church parking lot on the northwest corner of Franklin & Nicollet. ▪ Red Hot Art festival in Stevens Square Park: Saturday and Sunday, 7/22 & 7/23. ▪ National Night Out in Stevens Square Park: Tuesday, 8/1, 5 to 7 p.m. 	Next Community Safety meeting: Thursday, 7/27, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave
Updates from law enforcement partners – 5 th Precinct Inspector Kathy Waite, Sgt Eric Dison, Chaplain Carl Valdez, Community Attorney Matt Wilcox, Probation Officer Drew Kirch	<p><u>Report</u> by 5th Precinct Community Attorney Matt Wilcox: Update on recent cases of interest to the neighborhood and on active offenders on the 5th Precinct CLEAN list. Sharee Barrett (7/10/81) was found guilty of 3rd degree burglary at CVS, 2001 Nicollet Ave, from 9/24/16 and gross misdemeanor trespassing at AM Food Market, 1814 Nicollet Ave, from 2/9/17. Barrett was sentenced to 27 months in prison for the burglary and 365 days for the trespassing; the sentences were ordered to be served concurrently. With credit for time served, she is expected to be released from prison on 5/10/18 and then will be on supervised release until 2/7/19. Wilcox explained that the cooperation of CVS – which had trespassed Barrett from the premises due to repeated thefts – was crucial in getting an enhanced sentence in the burglary case. Willis Tomichael Taylor (8/28/74) had an open bottle case from 4/18 at Starbucks Coffee, 2000 Nicollet Ave, dismissed. He pled guilty to two other cases (trespassing and theft) and received a 90-day sentence, with 45 days stayed, and will be conditionally released from the workhouse on 6/24. Tyrone Parrish Douglas (7/11/69) was ordered to pay a \$50 fine for a drug paraphernalia offense at CVS, 2001 Nicollet Ave. SSCO is part of a partnership with law enforcement agencies and the businesses at Franklin & Nicollet, and is tracking the outcome of arrests which occur at those businesses.</p> <p>Wilcox reported that Patrick Addy (3/6/77), who is not on probation and has no open cases, recently completed an intensive in-patient treatment program and appears to be doing well. David Brenner (7/5/75) has a warrant for a probation violation. Ellery Charging Thunder (2/20/54) is in HOMES Court and continues to offend in the neighborhood; he was cited this week for consuming alcohol in public at Plymouth Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave. Corey Harges (12/27/90) was arrested in the area this week for a warrant for a probation violation. Ahmed Abdi Hired (1/1/86) is in custody in Freeborn County on an ICE hold. Abdullahi Yasin Muse (1/1/82) has warrants for failure to appear in HOMES Court. Robert Yellow Wolf (10/29/68) was conditionally released pending sentencing after being convicted of felony domestic assault. He was subsequently arrested for having contact with the victim and then released again pending charges. Charges of violating a domestic no contact order were filed today and there is a warrant out for his arrest.</p>	<p>Crime Prevention Resources</p> <p>911 / 311 information</p> <p>Matthew.Wilcox@Minneapolismn.gov 673-5402</p> <p>CRT line (to report suspected drug and prostitution activity at specific addresses or locations): 673-5716</p>

Report by Probation Officer Drew Kirch: William Ernst (11/22/65), who is serving a sentence for felony 4th degree assault of hospital staff, will likely be released from prison on 7/17. Ernst is currently being screened for intensive supervised release until his sentence expires on 11/22.

Report by 5th Precinct Community Attorney Matt Wilcox: Map and list of Part 1 (serious) crimes reported in the neighborhood during the past month. There were four robberies of person (5/30, 9:05 a.m., at gunpoint at the bus stop near 1905 3rd Ave; 6/3, 1 p.m., at Franklin & Nicollet; 6/7; 7:20 p.m., at gunpoint at 1808 Stevens Ave; 6/10, 9:30 a.m., at 1902 4th Ave for which Mitae Poe Elm (4/29/87) was arrested and charged), three aggravated assaults (5/29, 9:05 a.m., at CVS, 2001 Nicollet Ave, for which Melvin Dickerson (7/3/66) was arrested and charged with felony 4th degree assault of a police officer; 6/7, 6:45 p.m., at 110 East 18th St for which Edsimon Willie (6/8/78) was arrested and charged with felony domestic assault plus misdemeanor 5th degree assault of a witness; 6/9, 9:45 a.m., felony 2nd degree domestic assault at a location on LaSalle Ave), and two burglaries (5/30 at 308 East 18th St in the underground parking garage; 6/15 at 1800 Clinton Ave in which a suspect attempted to pry open the main entry door). There were also three thefts from motor vehicles and one motor vehicle theft reported.

Report by 5th Precinct Inspector Kathy Waite: The 5th Precinct issued a Police Advisory today regarding burglaries to homes and garages (26) and thefts from motor vehicles (18) reported from 6/13 to 6/19. The map showed that a number of the incidents were concentrated in the Wedge neighborhood (a.k.a. Lowry Hill East). "Burglars typically gain entry into garages by either an unlocked service door or an open overhead door. The most common thing being stolen is bicycles." Although most burglaries typically happen during the daytime, right now most are occurring at night. To help prevent [burglaries](#): lock doors; pin windows open at six inches or less and lock them when not in use; create a home inventory with information about make and model, serial number, and cost; take photos of valuables such as jewelry; know your neighbors and call 911 regarding suspicious activity. Thieves are also targeting valuables left in parked vehicles. To help prevent [theft from motor vehicle](#): leave nothing of value inside or lock valuables in the trunk before reaching your destination; close windows and lock doors; don't leave a garage door opener in a vehicle parked outside; don't leave a car running unattended; don't leave a spare key inside; call 911 if you see anyone trying to open car doors.

Waite reported that crime in the 5th Precinct is up 45% compared to last year. Much of this increase is due to a surge in crime during January and February. Summer is typically the time when most crimes are committed. Other current crime trends include an increase in shoplifting in the area of Lake & Hennepin and at Kmart at Lake & Nicollet, although the numbers can be affected by the level of reporting by victims, especially businesses. In response to a question, Waite said that there is a very long process involved in filling the open Crime Prevention Specialist position created by the departure of Chelsea Adams – getting someone into the job by the end of the year would be great.

There was a question about what the City is doing in regard to [narcotics problems](#). Waite said that many of the narcotics-related arrests and seizures of illegal firearms in the precinct are the result of traffic stops, especially overnight. She praised the outstanding work of her officers. 5th Precinct CRT (Community Response Team) has been working closely with their counterparts in the 3rd Precinct to the east to track and intercept narcotics along routes that cross 35W, such as Franklin Ave. Police rely on information from the community to help resolve drug-related problems. Police also work with rental property owners, including Minneapolis Public Housing, to identify and shut down drug houses. The multi-jurisdictional Problem Property Team targets nuisance activity at specific addresses,

	including drug dealing. Drug dealing and robbery go hand in hand. SSCO staff reported that MPD's Part 1 (serious) crime numbers for May are not available yet.	
Neighborhood-related safety ideas and concerns	<p><u>Community concern</u> Drug-related loitering and traffic in the Clinton sector (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave), especially at 19th & 3rd. There were 15 police reports in this area during the past month, compared to 14 the month before. There were no narcotics-related arrests. Two robberies of person and two burglaries were reported – see the report by Matt Wilcox on page 2.</p> <p>Year to date, in the larger area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, there have been 25 narcotics-related arrests compared to 22 in 2016. Most of these arrests are a result of traffic stops. Alcohol-related arrests in the same area are down from 42 in 2016 to 25 this year.</p> <p>There was a report that the biff in Stevens Square Park is occupied (again) by two people who appear to be living there. Block Patrol will check it out.</p> <p>Police report that a person is living in a dumpster enclosure behind the Village Center Mall on Nicollet Ave. The person was told to leave, but apparently comes back. Officers and staff from a nearby business are watching the area. Block Patrol will also check it out.</p> <p>SSCO staff reported that, of the 25 street lights out reported to 311 on 4/25, 24 of the cases were still listed as "open" on 6/21. One case was "closed" and that problem has apparently been resolved. The Ward 6 City Council office now has the information and will try to find out what's happening. Block Patrol did the initial inventory of lights out.</p>	
Block Patrol news – Ashlynn	<p><u>Presentation</u> by Ashlynn: From 5/26 to 6/22, 9 Block Patrol volunteers participated in 16 regular shifts, contributing 36 hours. 2 new volunteers joined Block Patrol. 5 Block Patrol volunteers helped staff Cinema & Civics in Stevens Square Park, contributing 31 hours. Altogether, 11 volunteers contributed 67 hours to Block Patrol during the past four weeks.</p> <p>During the past month, Block Patrol teams: spoke with hundreds of community members at events and on the streets; spoke with our Franklin Nicollet beat officers; visited the coffee shops in the area; stopped at the hardware store for ice cream; frequently patrolled the park and LaSalle Community Garden; checked on several people throughout the neighborhood who appeared to be passed out; were approached by a number of people regarding a rumor about a sexual assault in the park – police have received no report of such an incident; spoke with a group of happy students at Franklin & Nicollet – they were done with high school! Block Patrol made no 911 calls in the past month.</p>	<p>Join Block Patrol – it's an easy and fun way to get to know people in your neighborhood and find out what's happening here. Contact: Dave at 874-2840 or dave_ssco@yahoo.com</p> <p>Application and guidelines are at the SSCO web site.</p>
Election of a committee co-chair to serve a two-year term	<p>Staff explained the duties and responsibilities of the co-chairs and the election procedures, and began the nomination process. There were two candidates: Devin Ross and John Littlejohn. The candidates introduced themselves, explained why they were interested in and qualified for the position, and answered questions from community members. Staff read the voter eligibility rules and conducted the vote by secret ballot. John Littlejohn was elected co-chair to serve a two-year term. Staff thanked both candidates for their interest and participation in the process.</p>	