

Stevens Square Community Organization

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Safety Committee minutes – June 27, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.

Present: Ken Strobel and Michele McGaughey, co-chairs; Robert Lilligren, Ward 6 City Council; Tara Rother, Hennepin County Community Probation; Rena Dudgeon and Chelsea Adams, Minneapolis Police department; Jennifer Saunders, City Attorney’s Office; Malcolm Williams, Plymouth Church; Dave Hautman, Franklin Nicollet Liquor; Rob Helmerich, Rand Management; Kristina Nelsen, Eddie Chambers, Jerry Paulson, John Ryser, Howard Penas, Arlene Storandt, Jill Ferguson, and safety coordinator Dave Delvoye (dave_ssco@yahoo.com or 874-2840)

Agenda item	Notes/decisions	Follow up
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cinema & Civics in Stevens Square Park concludes on 7/10 with a screening of “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory”. There is no event on 7/3. ▪ Red Hot Art festival is set for 7/27 and 7/28 in Stevens Square Park. ▪ At its 7/25 meeting, the Safety committee will elect two committee co-chairs for the upcoming year (August 2013 to July 2014). <p>Per the SSCO bylaws, anyone who lives, works, is a member of a community organization, or owns property or a business in the neighborhood is eligible to be a candidate and to vote. Candidates may submit their names for nomination in advance (contact Dave at 874-2840 or dave_ssco@yahoo.com) or may nominate themselves at the meeting.</p> <p>The Safety committee co-chairs are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attending and running the monthly committee meeting, which usually meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. ○ Representing the committee at safety-related events or meetings. ○ Setting direction and providing leadership for the committee, including deciding what to include on the meeting agendas. ○ Sometimes making policy recommendations on complicated or controversial issues; this can involve additional meetings outside the monthly committee meeting. <p>After the election, the committee will recommend a representative to report on its behalf to the SSCO Board of Directors, which meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.</p>	Next Safety committee meeting: Thursday, 7/25, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.
Minneapolis Police report – CPS Chelsea Adams, Sgt Rena Dudgeon	<p>Chelsea Adams distributed copies of a map and list of Part 1 crimes reported in the neighborhood from 5/23 to 6/27. There were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5 robberies of person: 5/26, 10:25 p.m., at Groveland & LaSalle in which a male suspect attempted to rob a victim at gunpoint and took a cell phone after the victim dropped it and ran away; 5/28, 1 a.m., at 18th & Nicollet in which a suspect came from behind and took a victim's purse; 5/30, 9:15 p.m., at Franklin & Nicollet in which a male suspect was arrested (but not charged) after a police sergeant saw him attempting to rob a victim; 6/3, 1 p.m., at Franklin & Nicollet in which two male suspects approached a victim, displayed a handgun, assaulted the victim, took cash from the victim's wallet, and fled in a vehicle; 6/24, 6:45 p.m., at Franklin & Nicollet in which a male suspect punched a victim who was walking a dog and took a cell phone. ▪ 3 thefts from person: 5/29, 8:40 a.m., at 18th & Nicollet in which a male suspect reached into a victim's coat pocket and took a coin purse; 6/10, 9:25 p.m., at Stevens Square Park, 1801 Stevens Ave, in which a male suspect ran up and took a Kindle from the hands of a victim and fled; 6/13, 8:40 a.m., at 1829 3rd Ave in which a male suspect asked to use a victim's phone and then fled with it. ▪ 3 criminal sexual assaults: no detailed information about these incidents was available although two of the incidents appear to have involved a suspect who was known to the victim. 	<p>Chelsea.Adams@Minneapolismn.gov 673-2819</p> <p>Crime Prevention Resources</p> <p>911 / 311 information</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 aggravated assaults: 5/29, 8:20 a.m., at AM Food Market, 1814 Nicollet Ave, in which a male suspect got into a dispute with an employee and fired a taser at him; 6/16, 10:55 p.m., at 1920 LaSalle Ave in which a male suspect was arrested after an argument with a victim escalated into a physical fight. ▪ 4 burglaries of dwelling: 6/8 to 6/10 at 331 East 19th St in which an unknown suspect stole a bike from a garage; 6/11, overnight, at 1815 1st Ave in which an unknown suspect took a work headset from an apartment; 6/12, overnight, at 137 East 17th St in which a suspect took money from an apartment; 6/24, overnight, at Dunwoody Apartments, 110 East 18th St, in which suspects entered this building which is under construction and stole wiring. ▪ 15 other incidents of theft. <p>Adams stated that there has been an increase in violent crime in the neighborhood compared to the previous month. Most of the robberies occurred at corners on or near Nicollet Ave. Year to date, crime in the neighborhood is down 20% compared to 2012, with decreases in rape, burglary, theft, and auto theft (10 fewer than last year) and increases in aggravated assault (2 more than last year) and robbery (4 more than last year). So far this year, violent crime makes up 28% of the total and property crime 72%.</p> <p>National Night Out is 8/6 and events can be registered online. Bike registration through the Police department is now available online. Registering a bike can make it easier to recover if it is lost or stolen.</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 5/20 to 6/23 showed 43 alcohol-related arrests (35 in 2012), 15 narcotics-related arrests (11 in 2012), and no prostitution-related arrests (none in 2012). Year to date, there were 83 alcohol-related arrests (92 in 2012), 39 narcotics-related arrests (43 in 2012), and 1 prostitution-related arrest (1 in 2012). For the period from 5/20 to 6/23, SSCO's Google maps showed 56 police reports for the Nicollet corridor (LaSalle Ave/Blaisdell Ave to 1st Ave, I-94 to 24th St), 12 for the Stevens Square Park area (Stevens Ave to 2nd Ave, 17th St to Franklin Ave), and 11 for the Clinton sector (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave).</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>
<p>Community Prosecutor report – Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Saunders</p>	<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"> ▪ Maxim Chance – on probation for 3rd degree burglary, in treatment, employed, and in school, with 4 cases (theft, gross misdemeanor trespassing, loitering, crimes against Metro Transit) set for court on 7/17. ▪ Ellery Charging Thunder – 3 cases (interfering with traffic and two trespassing) set for court on 7/10. ▪ Jules Chomilo – in jail, held without bail, two cases (5th degree assault, obstructing the legal process) set for court on 7/2. ▪ Troy Fait – in the workhouse until 7/23. ▪ Frank Killwright – 4 active warrants. ▪ Ronald King – in jail on \$6,000 bail, 5 cases (public urination, public nuisance, littering, gross misdemeanor trespassing, misdemeanor trespassing) set for Mental Health Court on 7/10. ▪ Harry Leftbear – 2 cases (loitering, trespassing) set for court on 7/15. ▪ Dejuan McFarland – in the workhouse until 9/24. ▪ Maurice Patterson – in jail on \$20,000 bail, 3 cases (theft, public nuisance, felony 4th degree assault of a police officer) set for court on 7/17. ▪ Alpheaus Putmon – active warrants, restricted from the area as a condition of release. ▪ Farid Suleiman – active warrant, 4 cases (obstructing the legal process, prohibited conduct, two open bottle) set for court on 7/2. ▪ Walter Weyaus – in the workhouse until 6/28. <p>Saunders reported that the CLEAN list membership will be updated at the end of June. Dallas Boswell and Ahmed Hired will be removed from the list; Amy Joanne Bengtson and Jennifer Lynn Robinson will be added. Thanks to information found online and</p>	<p>Jennifer.Saunders@Minneapolismn.gov 673-5402</p>

	<p>provided to police by a community member, two people who documented themselves trespassing inside Dunwoody Apartments, 110 East 18th St, will be charged with various crimes including gross misdemeanor burglary, trespassing, and aiding/abetting an offender.</p> <p>Staff passed around copies of SSCO's community impact statements in regard to Carl Leman Williams (who was cited for scrapping – recycling theft and trespassing at 2020 Nicollet Ave on 6/12) and Nanette Haghi (who was cited for loitering with intent to buy or sell narcotics and possession of drug paraphernalia at Franklin & Stevens on 6/10).</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 three drug-related arrests in that area in the past month (6/7 and 6/14). Police continue to patrol the alley between Clinton Ave and 4th Ave, south of 19th St, which was the subject of complaints about loitering this spring. Grace Temple Deliverance Center has fixed their lighting along that alley, which appears to have helped. There was a report of suspicious persons loitering and lurking in the alley between 3rd Ave and Clinton Ave from 18th St to 19th St. ▪ 1913 Stevens Ave – Chronic offender Edward Thomas, who gives an apartment in this building as his address, has a 3rd degree felony drug sale case set for court on 6/27. ▪ Stevens Square Park, 1801 Stevens Ave – 5th Precinct and Park police continue to focus enforcement on the park. Of the 43 alcohol-related arrests in the area in the past month, 72% occurred in either Stevens Square Park (13 arrests) or Fair Oaks Park (18 arrests). Community members praised the work of the Stevens Square – Whittier beat officers, who are responsible for many of these arrests. In addition to the parks, the beat officers have been very active and visible – in squads, on foot, or on bikes – in the Clinton sector, at LaSalle community garden, and along Nicollet Ave and Franklin Ave. Sgt Dudgeon, who supervises these officers, said that they respond to community concerns and complaints and encouraged community members to share information with police. <p>There was a question about whether recent police reports from 22nd & Nicollet constituted a pattern of criminal activity. Dudgeon said that these were unrelated incidents tied to consistent enforcement at that location by the beat officers.</p> <p>SSCO's monthly chronic offender update included a case involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Theoplus Richmond – 3/27/13 felony weapons violation and felony narcotics violation at 214 East 19th St. 	<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 5/24 to 6/27, 11 Block Patrol volunteers participated in 20 regular shifts, contributing 51 hours. 10 Block Patrol volunteers participated in Cinema & Civics in Stevens Square Park on 6/12, 6/19, and 6/26, contributing 53.5 hours. Totals for the past month: 17 volunteers contributed 104.5 hours. One new member joined Block Patrol.</p>	<p>Application and guidelines are at the SSCO web site.</p>
<p>Ward 6 report – City Council Member Robert Lilligren</p>	<p>Robert Lilligren, who had just returned from a picnic celebrating the contributions of Minneapolis Public Housing Authority's Project Lookout crime prevention volunteers, reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Minneapolis Elections department is seeking “voter ambassadors” who will be trained to raise awareness of and provide information about the City election on 11/5. To volunteer, contact anissa.hollingshead@minneapolismn.gov. ▪ Minneapolis Animal Care and Control has made it easier – and less expensive – for residents to adopt pets from rescue groups by including the cost of spaying/neutering and vaccinations in the adoption fee. 	<p>Robert.Lilligren@Minneapolismn.gov 673-2206 Ward 6 web site</p>

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Dave Delvoe.