

# Stevens Square Community Organization

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## Safety Committee minutes – June 28, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave

Present: Ken Strobel and Michele McGaughey, co-chairs; Fartun Ahmed, Ward 6 City Council office; Chelsea Adams, Minneapolis Police 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct; Chris Dixon, City Attorney’s Office; Kayla Scott, Stevens Supportive Housing; Rob Helmerich, Rand Management; Dave Hautman, Franklin Nicollet Liquor; Julian Gray, Fades of Gray; Arlene Storandt, Eddie Chambers, Aaron Szczech, Jerry Paulson, Jill Ferguson, Chris Maida, and SSCO safety coordinator Dave Delvoye ([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>▪ Yoga classes in Stevens Square Park, sponsored by SSCO, every Saturday from 6/30 to 8/25, 10 to 11 a.m. (weather permitting), \$10 suggested donation to benefit SSCO. For guidelines and further information, contact Elizabeth Young at <a href="mailto:lizabethyoung@gmail.com">lizabethyoung@gmail.com</a></li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Cinema &amp; Civics</a> in Stevens Square Park will take place at 8 p.m. on 7/11, 7/18, 7/25.</li> <li>▪ The <a href="#">Red Hot Art</a> festival is set for 7/28 and 7/29 in Stevens Square Park.</li> <li>▪ The committee will elect two co-chairs for the upcoming year at its 7/26 meeting. Per the SSCO bylaws, anyone age 16 or older who lives, works, is a member of a community organization, or owns property or a business in the Stevens Square-Loring Heights 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 <a href="mailto:dave_ssc@yahoo.com">dave_ssc@yahoo.com</a>) or may nominate themselves at the meeting. After the election, the committee will recommend a representative to report on its behalf to the SSCO Board of Directors, which meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>Next Safety committee meeting: Thursday, 7/26, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.</p>
<p>Community Prosecutor report – Assistant City Attorney Chris Dixon</p>	<p>Chris Dixon distributed copies of the <a href="#">5<sup>th</sup> Precinct CLEAN sheet</a> and updated the committee on some of the offenders active in Stevens Square, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">Patrick Addy</a> – in jail on \$1,000 bail, 3 cases set for court on 7/17, will request geographic restrictions.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Charles Bailey</a> – restricted from the area by court order.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">James Black</a> – in prison for a drug conviction until 11/19/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Darryl Brooks</a> – not on probation, no cases pending.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Maxim Chance</a> – in jail on \$20,000 bail, 9 cases set for court on 7/3/12, will request geographic restrictions.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Joseph Conklin</a> – two active bench warrants.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Kathleen Croud</a> – in jail on \$10,000 bail, one case set for court on 7/12/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Anthony Ford</a> – three active bench warrants.</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 Killsright</a> – in the workhouse until 7/26/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Ronald King</a> – restricted from the area by court order, arrested in the area today for violating the restriction.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Harry Leftbear</a> – in jail on \$300 bail, one case set for court today.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Jessica Matt</a> – in the workhouse until 9/16/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Randy McNellis</a> – restricted from the area by court order, arrested in the area today for violating the restriction.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Brandon Miller</a> – in prison for a drug conviction until 8/23/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Maurice Patterson</a> – in the workhouse until 12/18/12.</li> <li>▪ Aaron Schliecher – in the workhouse until 7/7/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Farid Suleiman</a> – in jail, hold without bail, one case set for court on 7/2/12, will request geographic restrictions.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Addis Swift</a> – restricted from the area by court order.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Frederick Washington</a> – in the workhouse until 7/4/12.</li> </ul>	<p>Christopher.Dixon@Minneapolismn.gov 673-5402</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">Robert Yellow Wolf</a> – in jail on \$150,000 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 announced that he has been reassigned to the position of community attorney for the 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct and that this will be his last SSCO Safety committee meeting. The new job will have a higher profile and more funding thanks to grant money targeted to downtown. Dixon said that he has enjoyed working with SSCO and that a lot has been accomplished in the past few years, especially in regard to getting geographic restrictions for chronic offenders. Dixon will also be the prosecutor assigned to the St Stephen's court calendar and thus will continue to have contact with SSCO. Committee members congratulated Dixon on his move, thanked him for his work on behalf of the neighborhood, and expressed reluctance to see him go. Jennifer Saunders will be the new 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct community attorney.</p> <p>There was a question about what constitutes <a href="#">aggressive panhandling</a>. Dixon summarized the City ordinance which <u>prohibits</u>:</p> <p>Verbal requests for money in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Restroom</li> <li>▪ Within 10 feet in any direction from a crosswalk</li> <li>▪ Public transportation vehicle or facility</li> <li>▪ On any park land, playground or public entertainment venue, including within 50 feet of entry or exits</li> <li>▪ Bus or Light Rail stop or shelter</li> <li>▪ Parked/stopped vehicle</li> <li>▪ Sidewalk café</li> <li>▪ Entrance of commercial or government building</li> <li>▪ Within 80 feet in any direction from an ATM or financial institution (previous distance was 20 feet)</li> <li>▪ At or within 10 feet of gas station, liquor store, or convenience store property</li> </ul> <p>And in the following way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Involving physical contact</li> <li>▪ Blocking path/entrance</li> <li>▪ Following a person who said "no" to ask again</li> <li>▪ Using obscene/profane/abusive language</li> <li>▪ Creating fear of bodily harm</li> <li>▪ Threatening criminal act upon property</li> <li>▪ Intimidating to person</li> <li>▪ While under influence of alcohol or drugs</li> <li>▪ Soliciting in a group of two or more</li> <li>▪ Soliciting after sunset or before sunrise</li> </ul> <p>Call 911 if solicited by an aggressive panhandler and be willing to stay at the scene until police arrive in order to make a citizen's arrest if the officers do not witness the crime in progress.</p>	
<p>Minneapolis Police report – Crime Prevention Specialist Chelsea Adams</p>	<p>Chelsea Adams distributed copies of a map and list of Part 1 crimes reported in the neighborhood during May. There were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 robbery of person: 5/22, 8:30 p.m., at 1904 4<sup>th</sup> Ave in which two suspects tried, but failed, to grab a victim's purse.</li> <li>▪ 1 incident of criminal sexual conduct: see the information immediately below the bullet points.</li> <li>▪ 5 burglaries of dwelling: 5/7 at 1706 Stevens Ave; 5/13 at 1830 Stevens Ave; 5/31 at 203 East 19<sup>th</sup> St; for the other two burglaries, see the information immediately below the bullet points.</li> <li>▪ 2 domestic aggravated assaults.</li> <li>▪ 1 motor vehicle theft: 5/26 at 1806 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.</li> <li>▪ 1 theft from motor vehicle: 5/13 at 100 West Franklin Ave.</li> <li>▪ 7 other incidents of theft.</li> </ul>	<p>Chelsea.Adams@ Minneapolismn.gov 673-2819</p>

	<p>Adams reported that Kirk Warren Jones Jr (5/30/91) was arrested for two incidents which occurred on 5/23 between 11:00 and 11:15 p.m. at an apartment building in the neighborhood. In the first incident, the suspect entered a victim's apartment without permission and was physically forced out by the victim. In the second incident, the suspect entered a victim's apartment, sexually assaulted the sleeping victim, and stole items from the apartment.</p> <p>There were also two incidents of theft from person on 5/12 in which Charles David Casey (7/19/69) and Andrea Deshawn Wilkes (3/26/82) were arrested at Franklin &amp; Nicollet for stealing money from undercover officers who were working a detail.</p> <p>Adams presented information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">Security for residents of apartment buildings.</a></li> <li>▪ Preventing burglary by locking or <a href="#">pinning windows</a> so that they can't open more than four to six inches.</li> <li>▪ Block leader training at the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct, 3101 Nicollet Ave, on 7/11 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">National Night Out</a> on 8/7.</li> <li>▪ Burglary prevention presentation on 8/22 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Temple Israel, 2324 Emerson Ave South.</li> <li>▪ The Spotlight, the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct e-newsletter, sign up at <a href="http://www.minneapolis.gov/police/precincts/police_about_5th-precinct">http://www.minneapolis.gov/police/precincts/police_about_5th-precinct</a></li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Graffiti</a> investigations and removal tips.</li> <li>▪ Preventing <a href="#">motor vehicle theft</a>, <a href="#">theft from motor vehicle</a>, and <a href="#">bike theft</a>.</li> <li>▪ Fighting back against <a href="#">identity theft</a>.</li> </ul> <p>There was a discussion about how to deter intruders who loiter outside apartment and condo buildings and try to follow residents into the building. Suggestions included going to the building's other entrance to avoid confronting the person and calling 911 to report an unwanted person who is trespassing at the property.</p> <p>There was a question about "dumpster diving". It is illegal to remove solid waste or recycling from residential trash containers or commercial dumpsters without permission. It appears to be okay to remove items which are on the ground in the vicinity of trash containers or dumpsters, such as furniture. There was a discussion about the handling and removal from apartment buildings of belongings which are infested with bedbugs. There was a question about whether rental property companies should be reminded to take precautions so that others who are unaware of the problem do not haul away the goods and thus infect other buildings with bedbugs. A number of rental property owners in the neighborhood already have procedures in place to deal with this issue.</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 since August, 2011. So far, nine have been convicted and sentenced.</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 5/21/12 to 6/25/12 showed 35 <a href="#">alcohol-related arrests</a> (21 in 2011), 11 <a href="#">narcotics-related arrests</a> (8 in 2011), and no prostitution-related arrests (3 in 2011). Year to date, there were 92 alcohol-related arrests (60 in 2011), 43 narcotics-related arrests (51 in 2011), and 1 prostitution-related arrest (7 in 2011). For the period from 5/21/12 to 6/25/12, SSCO's Google maps showed 62 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), 11 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 20 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><a href="#">CRT</a> line (to report suspected drug and prostitution activity at specific addresses or locations): 673-5716 or contact Sara.Metcalf@Minneapolis.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> <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>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.</li> <li>▪ 110 East 18<sup>th</sup> St – Police report that a number of intruders may be squatting inside this vacant and boarded building. Neighbors report the sound of loud vandalism and destruction of property inside the building, especially at night.</li> <li>▪ LaSalle Community Garden, on the north side of 1801 LaSalle Ave – There has been an increase in reports of people loitering, trespassing, and drinking alcohol in and around the garden. In response, police have focused enforcement on the</li> </ul>	

	<p>area and made a number of arrests.</p> <p>SSCO's monthly chronic offender update included cases involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">Earley Blevins</a> (6 arrests in the area in the past eight years, 22 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 10/25/11 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony sale of simulated narcotics at Franklin &amp; 4<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Dejuan McFarland</a> (5 arrests in the area in the past year, 29 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 4/24/12 open bottle at 325 East Franklin Ave, Wendy's Restaurant.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Randy McNellis</a> (26 arrests in the area in the past eight years, 59 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 4/8/12 public urination at 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; Nicollet; 4/19/12 public urination at 1800 Nicollet Ave; 4/26/12 criminal contempt of court for violating geographic restrictions at 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 1<sup>st</sup>; 4/27/12 criminal contempt of court for violating geographic restrictions at 1816 Nicollet Ave; 5/2/12 criminal contempt of court for violating geographic restrictions at 2121 Clinton Ave.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Frank Killwright</a> (9 arrests in the area in the past four years, 22 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 2/17/12 open bottle at 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; Stevens.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">James Jeffries</a> (9 arrests in the area in the past four years, 35 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 7/12/11 consuming alcohol in public at Franklin &amp; Nicollet.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Willis Taylor</a> (6 arrests in the area in the past four years, 66 prior convictions in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties) – 5/7/12 public urination at 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; Clinton.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Lester Cloud</a> (10 arrests in the area in the past four years, 10 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 5/15/12 consuming alcohol in public at 137 East 17<sup>th</sup> St.</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 – Policy Aide Fartun Ahmed</p>	<p>Robert Lilligren was unable to attend the meeting due to an event at the American Swedish Institute with the governor and the Swedish ambassador. Fartun Ahmed reported that a new exhibit at the <a href="#">Firefighters Hall and Museum</a>, 664 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE, showcases firefighters' rescue efforts following the collapse of the 35W bridge on 8/1/07. <a href="#">Animal Care and Control</a> has partnered with <a href="#">Sidewalk Dog</a> to make pet licenses available for purchase at the <a href="#">Sidewalk Dog web site</a> as well as at the <a href="#">city web site</a>. There was a question about the status of the rental licenses of the Zorbalas properties at 1816, 1820, and 1830 Stevens Ave. Ahmed will check on that matter.</p> <p>Council Member Lilligren has <a href="#">office hours</a> at 1925 Nicollet Ave on the third Monday of each month, 9:30 a.m. to noon, except for city holidays. Call 673-2206 to make an appointment.</p>	<p>Robert.Lilligren@ Minneapolismn.gov 673-2206</p> <p><a href="#">Ward 6 web site</a></p>
<p>Block Patrol report – Arlene Storandt</p>	<p>Arlene Storandt reported that, from 5/25 to 6/28, 14 Block Patrol members participated in 23 regular shifts, contributing a total of 68 hours. 10 Block Patrol volunteers participated in Cinema &amp; Civics in Stevens Square Park on 6/13 and 6/27, contributing 38 hours. Total hours for the past month: 106. Storandt shared a story 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 7:01 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Dave Delvoye.