

**Stevens Square Community Organization**

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**Safety Committee minutes – September 23, 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; Sara Metcalf, Jessica Bartholomew, and Chelsea Adams, Minneapolis Police 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct; Nnamdi Okoronkwo, City Attorney’s office; Mara Glantz and Candy Kiebel, Minute Clinic; Amanda Kubista, Stevens Supportive Housing; Malcolm Williams, Plymouth Church; Rob Helmerichs, Rand Management; Max Ellis, UPI Property Management; Ray Alex Perry, Aaron Szczech, Arlene Storandt, Jeanne Krueger, John Ryser, Rochelle Peyton, Judy Austin, Becky Moyer, Corwin Morton, Mary Gunderson, Howard Penas, Robert Fischer, Eddie Chambers, Jerry Paulson, and SSCO safety coordinator Dave Delvoe ([dave\\_ssco@yahoo.com](mailto:dave_ssco@yahoo.com) or 874-2840)

Agenda item	Notes/decisions	Follow up
Announcements – contact SSCO to volunteer or for more info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Stevens Square farmers market, every Wednesday, 2:00 to 6:30 p.m., through 10/6 in the Plymouth Church parking lot at Franklin &amp; Nicollet.</li><li>▪ Minute Clinic, a retail health clinic, is now open in the CVS Pharmacy at 2001 Nicollet Ave. <a href="http://www.minuteclinic.com/">http://www.minuteclinic.com/</a></li></ul>	Next Safety committee meeting: Thursday, 10/28, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.

<p>Ward 6 report – City Council Member Robert Lilligren</p>	<p>Robert Lilligren reported that the City Council is working on the budget for next year. Public comment is tentatively scheduled for 11/18. <a href="http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/city-budget/">http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/city-budget/</a> 2011 and 2012 will be very challenging years for the City, especially due to the State’s projected budget deficit and further cuts expected to Local Government Aid (LGA). The State is committed to providing \$80 million in LGA to Minneapolis in 2011, but the City has not received its full annual allotment of LGA since 2003. The mayor has developed a contingency budget anticipating a 30% cut in LGA for 2011. The City’s funding priorities are public safety (including police, fire, city attorney, and emergency communications, which make up 55% of the operating budget) and public works. Under the plan, no police officers will be laid off. The size of the City’s budget has steadily declined in 2009, 2010, and 2011.</p> <p>Lilligren reported on the recent carbon monoxide leak at 2633 Stevens Ave in which a number of residents were injured. The building was scheduled for inspection next month, although not every unit is inspected and there is no guarantee that an inspection would have prevented the problem. The Fire department inspects residential buildings with four or more units. Residents need to make sure that their apartment has a working smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector and to report problems immediately to the owner. <a href="http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/mdr/docs/smoke-and-carbon.pdf">http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/mdr/docs/smoke-and-carbon.pdf</a> There was a discussion about ways to inform residents about this. Lilligren will work with the Fire department and Communications department to address this concern.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward6/">http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward6/</a></p>	<p>Contact info:</p> <p>Robert.Lilligren@ci.minneapolis.mn.us 673-2206</p>
<p>Community Probation report – Probation Officers Bobbi Harrington and Jean Schwalen</p>	<p>Jean Schwalen reported that <a href="#">Jessica Matt</a>’s furlough was revoked and that she is in the workhouse until 12/1/10. Matt is now on felony probation to Drug Court and it’s unclear whether she is still restricted from the area.</p> <p>Bobbi Harrington reported that most of her clients are in compliance with their conditions of release.</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 Nnamdi Okoronkwo</p>	<p>Nnamdi Okoronkwo, a community prosecutor in the 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct, is filling in for Chris Dixon who is on paternity leave. Okoronkwo is usually in court every day dealing with the top 100 downtown offenders and is now becoming more aware of those on the <a href="#">5<sup>th</sup> Precinct CLEAN sheet</a>. The priority in the 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct is to get geographic restrictions for the top offenders with the help of community impact statements submitted by businesses and residents.</p> <p>Okoronkwo provided an update on some chronic Stevens Square offenders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">Dayton Ledlow</a> – In prison until 3/12/12.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Frederick Washington</a> – Two active warrants.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Kenneth Nickaboine</a> – Recently released from the workhouse, no active cases.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Frank Everette Keezer</a> – In the workhouse until 3/20/11.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Damon Moore</a> – <a href="#">Level 3 sex offender</a>, in custody, goes to court on 10/28/10.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Maxim Chance</a> – In the workhouse until 12/18/10.</li> </ul> <p>There was interest expressed in getting enhanced sentences for repeat misdemeanor offenders.</p>	<p>Until Chris Dixon’s return on 11/1, contact:</p> <p>Nnamdi.Okoronkwo@ci.minneapolis.mn.us 673-2923</p>

<p>Minneapolis Police report – Sgt Sara Metcalf, Officer Jessica Bartholomew, CPS Chelsea Adams</p>	<p>Chelsea Adams distributed a map and list of Part 1 crimes in the neighborhood during August. There were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 4 robberies of person: 8/7 at 10:25 p.m. at Groveland &amp; LaSalle in which suspects assaulted and robbed victims; 8/18 at 11:15 a.m. at 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> in which a known suspect harassed, punched, and robbed a victim; 8/25 at 3:15 p.m. at 1800 Nicollet Ave in which a suspect demanded a victim’s backpack and punched the victim on a Metro Transit bus; 8/31 at midnight at 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; Nicollet in which a suspect with a knife robbed a victim who was on a bike.</li> <li>▪ 1 robbery of business: 8/18 at 10:25 p.m. at the Third Avenue Market, 1905 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, in which a suspect with a handgun demanded money.</li> <li>▪ 4 home or apartment burglaries: 8/2 at 218 Groveland Ave; 8/16 at 1908 Pleasant Ave; 8/16 at 1916 1<sup>st</sup> Ave; 8/23 at 508 Ridgewood Ave.</li> <li>▪ 2 business burglaries: 8/26 at Uruba Restaurant, 1812 Nicollet Ave; 8/26 at the Boiler Room Café, 1820 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.</li> <li>▪ 3 motor vehicle thefts: 8/6 at 1703 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave; 8/16 at 326 East 18<sup>th</sup> St; 8/20 at 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> in which <a href="#">Isaac Welch</a> (5/18/88) was arrested for stealing a police bait vehicle.</li> <li>▪ 3 thefts from motor vehicles: 8/5 at 1906 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave; 8/16 at Franklin &amp; Stevens; 8/29 at 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup>.</li> <li>▪ 12 incidents of theft, including 4 involving bikes and 2 involving tip or donation jars. <a href="http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/docs/BikeTheft.pdf">http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/docs/BikeTheft.pdf</a></li> </ul> <p>Adams provided information about surveillance camera systems for property and business owners. It is important that staff know how to access video images in the event of a crime. CRT (Community Response Team) made arrests in two recent motor vehicle theft and theft from motor vehicle incidents. One suspect was on a bike, riding in the street and checking vehicle door handles. Officers advise citizens to lock vehicle doors and leave nothing of value inside. <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> Call 911 to report suspicious activity. <a href="http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/docs/911_311_howtouse.pdf">http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/docs/911_311_howtouse.pdf</a> Call 911 if an unwanted person refuses to leave a store at an employee’s request.</p> <p>Sara Metcalf, the (relatively) new 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct CRT sergeant, introduced herself and spoke about a recent incident in which her team apprehended a suspect during a burglary in progress. She encouraged anyone with information about narcotics or prostitution activity to contact her directly with the details and she will assign an officer to the case: <a href="mailto:Sara.Metcalf@ci.minneapolis.mn.us">Sara.Metcalf@ci.minneapolis.mn.us</a></p> <p>On 9/14, the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct presented community impact awards to a number of citizens, businesses, and organizations in acknowledgement of their service to the Police department and the community. Those honored included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Becky Moyer – “Becky has been a block leader for over 15 years, including during the most difficult times in Stevens Square neighborhood. She was instrumental in resolving the drug and prostitution problems in the Clinton sector. She helped set up a police substation at 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup>, led a surveillance project to identify the drug dealers and drug houses, and kept up everyone’s spirits. For 15 years, she hosted a National Night Out party for the neighborhood, which drew 100 or more attendees each time.”</li> <li>▪ Stevens Square Community Organization – “SSCO is an outstanding neighborhood association that has the longest active Block Patrol in the city and frequently partners with many levels of law enforcement. SSCO is comprised of many exceptionally dedicated individuals, from staff to the numerous volunteers who show up every week to help patrol the neighborhood and attend the Safety committee meetings.”</li> <li>▪ Hank Jensen, manager of CVS Pharmacy at 2001 Nicollet Ave – For generosity in providing donations to the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Open House and for his support of the neighborhood organizations around the store.</li> </ul>	<p>Contact info:</p> <p><a href="mailto:Chelsea.Adams@ci.minneapolis.mn.us">Chelsea.Adams@ci.minneapolis.mn.us</a> 673-2819</p> <p><a href="mailto:Anthony.Diaz@ci.minneapolis.mn.us">Anthony.Diaz@ci.minneapolis.mn.us</a> 673-3137</p> <p>CRT line (to report suspected drug and prostitution activity at specific addresses or locations): 673-5716 or contact <a href="mailto:Sara.Metcalf@ci.minneapolis.mn.us">Sara.Metcalf@ci.minneapolis.mn.us</a></p>
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Priority concerns, hot spots, chronic offenders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1815 1<sup>st</sup> Ave – There are reports of suspicious traffic to this apartment building.</li> <li>▪ 1821 1<sup>st</sup> Ave – There are reports of suspicious traffic to this condo building.</li> <li>▪ 102 East 19<sup>th</sup> St – There are reports of suspicious traffic to this apartment building.</li> <li>▪ 1900 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave – There is a report of suspicious loitering around this apartment building.</li> </ul> <p>SSCO’s monthly chronic offender update featured cases involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">Kenneth Perkins</a>: 1/8/10 consuming alcohol in public at 22<sup>nd</sup> &amp; Nicollet.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Harry Leftbear</a>: 6/11/10 trespassing at 204 East Franklin Ave.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Ahmed Abdi Hired</a>: 8/20/10 consuming alcohol in public at 2100 Nicollet Ave; 9/3/10 obstructing the legal process at Franklin &amp; Nicollet.</li> </ul>	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.
Block Patrol report – Arlene Storandt	<p>From 8/27 to 9/23, 10 Block Patrol volunteers participated in 18 regular shifts, contributing a total of 56 hours. At least six shifts were cancelled. Arlene Storandt shared stories from the Block Patrol log.</p> <p>The Block Patrol guidelines and application are at <a href="http://www.sscoweb.org/get-involved/safety/block-patrol">http://www.sscoweb.org/get-involved/safety/block-patrol</a></p>	Contact SSCO to join Block Patrol.
Coordinator report – Dave Delvoye	<p>The Alcohol task force will meet on 10/12, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Loring Nicollet Center, 1925 Nicollet Ave. To participate, contact staff at <a href="mailto:dave_ssc@yahoo.com">dave_ssc@yahoo.com</a> or 874-2840.</p> <p>The purpose of the task force is to reduce alcohol-related crime in the area from LaSalle Ave/Blaisdell Ave to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, I-94 to 24<sup>th</sup> St. The task force, which is chaired by City Council Member Robert Lilligren and made up of law enforcement partners plus residents and representatives of businesses, community organizations, and social service providers in Stevens Square and Whittier, first met on 2/28/07 and most recently met on 4/1/09.</p>	

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Dave Delvoye.