



Community Safety meeting minutes – September 24, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.

Present: Laura Bluebird, co-chair; Rena Dudgeon, Chelsea Adams, Aimee Colegrove, and Robert Schnickel, Minneapolis Police department; Anne Forsyth-Gillette, Hennepin County Neighborhood Probation; Glenn Kirke, St Stephen's Street Outreach; Ken Strobel, Jerry Paulson, Corwin Morton, Mary Sheppard, Katrina Kubeczko, Nate Krueger, Rebecca Konietzko, Deb Mendoza, and SSCO safety coordinator Dave Delvoye

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

Agenda item	Notes/decisions	Follow up
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Safety meeting schedule for the remainder of 2015 – all meetings begin at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ October 22 ○ November 19 ○ December 17 ▪ Stevens Square Farmers Market, every Wednesday through 10/14 from 2:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Plymouth Church parking lot at Franklin & Nicollet. ▪ Staff apologized for not providing the usual information about alcohol- and narcotics-related arrests, Google maps of police reports, and summary of Clinton sector police reports. The information will be made available at the 10/22 meeting. 	Next Community Safety meeting: Thursday, 10/22, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave
Updates from law enforcement partners – Sgt Rena Dudgeon, CPS Chelsea Adams, Officers Aimee Colegrove and Robert Schnickel, Neighborhood Probation Officer Anne Forsyth-Gillette	<p><u>Presentation</u> by Chelsea Adams: A list and map of Part 1 crimes reported in the neighborhood during the past two months showed one sexual assault (9/12, in which the suspect is known to the victim), one incident of arson (7/29 at 220 East 19th St), four robberies of person (8/3 at 1816 Nicollet Ave in which an acquaintance robbed a victim of medication; 8/12 at 1929 3rd Ave in which a male suspect was arrested for robbing victims in two separate incidents; 8/19 at 19th & 3rd in which a victim was robbed by an acquaintance; 8/25 at 601 Ridgewood Ave in which a suspect punched a victim and stole a backpack), three aggravated assaults (7/25 at 1933 Lyndale Ave in which a suspect struck an acquaintance in the head with a cane; 8/14 at Franklin & 3rd in which a male suspect was arrested and a victim, who was uncooperative with police, was injured and transported to a hospital; 9/8 at 1920 4th Ave in which a victim was assaulted by multiple suspects); four burglaries (8/21 at 1718 Clinton Ave; 8/30 at 214 East 19th St; 9/1 at 1918 3rd Ave; 9/21 at 1801 LaSalle Ave), two bike thefts (8/25 at 1801 3rd Ave; 8/30 at 1706 2nd Ave), four motor vehicle thefts (7/25 at 1905 Stevens Ave; 8/16 at 18th & Stevens; 9/3 at Franklin & Lyndale; 9/15 at Groveland & LaSalle in which a male suspect was arrested for stealing a police bait vehicle out of the 1st Precinct), and seven other incidents of theft. Adams emphasized that a number of the victims of these crimes do not reside in the neighborhood and that some were acquainted with the suspects.</p> <p>Minneapolis Police have introduced a new web site to increase transparency and communication with residents: http://www.insidempd.com/ The site includes up-to-the-minute news; crime maps, statistics, and prevention</p>	<p>Chelsea.Adams@Minneapolismn.gov 673-2819</p> <p>Crime Prevention Resources</p> <p>911 / 311 information</p> <p>Nicole.Appelbaum@Minneapolismn.gov 673-5402</p>

	<p>information; photos and information about wanted suspects; and ways for residents to contact MPD with comments, concerns, and ideas.</p> <p>Adams reported that Community Attorney Nikki Appelbaum was unable to attend the meeting and passed around copies of the 5th Precinct CLEAN list. Sgt Rena Dudgeon pointed out that the list indicated whether an offender had an active warrant and encouraged community members to call 911 with that information if they see those offenders on the street.</p> <p><u>Presentation</u> of information by SSCO staff: From January through August, the total number of Part 1 (serious) crimes reported in the neighborhood dropped by 7.7% compared to 2014. Robbery is down 14.3%, aggravated assault is up 20%. There has been a significant increase in the number of burglaries reported, with 24 in 2015 compared to 14 last year.</p> <p><u>Presentation</u> of information by SSCO staff on the outcome of criminal cases from the neighborhood involving two offenders.</p>	
<p>Neighborhood-related safety ideas and concerns</p>	<p><u>Community concern</u> Arson incident and fire alarms at the apartment building at 220 East 19th St. There was a report that six fire alarm calls to that address occurred within a four-day period recently. In each case, it was reported that responders found evidence of smoke in the building, which set off the alarms, but were unable to find the source. The fire alarms are not hardwired to the Fire department's response system, which means that residents need to call 911 and report the alarms when they go off. There is concern that if this pattern continues, residents will be less likely to call 911, thus increasing the chance of a serious fire developing before responders are notified and dispatched. This is in the wake of the arson incident on 7/29. What can be done to address this problem? There were suggestions to contact the Fire Marshall or Casidy Anderson, the MFD Community Risk Reduction Officer who made a presentation to the community following an apartment building fire several years ago.</p> <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 complaints and questions about a number of residential buildings, including: 1915 3rd Ave (suspicious loitering on the front steps and around the dumpster behind the building); 1820 4th Ave (shots fired incident, loud and disorderly behavior of tenants, the building is reported to be for sale). Call 911 for police response when incidents are in progress. Contact Chelsea Adams to become a block leader and work with police to solve these kinds of problems. Sgt Dudgeon reported that certain areas of the neighborhood (such as 19th & 3rd and 19th & Stevens) have received extra police patrol as a result of concerns expressed at last month's meeting.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> There were questions and answers regarding a variety of topics, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8/4/15 incident on the 1800 block of 2nd Ave involving robbery, kidnapping, and physical assault by a stranger – There is no further public information available beyond what was reported at the 8/27 Community Safety meeting. ▪ Making a 911 call without giving one's name or phone number – It's crucial for operators and responders to have a way to contact a caller at the scene, and in the case of serious crimes it's important for police to have the names and contact information of witnesses. ▪ Finding out who has been evicted from a rental property – Contact the landlord, although they might not provide the information. The County Sheriff's office serves and enforces eviction orders. ▪ Making a police report – Only those who are directly involved in an incident (such as a victim or witness) can 	

	<p>make a police report – those with second-hand information are not eligible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time limit for making a police report – The statute of limitations varies depending on the nature of the crime, although there is no time limit for reporting / prosecuting 1st and 2nd degree murder. It's best to report a crime as soon as possible because the chance of recovering evidence and identifying suspects and witnesses diminishes over time. 	
<p>Block Patrol news – Laura Blue Bird</p>	<p><u>Presentation</u> by Laura Blue Bird: From 8/28 to 9/24, six Block Patrol volunteers participated in seven shifts, contributing 18 hours total.</p> <p>During the past month, Block Patrol teams spoke with about two dozen community members on the streets; spoke with our Franklin – Nicollet beat officers; gave information about St Stephen's Street Outreach to a male with an intoxicated female companion who were camped out near the greenway between Nicollet Ave and 1st Ave – they were lying on a blanket with a shopping cart full of belongings nearby; found two shopping carts full of items in the parking lot by Frattallone's hardware store; during a noon shift, called Metro Transit police to report a male who had urinated in a bus shelter at Franklin & Nicollet, and later updated the call to report that the male, who had been getting on and then off random buses, eventually boarded a northbound bus on Nicollet Ave and left the area; noticed that the "vision box" (designed by University of Minnesota students), which was focused on the new playground at the park, was ruined and had been placed in a garbage container; were unable to assist a male who was looking for "204"; saw a graffiti tag on the "apple" in the new playground at the park and discussed whether to ask the city for supplies to remove it or to report it to 311.</p> <p>Glenn Kirke of St Stephen's Street Outreach passed around brochures and encouraged community members to call their number (612-879-7624) to report information about – and the location of – any people who are camped outdoors or otherwise in need of shelter or social services. The organization will send an outreach team to interview them.</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>
<p>Community Safety plan – progress report</p>	<p>With The Nicollet coffee shop under new ownership, staff will proceed with plans to schedule a community discussion at that location regarding ways to combat street harassment. This is a project in partnership with the Sexual Violence Center and the Whittier Alliance.</p>	

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Dave Delvoye.