

Safety Committee minutes – November 17, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave



Present: Ken Strobel and Michele McGaughey, co-chairs; Nimco Ahmed, Ward 6 City Council; Bobbi Harrington and Jean Schwalen, Hennepin County Community Probation; Matt Clark and Chelsea Adams, Minneapolis Police 5th Precinct; Chris Dixon, City Attorney’s Office; Rob Helmerich, Rand Management; Lucy Minn, Lupe Development Partners; Julian Gray, Fades of Gray; James Foote, Arlene Storandt, Jerry Paulson, Jill Ferguson, Eddie Chambers, Suzanne R., Howard Penas, Carla Andersen, Corwin Morton, Aaron Szczech and SSCO safety coordinator Dave Delvoe (dave_sscoweb@yahoo.com or 874-2840)

Agenda item	Notes/decisions	Follow up
<p>Announcement</p> <p>Contact SSCO to volunteer or for more info.</p>	<p>Due to the holidays, the committee meets next on Thursday, 12/15, at 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Next Safety committee meeting: Thursday, 12/15, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.</p>
<p>Minneapolis Police report – Inspector Matt Clark, CPS Chelsea Adams</p>	<p>Matt Clark presented a citizen commendation award from the Police department to neighborhood resident James Foote who helped officers apprehend chronic offender Charles Anthony Bailey who was wanted for stealing four bikes from a garage. Foote had seen the MPD crime alert with a photo of the suspect posted on the Minneapolis Bike Love web site. He checked that web site on his smart phone when he encountered the suspect rummaging through dumpsters at Franklin & Lyndale. Foote called 911 and followed the suspect until police arrived, showing the responding officers the crime alert on his phone. The committee applauded Foote, and Clark thanked him for his good work.</p> <p>Chelsea Adams distributed a list of individuals who have recently been charged with 3rd degree felony sale of drugs to undercover officer(s) in the neighborhood: Tyra Monique Jarrett, Simeon Statam, Ann Marie Brandenburg, Tyrell Shawn Spears, William Anthony Vann, Kara-Ann Marie Collins, Yolanda Elaine Bowers, and Dorothy Marie Floyd. The 5th Precinct is requesting community impact statements (c.i.s) for these persons regarding the effect that drug use/dealing has on the neighborhood. The County Attorney’s office will provide the c.i.s. to the judge at sentencing. A c.i.s. can be submitted regarding a particular kind of offense, a specific offender, or any criminal case in which a suspect has been charged. The statements can be sent to Adams at the 5th Precinct, 3101 Nicollet Ave, 55408, or to Chelsea.Adams@minneapolismn.gov</p> <p>Leroy Thompson was also charged with felony drug sale in the neighborhood and has been convicted and sentenced to 36 months in prison. The 5th Precinct will continue to submit names to the committee as more individuals are charged.</p> <p>Adams reported on an 11/9 meeting called by the 5th Precinct to deal with issues regarding the Loaves and Fishes program which rents space to serve free meals at St Stephen’s Church, 2211 Clinton Ave. Participants included City Council Member Robert Lilligren and staff from the 5th Precinct, City Attorney’s office, St Stephen’s Church, St Stephen’s Human Services, Loaves and Fishes, SSCO, and Whittier Alliance. Loaves and Fishes agreed to make some operational changes, such as requiring guests to be sober, sign in, and abide by a number of rules regarding behavior on the premises and in the surrounding community. Those who fail to comply – plus 5th Precinct CLEAN list offenders – will be trespassed from the property for up to a year. Protecting vulnerable clients from the criminals who often prey on them is a priority. The changes are intended to improve staff, client, and neighborhood safety.</p> <p>Police have identified a number of Somali male offenders who frequently loiter in or wander through the neighborhood drinking alcohol, starting fights, and causing problems, often ending up at Loaves and Fishes. Some of these individuals may also be causing trouble at the Minneapolis Public Housing high-rise at 1707 3rd Ave, where they could be trespassed from the premises.</p>	<p>Chelsea.Adams@Minneapolismn.gov 673-2819</p> <p>CRT line (to report suspected drug and prostitution activity at specific addresses or locations): 673-5716 or contact Sara.Metcalf@ci.minneapolis.mn.us</p> <p>Crime Prevention Resources</p> <p>911 / 311 information</p>

	<p>There was a report of a problem at 1801 3rd Ave, where the odor of marijuana coming from an apartment seeped into common areas and other apartments. Those with complaints should call 911 for police response, document the problem, and share the information with management. The Minnesota Multi-Housing Association's hotline at (952) 858-8222 has general answers to common questions about rental housing issues.</p> <p>Adams distributed a map and list of Part 1 crimes reported in the neighborhood during October. There were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 robbery of person: 10/6, 10:15 a.m. at 18th & Nicollet in which a suspect punched a victim and took his wallet. ▪ 1 theft from person: 10/7, 11:50 a.m., in which Abdiaziz Mohamed Osman (6/12/83) was arrested for taking \$6 from a victim. ▪ 2 burglaries of dwelling: 10/12 at 1816 Stevens Ave in which an apartment door was pryed open and boxes of clothing rummaged through; 10/25 at 1920 3rd Ave in which bikes were stolen from two storage lockers. ▪ 2 burglaries of business: 10/27 to 10/30, Brio Art in the Semple Mansion, 100 West Franklin Ave, in which a door was pryed open and camera equipment stolen; 10/29, 3:40 p.m., at the Family Dollar Store, 1816 Nicollet Ave, in which officers chased and arrested Rico Deanglo Bassett (9/11/69). ▪ 3 motor vehicle thefts: 10/21 at 1912 Clinton Ave; 10/23 at 17th & 1st; 10/26 at 19th & 3rd. ▪ 5 thefts from motor vehicles: 10/3 to 10/5 at 1920 LaSalle Ave; 10/5 at 19th & 1st; 10/15 at Groveland & LaSalle; 10/24 at 1810 3rd Ave; 10/29 at 17th & 1st. ▪ 4 other incidents of theft. ▪ 1 stolen vehicle recovered on 10/26 at 19th & 3rd. <p>The 5th Precinct has scheduled a training for those who want to become block leaders: Tuesday, 12/6, 1 to 2 p.m. at the 5th Precinct, 3101 Nicollet Ave. Contact Adams with questions or to sign up.</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 10/24/11 to 11/13/11 showed 17 alcohol-related arrests (13 in 2010), 5 narcotics-related arrests (9 in 2010), and no prostitution-related arrests (none in 2010). Year to date, there have been 196 alcohol-related arrests (297 in 2010), 131 narcotics-related arrests (119 in 2010), and 10 prostitution-related arrests (24 in 2010). For the period from 10/24/11 to 11/13/11, SSCO's Google maps showed 28 police reports for the Nicollet corridor (LaSalle Ave/Blaisdell Ave to 1st Ave, I-94 to 24th St), 4 for the Stevens Square Park area (Stevens Ave to 2nd Ave, 17th St to Franklin Ave), and 31 for the Clinton sector (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave).</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 Chris Dixon</p>	<p>Chris Dixon distributed copies of a survey from the City Attorney's office regarding the value of having a community prosecutor assigned to the 5th Precinct. He asked that responses be returned by the end of the meeting or within a week at the latest.</p> <p>Dixon distributed copies of the 5th Precinct CLEAN sheet and updated the committee on some of the offenders active in Stevens Square, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Patrick Addy – set for court on 11/30 for a new case from the neighborhood, will request geographic restrictions. ▪ Darryl Brooks – failed to appear in court on 11/15 because he had no transportation from the treatment facility to which he has been conditionally released, rescheduled for 12/2/11. ▪ Kathleen Croud – serving four consecutive 90-day sentences, restricted from the area by court order, in the workhouse until 6/30/12. ▪ William Ernst – ordered to report to the workhouse on 11/22 to serve 90 days. ▪ Anthony Ford – five active bench warrants. ▪ Larry Harper – restricted from the area by court order, goes to court on 11/22 for burglary and possession of burglary tools. ▪ Ahmed Hired – in jail pending a 12/7 court appearance for 5th degree assault. ▪ Frank Killwright – set for court on 11/21 for an open bottle case. ▪ Ronald King – five cases set for court on 11/18, will request geographic restrictions. ▪ Lynn Love – on probation, restricted from the area by court order. 	<p>Christopher.Dixon@Minneapolismn.gov 673-5402</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jessica Matt – nine cases set for sentencing on 12/19, restricted from the area by court order. ▪ Randy McNellis – in the workhouse until 1/24/12. ▪ Maurice Patterson – failed to appear in court today, bench warrant pending. ▪ Zaki Sugule – in prison until 7/4/13. ▪ Frederick Washington – report to the workhouse on 11/29 or serve 365 (instead of 180) days for three recent convictions. <p>There was a discussion about the Minnesota sentencing guidelines, which apply to felonies. Sentences for specific cases do not set any kind of precedent. There were questions about the sentencing of John Kittleson who was arrested on 5/23/11 for 2nd degree assault and other charges at the Hennepin County Mental Health Center, 1801 Nicollet Ave. Kittleson pled guilty to terroristic threats on 7/26 and received a stay of imposition on 11/3. The defendant is under Mental Health Court supervision and the victims are satisfied with the outcome of the case.</p> <p>A community member stated that she has been solicited for prostitution by males in vehicles several times while leaving her residence. Call 911 to report these kinds of offenses. Police can conduct undercover “john” details if they are aware of the times and locations of these kinds of problems.</p> <p>Over the past month, SSCO submitted community impact statements to the court regarding chronic offenders Tyra Jarrett and Maurice Patterson. Copies of the statements were passed around.</p>	
<p>Priority concerns / hot spots / chronic offenders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Narcotics-related loitering and trespassing in the Clinton sector (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave), especially on and around Franklin Ave – See the Minneapolis Police report above for a list of those charged with felony sale of drugs to undercover officers in this area. From 7/25 to 10/30, there were 160 crime-related police reports this year in the Clinton sector compared to 60 last year, a 266% increase. For the same period and area, there were 161 arrests and citations this year compared to 37 last year, a 435% increase. These numbers show both the increase in crime in the area and the results of the 5th Precinct’s successful plan to focus resources on resolving the problems. Community Attorney Chris Dixon analyzed the arrest data in the Clinton sector for August and September: 19 3rd Precinct chronic offenders with few or any prior 5th Precinct arrests were arrested, some for numerous offenses, along with 3 chronic offenders who have been active in both precincts. There is no doubt that the increase in crime in the Clinton sector during this period was directly related to the increased enforcement by the 3rd Precinct at Peavey Park and Franklin & Chicago and the subsequent displacement of offenders who had been active in those areas. ▪ 110 East 18th St – There are reports of windows open and possible intruders inside this fenced and boarded vacant building. ▪ LaSalle community garden, north of 1801 LaSalle Ave – There are reports of periodic drinking and loitering in and around the garden, although most people move on after a short time. <p>SSCO’s monthly chronic offender update included cases involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leroy Thompson – 9/29/11 3rd degree felony sale of drugs at Franklin & 4th. ▪ James Black (5 arrests in the area in the past year) – 9/21/11 trespassing at 1922 Clinton Ave, Giant Laundromax; 11/9/11 possession of drug paraphernalia at Franklin & 4th. ▪ Nanette Haghi (24 arrests in the area in the past six years) – 11/2/11 possession of drug paraphernalia at Franklin & Nicollet. ▪ John Kittleson – 5/23/11 2nd degree assault with a dangerous weapon at 1801 Nicollet Ave, Hennepin County Mental Health Center. 	<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 Nimco Ahmed</p>	<p>Nimco Ahmed reported that Council Member Lilligren was chairing the annual meeting of the Lake Street Council this evening and sent his regrets for being unable to attend the Safety committee meeting. Everyone is invited to attend the celebration of Lilligren’s ten years in office: 11/22, 5 to 7 p.m., Midtown Exchange party room, 2929 Chicago Ave. Although this event is sponsored by Lilligren’s political campaign, there is no obligation to make a contribution. Committee members are welcome to attend and enjoy the great food and music.</p>	<p>Robert.Lilligren@Minneapolismn.gov 673-2206</p>

	<p>The City Council is working on the 2012 budget, and Lilligren is specifically focused on finding a way to retain all of the Crime Prevention Specialist (CPS) positions in the Police department, five of which are due to be cut under the Mayor’s plan. The committee addressed this issue last month. The committee had requested that staff provide a letter or talking points to those who would like to contact City officials about this matter. Staff cannot write form letters on behalf of individuals, but the basic information about the issue is contained in the minutes of the 10/27/11 meeting. Contact information for the City Council is available at http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/. In response to a question, staff agreed to provide a copy of SSCO’s letter in support of maintaining the current level of staffing for CPS positions to anyone who requests it. Ahmed reported that Lilligren is also interested in finding a permanent source of funding for Crime Prevention Specialists instead of having to rely on federal Community Development block grants. With the support of the Police chief, the discussion about how to make that happen will begin in early 2012.</p>	<p>Ward 6 web site</p>
<p>Restorative Justice Community Action report</p>	<p>An RJCA client contributed eight hours of community service in the past month picking up trash and litter in the neighborhood.</p>	<p>Contact Chanti Calabria 746-0784 CCalabria@rjca-inc.org</p> <p>RJCA web site</p>
<p>Block Patrol report – Arlene Storandt</p>	<p>Arlene Storandt reported that, from 10/28 to 11/17, 10 Block Patrol volunteers participated in 19 shifts, contributing a total of 60 hours. On 11/10, a Block Patrol team attended a Self-defense workshop at Bryant Square Park which was sponsored by the Uptown Association and the 5th Precinct. Storandt shared some stories from the Block Patrol log.</p>	<p>Contact SSCO to join Block Patrol. Application and guidelines are at the SSCO web site.</p>
<p>Safety coordinator report – Dave Delvoye</p>	<p>The committee discussed changes proposed by the Board of Directors to the guidelines of the Building Safety Improvement program which the committee had approved at the 9/22 meeting. The guidelines had been amended to make surveillance camera systems eligible for the program. The Board suggested that the committee specify a minimum line resolution for the cameras and require that the images be recorded and retained for a specific amount of time. The committee discussed these issues.</p> <p>On a motion by Howard Penas, seconded by Eddie Chambers, the committee recommended that the amended guidelines of the Building Safety Improvement program include requirements that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the cameras have a minimum of 400 lines of resolution and ▪ the images from the camera be recorded and retained for at least 14 days. <p>The motion will be forwarded to the Board for approval at its 12/20 meeting.</p>	

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Dave Delvoye.