

Safety Committee minutes – January 26, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave



Present: Ken Strobel and Michele McGaughey, co-chairs; Robert Lilligren, Ward 6 City Council; Bobbi Harrington and Jean Schwalen, Hennepin County Community Probation; Chelsea Adams, Minneapolis Police 5th Precinct; Chris Dixon, City Attorney’s Office; Kayla Scott, Stevens Supportive Housing; Deb Loveland, Minnesota Teen Challenge; Michael Graca, Boiler Room Coffee; Kristin Unterseher and Jordan Rosch, Starbucks Coffee; Rob Helmerich, Rand Management; Arlene Storandt, Jill Ferguson, Eddie Chambers, Howard Penas, Corwin Morton, Aaron Szczech, Gretchen Webber, Dale Reisdorph, Kandace Krause, Larry Borg, Jerome Diesen, Michael Gines, Elissa Fischer, Stacy Parkhurst, and SSCO safety coordinator Dave Delvoye (dave_sscoweb@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"> ▪ A flyer was distributed with information about upcoming SSCO events plus coupons from The Boiler Room, Pet Doctors, and The Nicollet. The annual Art Squared fundraiser is set for 4/14. Cinema & Civics in Stevens Square Park will take place on 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, and 7/11. The Red Hot Art festival is set for 7/28 and 7/29. ▪ The newly amended guidelines for the SSCO Building Safety Improvement program, which now include matching grants for surveillance camera systems at residential properties, are available at the SSCO website and on request. 	<p>Next Safety committee meeting: Thursday, 2/23, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.</p>
<p>Minneapolis Police report – CPS Chelsea Adams</p>	<p>Chelsea Adams distributed a map and list of Part 1 crimes reported in the neighborhood during December. There were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4 robberies of person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 12/7, noon, at 18th & Stevens in which three male suspects encircled a victim walking in an alley and stole a necklace, hat, and jacket. ○ 12/23, 6:45 p.m. at 18th & 2nd in which a male suspect robbed a victim at gunpoint. ○ 12/26, 6:35 p.m. at 1801 3rd Ave in which a known male acquaintance took cell phones from victims at gunpoint. ○ 12/28, 7:05 p.m. at 18th & Nicollet in which a male suspect pushed a victim who was walking on the sidewalk and demanded belongings at gunpoint. The victim refused and the suspect fled with a bottle of Powerade. ▪ 6 burglaries of dwellings: 12/1 at 1707 3rd Ave; 12/3 at 137 East 17th St; 12/4 at 1820 1st Ave; 12/10 at 1921 3rd Ave; 12/26 at 1906 Clinton Ave; 12/30 at 128 East 18th St. ▪ 1 motor vehicle theft on 12/31 at 128 East 18th St. ▪ 5 thefts from motor vehicle: 12/3 at 339 East 18th St; 12/14 at 18th & Nicollet; 12/21 at 1923 3rd Ave; 12/21 at 1915 1st Ave; 12/23 at 1933 Lyndale Ave. ▪ 4 other incidents of theft. <p>Adams pointed out that all of the robberies occurred on 18th St; it is uncertain whether any of them are related. There have been a number of smartphone thefts reported in the 5th Precinct and throughout the city. A group of teenagers, possibly all males, seems to be involved. In some cases, the phone is taken from the victim's hands, in others the phone is stolen after it is set down on a table in a business. The incidents often occur in the evening. Smartphone owners should record the phone's serial number; install or activate a function to find a lost or stolen phone; report thefts to the police; pay attention to their surroundings; and call 911 to report suspicious activity.</p> <p>Adams provided copies of the updated 5th Precinct resource list and Minneapolis online resource list. Call 911 to report complaints about noisy neighbors in rental properties between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.</p> <p>The unofficial 2011 Part 1 crime statistics for the neighborhood show a significant increase in serious crime compared to 2010. See the table below. Compared to 2010, there were increases in the number of rapes (+33%), robberies (+52%), aggravated assaults (+28%), burglaries (+40%), and thefts (+39%); motor vehicle thefts were down by one (-4%). All together there were 80 violent (homicide, robbery, rape, aggravated assault) crimes (+40%) and 325 total Part 1 crimes (+35%). The aggravated assault numbers include domestic assaults. The</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>

numbers for 2010 were unusually low, so the increase in 2011 may reflect that. Theft reports may be on the rise partly due to the number of victims who report incidents to 311 that otherwise would go unreported. The raw numbers do not show the different kinds and levels of some offenses: for example, there is a big difference in robberies and assaults committed by strangers and those committed by acquaintances.

Part 1 crime	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	total
homicide	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	6
rape	10	8	12	5	5	4	5	3	3	3	8	7	9	12	94
robbery	60	66	51	40	32	34	28	51	41	39	17	23	23	35	540
aggravated assault	26	26	18	32	16	17	14	21	21	20	30	17	25	32	315
burglary	60	55	47	46	44	29	45	46	54	57	52	35	37	52	659
theft / larceny	195	248	196	141	158	117	106	144	118	133	128	116	121	168	2089
motor vehicle theft	39	39	45	47	44	46	45	43	27	38	29	22	26	25	515
total	391	442	369	312	299	247	243	309	265	290	264	221	241	325	4,218
total violent crimes	97	100	81	78	53	55	47	76	66	62	55	48	57	80	955

Below is a table summarizing arrests and citations for certain livability offenses in the area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, over the past seven years. Alcohol-related arrests include consuming alcohol in public, open bottle, and possession of liquor in a park. Narcotics-related arrests include narcotics violation, loitering with intent to buy or sell narcotics, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Prostitution-related arrests include loitering with intent to commit prostitution and prostitution. Compared to 2010, alcohol related arrests (-34%) and prostitution related arrests (-58%) continued to decline, while narcotics related arrests (+2%) have leveled off over the past three years.

Arrests	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
Alcohol	263	372	391	356	394	308	204	2,288
Narcotics	333	367	228	161	136	134	137	1,496
Prostitution	105	35	35	27	33	24	10	269
Total	701	774	654	544	563	466	351	4,053

Since 2004, SSCO has tracked all arrests in the same area and identified top offenders, in this case those who have been arrested or cited in the area five or more times in a calendar year. Below is a table with the number of top offenders per year and the total number of arrests they accounted for.

Year	Top offenders	Arrests
2004	15	114
2005	33	235
2006	29	194
2007	25	174
2008	13	72
2009	13	81
2010	9	56
2011	8	48

Top offenders in 2011 included [Ahmed Hired](#) (8 arrests), [Kathleen Croud](#) (8), [Larry Harper](#) (6), [James Black](#) (6), [Addis Swift](#) (5), [Calvin Rallings](#) (5), [Farid Suleiman](#) (5), and [Roger Loud](#) (5).

Since 2004 in the same area, SSCO has identified 211 chronic offenders, in this case those who have been arrested or cited in the area five or more times within two years. Below is a table with the number of chronic offenders arrested per year and the total number of arrests they accounted for.

Year	Chronic offenders	Arrests
2004	86	282
2005	108	398
2006	114	401
2007	102	339
2008	93	246
2009	83	214
2010	70	170
2011	63	154

Chris Dixon attributed the unique drop in the number of arrests of top and chronic offenders in Stevens Square and Whittier to the work of Law Enforcement Group, the partnership among the neighborhood organizations, police, probation, and prosecutors which concentrates on getting consequences for those who repeatedly offend in this area. Robert Lilligren said that the trend also shows the coordination of enforcement efforts in the 1st Precinct downtown with the 5th Precinct, which share a number of chronic offenders.

21 offenders have been arrested in this area 20 or more times in the past eight years. The top three offenders are [Darryl Brooks](#) (41 arrests), [Brandon Miller](#) (37), and [Ronald King](#) (36).

SSCO's Google maps and lists of arrests in the area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, from 12/12/11 to 1/22/12 showed 14 [alcohol-related arrests](#) (3 during this period a year ago), 5 [narcotics-related arrests](#) (12 during this period a year ago), and no prostitution-related arrests (none during this period a year ago). During 2011, there were 204 alcohol-related arrests (308 in 2010), 137 narcotics-related arrests (134 in 2010), and 10 prostitution-related arrests (24 in 2010). For the period from 12/12/11 to 1/22/12, SSCO's Google maps showed 52 police reports for the [Nicollet corridor](#) (LaSalle Ave/Blaisdell Ave to 1st Ave, I-94 to 24th St), 8 for the [Stevens Square Park area](#) (Stevens Ave to 2nd Ave, 17th St to Franklin Ave), and 29 for the [Clinton sector](#) (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave).

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>Community Prosecutor report – Assistant City Attorney Chris Dixon</p>	<p>Chris 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 – 7 cases set for court on 1/31, will request geographic restrictions. ▪ Charles Bailey – added to the list, in custody on \$1,000 bail, 4 cases set for court on 2/1, including the burglary for which a community member received an award two months ago for helping police apprehend Bailey. ▪ Maxim Chance – returned to the list, 4 cases pending. ▪ Joseph Conklin – 3 cases pending. ▪ Kathleen Croud – furloughed from the workhouse to treatment, restricted from the area by court order. ▪ Anthony Ford – active warrants for 6 cases. ▪ Maurice Giles – in the workhouse until 2/6/12. ▪ Larry Harper – on probation for 2 felony cases, review hearing set for 2/6, restricted from the area by court order, a criminal contempt of court case from the neighborhood which was dismissed will be recharged. ▪ Ahmed Hired – 6 cases pending. ▪ Frank Killwright – in the workhouse until 1/29/12. ▪ Ronald King – in the workhouse until 3/6/12, restricted from the area by court order. ▪ Lynn Love – furloughed from the workhouse to treatment, restricted from the area by court order. ▪ Jessica Matt – restricted from the area by court order. ▪ Brandon Miller – 10 cases pending. ▪ Kenneth Nickaboine – no new cases in the area since he was released from the workhouse on 12/28/11. ▪ Maurice Patterson – active warrants for 3 cases for failing to report to the workhouse, will serve 365 days when apprehended. ▪ Alpheaus Putmon – returned to the list, 1 case set for court on 3/1. ▪ Addis Swift – added to the list, 5 cases set for court on 1/30, will request geographic restrictions. ▪ Frederick Washington – in the workhouse until 3/12/12. ▪ Robert Yellow Wolf – active warrants for 2 cases. <p>A community member stated that he was the victim of an armed robbery at 18th & Nicollet on 12/28/11. He described the incident in detail and criticized the behavior of the officers who responded to take a report after being called to the victim's residence several hours after the incident occurred. The victim stated that he may be able to identify the suspect and that there may be surveillance cameras in the area where the robbery occurred. Chelsea Adams asked him to contact the investigator with that information and explained how to make a complaint if the victim felt he had been treated disrespectfully. There was a question about whether officers ridiculed the area and whether they took residents' concerns seriously. Dixon stated that any such allegations are not true at all: the neighborhood has outstanding beat officers who care about the safety of community members; the area gets specialized help from the leadership at the 5th Precinct; and Stevens Square has more law enforcement resources available than any other neighborhood in the precinct. Ken Strobel stated that police work closely with the neighborhood and take the concerns and issues here very seriously. The way the Safety committee operates is a good example of this partnership.</p> <p>There was a discussion about surveillance cameras in the neighborhood: all are privately owned and operated, and police are likely unaware of all the locations. Robert Lilligren stated that there have been ongoing discussions about installing police cameras in the neighborhood and that 5th Precinct Inspector Matt Clark had sponsored a pilot project to bring a mobile police camera to Franklin & Nicollet in 2011, which had sparked a lot of interest. The safety coordinator stated that SSCO is exploring the possibility of purchasing, owning, and operating its own mobile camera. A number of issues in regard to how that would work need to be resolved and sources of funding need to be identified.</p>	<p>Christopher.Dixon@Minneapolismn.gov 673-5402</p>
<p>Priority concerns / hot spots / chronic offenders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1913 Stevens Ave – There are reports of drug dealing and prostitution at an apartment in this building. Police are working to resolve the problems. ▪ Narcotics-related loitering in the Clinton sector (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave) – especially on and around Franklin Ave – Community members reported suspicious activity at Franklin & 3rd and 19th & 3rd. Undercover officers succeeded in buying narcotics from three suspects on 1/6 at Franklin & 3rd and Franklin & 4th. 	

	<p>There was a discussion about educating community members about how to make effective 911 calls. Call 911 to report suspicious or criminal activity in progress and to request that a squad respond. Call the 5th Precinct Community Response Team (CRT) line at 673-5716 to report suspected drug and prostitution activity at specific addresses and locations.</p> <p>SSCO's monthly chronic offender update included cases involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Robert Commodore (3 arrests in the area in the past two years) – 5/2/11 robbery of person at 2017 Pillsbury Ave. ▪ Anthony Johnson (4 arrests in the area during a five-month period in 2011) – 5/30/11 motor vehicle theft (bait vehicle) at 24th & Clinton; 8/2/11 trespassing at 1906 3rd Ave. ▪ Titus Wright – 9/13/11 5th degree felony drug possession at 2025 Nicollet Ave; 11/10/11 3rd degree felony drug sale at Franklin & 4th; 11/24/11 possession of drug paraphernalia at Franklin & 3rd. ▪ Charles Roberts (10 arrests in the area in the past three years) – 11/15/11 open bottle at 2400 Nicollet Ave, McDonald's Restaurant. ▪ Farid Suleiman (9 arrests in the area in the past three years) – 12/29/11 consuming alcohol in public and trespassing at 2020 Nicollet Ave. ▪ Larry Harper (21 arrests in the area in the past seven years) – 6/3/11 burglary of dwelling and possession of burglary tools at 1900 Clinton Ave; 10/14/11 criminal contempt of court at 22nd & Nicollet. ▪ Robert Yellow Wolf (29 arrests in the area in the past seven years) – 11/2/11 falsely reporting a crime at 2001 Lyndale Ave; 11/15/11 open bottle at 1911 Nicollet Ave. ▪ Alpheaus Putmon (15 arrests in the area in the past seven years) – 11/8/11 consuming alcohol in public and littering at Franklin & Nicollet; 11/10/11 interfering with traffic at Franklin & Nicollet. ▪ Dejuan McFarland (3 arrests in the area within a two-month period in 2011) – 11/15/11 disorderly conduct at 2001 Nicollet Ave, Starbucks Coffee. ▪ Elijah Regenauer (5 arrests in the area in the past two years) – 3/4/11 consuming alcohol in public at Franklin & Nicollet; 3/16/11 aggressive panhandling at 19th & Nicollet; 4/12/11 aggressive panhandling at 18th & Nicollet. ▪ Jessica Matt (27 arrests in the area in the past six years) – 3/9/11 criminal contempt of court and possession of drug paraphernalia at Franklin & 3rd; 4/12/11 criminal contempt of court at Franklin & Clinton. 	<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 – City Council Member Robert Lilligren</p>	<p>Robert Lilligren reported on issues of interest to the neighborhood. The City is giving away 550 radon test kits to increase awareness of the cancer risks of radon and encourage people to test their homes for it. The kits are available (one per household, while supplies last) on 1/31 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Minneapolis Development Review, 250 South 4th St, room 300. After that, kits will be available for \$9 at the same location.</p> <p>On 1/31, the City Council's Community Development committee will vote on a \$1.3 million tax increment finance plan for Dunwoody Apartments, 110 East 18th St. If approved, construction on the apartment project could begin in the spring. The owner of Gateway Commons, the developer of the project, has attended SSCO Neighborhood Development committee meetings to provide updates.</p> <p>The Neighborhood and Community Relations department is sponsoring a Community Connections Conference on 2/11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St Mary's University Event Center, 2540 Park Ave. The free conference will feature 16 workshops designed to share best practices of neighborhood engagement. For more information and to register to attend, call 673-2243 or visit the conference website.</p> <p>The City is attempting to revoke all of the rental licenses of the company formerly known as UPI Property Management, which owns three buildings in Stevens Square. The company has appealed the City's action and the case is in court, with a decision expected in 60 to 90 days. If the City wins the court challenge, there is some question about how it would respond considering the number of buildings involved and the large number of tenants who would potentially be displaced. It could come down to a decision about how to ensure the safety of tenants and compliance with City ordinances without rendering the tenants homeless.</p>	<p>Robert.Lilligren@Minneapolismn.gov</p> <p>673-2206</p> <p>Ward 6 web site</p>

<p>Block Patrol report – Arlene Storandt</p>	<p>Arlene Storandt reported that from 12/16/11 to 1/26/12, 11 Block Patrol volunteers participated in 24 shifts, contributing a total of 71 hours. One new volunteer joined Block Patrol. Block Patrol and SSCO's outreach and events coordinator began the winter door-knocking campaign to promote SSCO and recruit new volunteers. During this period, Block Patrol teams door-knocked 69 apartments in 3 buildings, spoke with 29 residents, and signed up 11 to receive the SSCO e-mail newsletter.</p> <p>During 2011, 33 volunteers contributed 922 hours to Block Patrol. A core group of 14 volunteers each contributed 24 or more hours. 13 new volunteers joined Block Patrol, 2 volunteers moved away, and 6 others became inactive. In the past 12 years, 172 volunteers have contributed 15,332 hours to Block Patrol.</p>	<p>Contact SSCO to join Block Patrol. Application and guidelines are at the SSCO web site.</p>
<p>Safety coordinator report – Dave Delvoe</p>	<p>SSCO staff has developed a new policy which specifically impacts the Safety committee: When soliciting information from residents about suspicious or criminal activity at an apartment or condo building, do not provide the apartment number(s) in question or the name(s) of anyone suspected. Instead, ask general questions and rely on residents to provide detailed information. This policy is intended to prevent false accusations of those who are innocent and potential retaliation by those who may be involved in criminal activity.</p>	

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Dave Delvoe.