

Crime & Safety Committee Meeting

March 2023 Meeting Minutes

Present:

Co-Chairs: Michael Montrose; Jeanne Wiener

Attendees: Norma Pietz; Anna Newcombe; Ed Janezich; Doug Herkenhoff; Kerri Johnson – 5th Precinct City Attorney; Lt. Chuck McCree - 5th Precinct; Eric Hildreth – Hennepin County Probation/5th Precinct

The Crime & Safety Committee is responsible for working on community safety issues affecting the Lyndale Neighborhood. The Crime & Safety Committee will be responsible for making recommendations to the Board of Directors related to community safety issues, crime issues, programs and projects impacting the neighborhood.

Meeting called to order at 18:30. Welcome and introductions were made.

Motion made to approve March 2023 agenda, seconded – approved.

Motion made to approve January 2023 meeting minutes, seconded – approved.

Note: February meeting canceled due to snowstorm.

LNA Reported Crime Stats and Court Cases by Kerri Johnson – 5th Precinct City attorney:

28 auto thefts/auto parts thefts (20 days of March – still very high).

6 auto recovered.

8 thefts/robberies

5th Precinct – Lt. Chuck McCree:

No more auto thefts “club” available; trying to get more.

P.A.L. (Police Activities League) not up and running yet.

Spike in auto thefts/jackings predominately done by juveniles, which are referred to one judge.

Probation Officer Presentation by Eric Hildreth:

Approximately 20 thousand people on parole, 860 juveniles

Probation cases are selected from a city-wide list based on risk assessment.

Conditions of probation are set by the court.

Probation violators can be arrested by probation officer as an officer of the court and probation can be extended.

There are many resources for people on probation from the city and county and they can be used for community involvement.

Eric was thanked for his presentation and service.

Old Business/Updates:

Stolen license plates should be reported to 911 or 211.

LNA General Membership Meeting recap by Doug Herkenhoff

Sarah (LNA's Acting Director) is leaving 1st June and LNA is in the process of searching for a new director.

LNA's office renovation is in progress.

Discussion to be held on the future of the 7(seven) LNA owned properties.

LNA is hiring a new Justice and Equity staff member.

More Police involvement with LNA's General Membership meetings would be welcomed.

New Business/Announcements:

There was a discussion about the homeless encampment at the Rain garden on 32nd and Blaisdell. Lt. McCree will check on the situation.

Christine Rawlings is the Homeless Response team leader.

Doug Herkenhoff will post no camping/no vehicle sleeping signs.

The Walker Kick-off Pot Luck will be on 21st May at 3200 Pleasant Ave, starting at 3:00pm (15:00).

LNA General Membership Meeting March 27th at Painter Park.

Next C & S next meeting: 18th April 2023 at 18:30 at the 5th Precinct community room.

We hope to have someone from the Hennepin County Atty office for Mental Health to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:00