

Crime & Safety Committee Meeting

September 2023 Meeting Minutes

Present:

Co-Chairs: Michael Montrose; Jeanne Wiener

Attendees: Norma Pietz; Shirley Ramsay-Montrose; Mary Trondson; Mohamed Hirsi; Cynthia Haskell; Brian Haskell; Carol & Kelly Greenwood; Stephen McHenry; Mary Alette Davis; Jacquelyn Palmarez; Steve Horsfield – Simpson Housing Service; Jennifer Waisanan – CPS – 5th Precinct; Chuck McCree - 5th Precinct; Inspector Chistie Nelson - 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 September 2023 agenda, seconded – approved.

Motion made to approve July 2023 meeting minutes, seconded – approved. (no meeting in August)

5th Precinct New Inspector Christie Nelson introduced herself and promoted a good relationship between the Precinct and the community. Police staffing still an issue as it takes a year from hiring to get on patrol.

LNA Reported Crime Stats by Jennifer Waisanan – CCP-SAFE:

78 incidents reported for August.

28 incidents reported for 1st thru 19th September. All are encouraged to lookup crime stats on Minneapolis Crime Dashboard.

Homeless camps are being addressed.

Court Cases:

No court case Report. Kerri Johnson has been promoted to the Hennipen Co. Attorneys Office and is being replaced by Mathew Harting.

5th Precinct – Lt. Chuck McCree:

Robberies and auto thefts are up (Doordash auto thefts an issue while making deliveries). Auto theft prevention clubs are still available at the Precinct. Carjackings are still ongoing. Precautions to remember and practice when stopped: be aware of your surroundings, try not to use your cell phone, keep your car doors locked at all times, leave enough space between you and the car in front of you, so you can go around it, if necessary.

Simpson Housing Service by Stephen Horsfield:

Operations are running smoothly. They are still waiting for permit to demo building at 1st and 28th. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities just visit their website to sign-up.

Old Business/Updates:

Homeless encampment at 31st Street underpass has been removed and fence barrier erected.

311 Walk Recap: still need volunteers.

NNO Recap: CCP/SAFE to let us know of National standing.

Police Policy Forum Recap: Jeanne Wiener gave a summary of the meetings and the positive input that was given. We need more information on the next steps and timeline.

New Business/Announcements:

Halloween Walk on Saturday, 28th October starting at 3200 Pleasant Ave (side yard) from 3pm - 5pm. All are invited, all encouraged to wear costumes.

Motion made and seconded to re-name the walk as the Boo-tiful Lyndale, Halloween Neighborhood Walk.

Next Crime and Safety Meeting 17th October at Painter Park, 6:30pm – 8pm

Thanksgiving Walk is 12th November meeting at Jeanne Wiener's house, 3542 Garfield Ave at Noon.

Thank you cards can be dropped off at LNA office (SNAC) or at Jeanne's. Name change of walk was tabled till Oct. meeting.

LNA Fall Fundraiser 5th Oct at LNA office (SNAC) from 6pm – 9pm.

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Meeting was adjourned at 20:05