

Crime & Safety Committee Meeting

February 2024 Meeting Minutes

Present:

Co-Chairs: Michael Montrose; Jeanne Wiener

Attendees: Shirley Ramsay-Montrose; Norma Pietz; Ed Janezich; Mary Trondson; Mohamed Hirsi; Brian Haskell; Chris Vaughan; Maleni Wiitala -LNA Organizer; Lt. Chuck McCree - 5th Precinct; Eric Hildreth – HC Probation; Ahmed Hassan – CPS 5th Precinct; Tazio Lombardo– Asst. City Attorney; Emily Britz – Social Services, 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 February 2024 agenda, seconded – approved.

Motion made to approve January 2024 meeting minutes, seconded – approved.

LNA Reported Crime Stats by Ahmed Hassan – CCP-SAFE:

7 Auto thefts; 2 robbery of persons; 1 dwelling robbery

Welcomed Emily Britz to the meeting. She is now embedded in the 5th Precinct for Social Services.

Court Cases by Tazio Lombardo – 5th Precinct City Attorney:

January 3rd shooting on 34th & Harriet is an ongoing investigation (possible drug deal dispute). Derek Thompson case has possible settlement hearing.

5th Precinct – Lt. Chuck McCree:

Crimes still on steady rise, possibly because of the warmer weather for this time of the year. Burglary of garages are a problem. Please be sure to keep all garage doors locked. Carjackings are down due to the arrest of a juvenile group. Free Anti-theft CLUBS are still available for all cars at 5th Precinct.

Eric Hildreth – H. C. Probation Officer – 5th Precinct:

Parolees that need community service may be able to help with some events. Requests can be forwarded to him.

Safe Routes Report by Chris Vaughan:

Program to look at safety for children walking/biking to school and people with mobility issues. Looking for volunteers to help identify dangerous crossings. Committee would like clarification on how LNA and this committee can help.

Old Business/Updates:

LNA Board Report by Mary Trondson:

Wheels/Bike Rodeo 4th May 11am – 2pm at Painter Park. There will be food trucks and activities for kids ages 7 - 12, more info to come.

Book Fest (Lyndale Community Gathering) on 22nd April at Painter Park – 6pm to 8pm. Anyone that would like to donate books can drop them off at LNA office 3537 Nicollet Ave. They are also looking for volunteers to help with the set-up and to help distribute any books left over to the “free library” kiosks after the event.

New Business/Announcements:

Next Crime and Safety Meeting 19th March 2024 at 5th Precinct Community Room, 6:30pm – 8pm

Set-up tentative “Lyndale Walker” 2024 schedule

Motion was made to Approve Crime & Safety 2024 Work Plan as presented – seconded and approved.

“Walkers” Walk-a-ton Potluck Kick off at 3200 Pleasant Ave on 28th April at 4pm - 6pm

There has been no date set yet for the 5th Precinct Open House in May

Ahmed Hassan suggested we ask someone from the Police implementation unit to speak, he will reach out to the unit for a contact.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:05