

Crime & Safety Committee Meeting

April 2024 Meeting Minutes

Present:

Co-Chairs: Michael Montrose; Jeanne Wiener

Attendees: Shirley Ramsay-Montrose; Norma Pietz; Mary Trondson; Anna Newcombe; Mohamed Hirsi; Laura Mitchell; Chris Vaughan; Eric Larson; Stephen McHenry; Steve Horsfield – Simpson Housing; Carl Valdez – Chaplain; Lt. Chuck McCree – 5th Precinct; Tazio Lombardo – City Attorney at 5th Precinct; Ahmed Hassan – CPS 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 April 2024 agenda, seconded – approved.

Motion made to approve March 2024 meeting minutes as amended (spelling of Names), seconded – approved.

Lyndale Neighborhood Reported Crime Stats by Ahmed Hassan – CPS:

No report due to over 1000 on record but it turns out most were not in the Lyndale Neighborhood.

A resident relayed an incident: He witnessed an aggravated robbery of person at 31st St and Harriet Ave, while yelling at the person/s he was calling 911. The suspects fled the scene, property was stolen but no one was seriously hurt. A few days later his front door was damaged, someone tried to kick it in. He remains worried about his and his families safety, but would not hesitate to try and help again.

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

Derek Thompson case is now in Federal Custody.

Casablanca Parking lot shooting incident is still an ongoing investigation.

John Sawchak has two misdemeanor warrants active, if you see him out in the community, please call 911 and let them know where he is.

5th Precinct Report by Lt. Chuck McCree:

Juvenile incidents are up due to the lack of consequences, must learn to be a good witness – will speak on this at June meeting.

Simpson Housing Project: update by Steve Horsfield

We are at Zion (church) one year now, things are going good there.

Waiting for the demo of a house next door before construction of new building at 28th St and 1st Ave.

Donations of personal hygiene products for both male and female are accepted.

3rd May fundraiser - Art Auction, more information on Simpson Housing website.

Old Business/Updates:

Safe Routes: Laura and Christopher said they received a grant from DOT and will be working with the LNA board of Directors and Director Sami.

Litter out of Lyndale and Book Fest were successful.

Lyndale Walkers Kick-off Potluck was not as successful as previous years due to the weather.

Wheels/Bike Rodeo was a great success due to all the hard work of Mary Trondson, LNA Board and Staff and Anne Kegley and Painter Park staff.

C & S 2024 work plan – Hopefully we will find out if it was approved by the Board at the next meeting.

New Business/Announcements:

No C & S meeting in May, we encourage all to attend the 5th Precinct Open House on 13th May.
Next Crime and Safety Meeting 18th June 2024 at 5th Precinct Community Room, 6:30pm – 8pm.
Community Engagement meeting scheduled for the 15th October C & S meeting.

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Meeting was adjourned at 20:05