

SSCO Safety Committee meeting
Thursday, April 28, 6 to 7:30 PM, on Zoom:
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Purpose of the Safety Committee-**Read by Dee at 6:06**

The Safety Committee provides a venue for community members to bring forward their neighborhood-related safety ideas and concerns, identify resources and develop solution-based strategies, in partnership with City, County and other agencies. The committee seeks to empower neighborhood residents to take leadership in crime prevention initiatives and to take a proactive stance to increase safety for all, through building community.

Community members 16 and older who either live in the neighborhood or are representatives of businesses/institutions in the neighborhood can propose and vote on motions. Anyone may participate in discussions. Discussions will follow Parliamentary Procedure, as established.

Any person who wishes to be on the agenda for a community meeting should contact the SSCO office in writing or leave a voice message (612-874-2840) ten (10) days in advance of the next scheduled committee meeting. The Safety Committee co-chairs review all requests, prepare the agenda, and submit a monthly committee report to the SSCO Board of Directors.

SSCO Pronoun Statement

SSCO recognizes that name and gender identity are central to most individuals' sense of self and well-being, and that it is important for SSCO to establish mechanisms to acknowledge and support individuals' self-identification. One way we can support identity is by honoring the name and pronouns that each of us go by. Many people might go by a name in daily life that is different from their legal name. In our gatherings, we seek to refer to people by the names that they go by.

Pronouns can be a way to affirm someone's gender identity, but they can also be unrelated to a person's identity. They are simply a public way in which people are referred to in place of their name (e.g. "he" or "she" or "they" or "ze" or something else). At all SSCO Board and committee meetings, you are invited (if you want to) to share what pronouns you go by, and we seek to refer to people using the pronouns that they share. The pronouns someone indicates are not necessarily indicative of their gender identity.

City of Minneapolis Land Acknowledgement

As we meet here today, we are reminded that Minneapolis is situated on the homelands of the Dakota people. An area that is steeped in rich Indigenous history, and today is home to Indigenous people from more than 30 different nations. As a City, we have a responsibility to care for the land on which we live and work and all of its natural surroundings. This stewardship is an integral part of our involvement in SSCO, and we honor it as we begin our meeting.

AGENDA

6:00 pm Community Agreements and Introductions

Respect everyone's time, try to stay on topic

Refrain from interrupting others; mute yourself when not speaking

Be respectful to one another and consider different perspectives

If you share often, move to a listening role; if you listen often, move to a sharing role

Introduce yourself: name, pronouns and connection to SS-LH

Dee Tvedt: she/her, co-chair of safety committee, resident

Ken Strobel: he/him, resident, volunteer, past board member

Ron Helmerichs: poast resident, business owner

Joci : resident, she/her

Morgan Stemberger: SSCO staff member, resident. She/her

Chris Dixon: supervising attorney for Minneapolis. He/Him

Calvin Noble: Lt. MPD, park board, He/Him

Lt Mike Frye: 5th precinct, dog watch shift

Kayli Schneider: SSCO Intern

John Kiel: He/Him, SSCO board member, resident

Maureen Wells: she/her, resident

Eliabeth Shafer: core park commissioner

Kren Ives: she/er, resident, former board member

Hadida Bakar: neighborhood outreach coordinator

Jim Rubin: Minch properties, He/Him

J randolph: they/ them

MAY WE RECORD THIS MEETING?

Feedback from March 24, 2022 meeting, which was recorded:

This is a public meeting.

There is a concern about lack of participation if future meetings are going to be recorded.

Recording meetings may discourage people from speaking their minds.

No requests were made to record the meeting, the meeting will not be recorded.

6:20pm Review and approve the agenda

Meeting notes from prior meetings will be sent to members who attended the meeting and will be posted on the next meeting and voted for approval.

-Motion is seconded and approved.

6:07 pm Approve the minutes from March 24, 2022 (unavailable to sender at time of notice)

March Safety Committee Notes - Google Docs

6:10 pm Community Partner Updates

MPD: What should the safety committee focus on?

-Lt. Frye: shootings that are taking place; increased night patrols, weapons units will start to patrol areas as well. Catalytic converter thefts are up. Top 16 vehicles that

catalytic converters are being stolen from will be shared. MPD is working on a program to address that theft in the future. In meantime, STM will have an idea of top 16 types of vehicles where theft is common.

-Dee: there is a map showing shots fired and reports are duplicate, exactly at the same time and a few blocks apart. Are they separate?

-Lt. if they are called in at separate times or different calls are assigned case numbers. But if dispatch knows it's the same case dispatch will automatically combine them.

-Resident: 19th st has lots of drug and gun violence incidents

-Lt. Down 300+ MPD officers, they are doing their best and sending out extra patrols when they can, but they don't have the bodies to do more.

-Resident: was the city of Minneapolis working on a program to put an id tag on catalytic converters to make it more difficult to steal.

-Lt. yes, it is in the works, hopefully it will be out to the public in the next few weeks. Needs to make sure they are keeping track of stats to ensure efficacy of program

-Resident: What is the projection of when the MPD shortage ends?

-Lt. they don't know. Political climate, current reports, constant barrage has made it difficult to recruit new officers. They are doing the best they can, a common problem is parents telling their kids not to go to school to become police officers, they are working to reduce stigma. Normal class size is 25-50 recruits and the current class has 10 recruits.

-Resident; what are violence interrupters supposed to do?

Lt: that is a question that should go to NPR. He has seen them during the day, not sure if they go to high crime areas where gun violence has been reported.

-Jennifer Weismn for the entire 5th precinct, works for cps- moved to NPR. Lt will see if violence interrupters can walk through Stevens Square.

Maureen: harassment on corner of nicollet and franklin; every wednesday for 2.5 hrs.

Can we make our vendors safer? 2:30-6:30

-Lt: are there any other security?

Res: plymouth church has a security crew, they are not police or trained, they do it out of goodness of their heart but it is not their jobs

City Attorney's Office:

Chris dixon: There was one arrest for assault, suspect bailed out, My 10th omnibus hearing. Update list with open bottle reports, hanging around SS, one person got assigned a social worker and is working on finding his housing. Names of people hanging around SS are appreciated, without suspect names they cannot do anything
Calvin Noble: biweekly meetings for LP,PW,SS spreadsheets being made. 214 cad calls march 1-99% were all proactive. 21 police reports were made, 17 were for urinating in park or drinking in park. 1 individual was cited twice in one day. Working to find a way to keep track of persons cited regularly.

CD: citations don't go to court unless they hear about them, without names they can't do that. Took citations and brought them in for court hearings. Impact statements can help, it depends on the judge on how the case has been handled.

CN: public park xso it's difficult for all for trespassing but they're working on finding a way to restrict them from the park.

Commissioner Shaffer went and spoke with liquor store owners on nicollet, signs posted for no drinking in park, signs posted in park as well.

Resident: a lot of people who are impacted won't say anything; moms wont go to park, hrd to rent property on the park, impact is way beyond what people report.

CN: street reach works a few hours a week, chief ohado, commissioner shafer and Clvin are working on addressing the problem earlier.

Commissioner Shaffer: This is a team effort, thank you to everyone who has been involved, it was nice to meet the community on april 7, excited to see what's to come, it's nice to see the team effort.

Resident: when can we have the people misusing the park removed from the park? What needs to be done to have them physically removed from the park

CD: almost impossible without them committing a misdemeanor with rule 6r, and if they are a danger to themselves or others (Assaultive behavior), geographic restriction is possible, if they build up enough torrents to have geographical restriction and are found in that area,arrests can then be made.

Resident: how easily are GR restrictions enforced?

Lt: any other time or situation, if officers are in park, the person is restricted, if they know the individual they make the arrest.

Resident: if someone isn't sure if its 311 or 911

CN: call 911 if someone isn't sure. It's always best to go to 911 if you don't know

esahffer@minneapolisparks.org for questions about SSLH

Hennepin County Attorney's Office

Hennepin County Corrections

MPRB

Business community: jim: it seems like part of the solution to reclaiming the park is to have more residents use the park. What is the thought of taking a chunk of the park and turning it into a dog park?

ES: there are some capital improvement funds allocated to SS (\$220,000/) there is a question as to whether there is staff able to handle it. The money is there, the more they hear from the community , sSCO should push to get that for this year and if not ot puh for start in 2023. Assistant superintendent michael schroeder

Resident:dog park would take up too much room, park is too small, possible drainage issues, dog park may have been left out of master plan

Elected officials

Others?

7:00pm SSCO Updates (upcoming events and announcements)

SSCO website calendar: Events — Stevens Square Community Organization

SSCO Facebook event listings: Stevens Square Community Organization | Facebook

SSCO Google Calendar [link needed]

J Randolph: comm coordinator for scco- working on getting access to all accounts, don't yet have access google calendar, for time being would recommend sticking with website and facebook. Once google access is made, then it will be correct.

7:04 pm Discussion of current neighborhood safety concerns

7:05 pm Discussion: what future direction should this committee take?

Recap of key take-aways from March 24th meeting:

-We need to seriously look at in-person and/or hybrid meetings to engage more people

-Our meetings need to be a place where people feel heard, by people who can make a difference

-Possible barriers that may prevent some people from participating:

The length (90 min.) of our meetings: presentations vs. discussion/interaction

The presence of police personnel

-We need to rebuild, reaffirm and expand relationships with community partners; (City, business property owners)

-We need a community crime specialist assigned to SS-LH again

-We need to inform (e.g., how are 911 calls handled now?) and to incorporate fun

-SSCO needs to establish clear and direct roles for staff and volunteers, and how they work together:

Committee chairs should not be asked to take on support tasks that are included in staff job descriptions

Staff are expected to help implement work requested by a committee and/or the Board, not merely asking for, then ignoring, feedback.

-SSCO needs to increase inter-committee communication

-SSCO needs to have a process in place for a community response to major incidents of crime.

-SSCO needs to collaborate with other agencies who do outreach in SS-LH

Morgan: SSCO having a process in place for a response to major incidents of crime seems out of scope for scco.

Dee: we need to have connections with agencies and organizations that can help us in responding to accidents. Working with counseling and grief therapy and trauma care

Maureen: We need to know what resources are for people in the community. It is difficult to launch a response on that scale, what would the response even be? What would we do as a community?

Karen: there are times when people just need to know there is help out there

-betterhelp.com, we can put something on the website for counseling

Dee: can we meet with the counseling offices from the neighborhood with a panel to see what community members can do?

-Lets set side 10 min in every meeting in the future to talk about things like this

7:20 pm SSCO Safety Team report

March 25-april 24- 44.5 community walking hrs, graffiti reported to 311, proved support at nprb get together, u-haul spotting operations-introductions to people moving into the neighborhood, moved graffiti stickers, visited number of business, ol school gave safety team old linens for graffiti cleanup

7:15 pm Staff report

Hadiya will be staff person, Morgan is board meeting facilitator. Morgan will be handling safety committee applicants. Morgan does HR/Admin type things.

7:25 pm Confirm next meeting: Thursday, May 26th at 6:00 p.m.

J- publicizing events virtually, posters, flyers, communication goes through J, outreach goes through Hadiya, booking and locations goes through Morgan. Staffing the event goes with staff members available,

7:30 pm Adjourn

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Chat Conversation:

From Dee to Everyone 06:02 PM

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DF8dv1VW_fD7UDxwd2hkfwUxBSR3lchf9tMbOv0XeUU/edit?usp=sharing

From karenives to Everyone 06:30 PM

What are the violence interrupters suppose to do

From karenives to Everyone 06:38 PM

Do neighborhood impact statements help for court cases?

From Maureen Wells to Everyone 06:56 PM

yea dog park

From Stevens Square Community Organization to Everyone 06:57 PM

Fantastic idea for increased safety by public engagement!

From karenives to Everyone 06:58 PM

We did whole process about that at ndc last year

From Calvin Noble to Everyone 07:01 PM

Thank you all. I need to sign off. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions

cnoble@minneapolisparks.org

From karenives to Everyone 07:02 PM

Thanks to all partners who came to our meeting

From Elizabeth Shaffer to Everyone 07:06 PM

Thank you everyone for your work...it is inspiring. My contact info:

eshaffer@minneapolisparks.org, 612-791-3701. Please feel free to reach out.

From Lt. Michael Frye-MPD to Everyone 07:08 PM

Thank you for having me..I am being called to handle a situation and enjoyed learning more about what is needed and how we can help. Look forward to meeting with you in the near future

From Rob Helmerichs to Everyone 07:09 PM

I need to leave now. Thanks to all!

From John Kiel (he/him) to Everyone 07:17 PM

betterhelp.com

drondemand.com

From Stevens Square Community Organization to Everyone 07:21 PM

Uhaul spotting - cute!

From karenives to Everyone 07:25 PM

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