



Special Joint Crime and Safety Meeting
Held by SCNA and LBNA August 28th, 2007 6pm
Creekview Park

1. Welcome and Introductions by SCNA Chair Brock Hanson at 6:05pm and LBNA Chair Ann Moe who co-host the meeting

2. What are neighborhood associations doing to reduce crime?

SCNA:

- a. To reduce Crime we've been investing in YEP
- b. Community Reuse for Shingle Creek Elementary School

LBNA:

- a. Working with Youth Engagement Project to find decent place for youth to hang out at, Brought planters at businesses on Lyndale, Trying to build bigger block clubs. And trying to build our boards to voice our concerns. Trying to work with Lyndale businesses to make them safer.

3. SCNA Board member Marie Castle helped call this meeting and states many believe we are seeing that our neighborhoods are going in the wrong direction. Many feel we should try to deal with the problem. 4PAC work with 4th Precinct we'd like to have people sign up so don't have a meeting and just go home afterwards.

4. Guest Panel: Council President Johnson

- a. Thanks everyone for coming and states Ms. Castle is right that people have to help fight crime.
- c. We're really proud of 4th Precinct and what its been doing to curb crime
- d. We all were shocked at those shootings at Waldos and thankful for the response of MPD
- e. Unfortunately, we have a lot of parents that are not being responsible parents
- f. We spend many dollars for teenage pregnancy. It's a tragedy to all of us. A lot of resources spent on these programs.
- g. Neighborhood associations are right on target. Youth Engagement project, summer camp for young people. We have to be sure children attending school. If you see children are out of control or out after curfew call 911. For problem properties must have specific addresses and call CCP/Safe. And we have put extra patrols in the community this summer. The bridge collapse has stressed resources
- h. It's a beginning to hold those arrested accountable. We need to daylight what's being done in our courts regarding multiple offenses and reduced or lenient sentencing.
- i. The Bohanon incident is a good thing to bring us together, energize us, and see if we can work on these things together

5. Lt. Sauro:

- a. New things at the 4th Precinct: Inspector Martin. Staffing: have had promotions and new recruitments. What they lack in experience the make up for in new energy
- b. Not necessarily the number of cops but the quality.
- c. 4th precinct we see more guns than any other precinct in the city combined.
- d. We depend on you calling us 911 to do the best job we can
- e. The biggest crime up here was the double homicide. We hate to see these crimes occur. These juveniles were convicted as adults. The sad thing was this juvenile had been convicted and free to roam until sentencing when this occurred.
- f. Shooting in the Park, the person that was shot was targeted, gang affiliated, do not take that lightly.
- g. This neighborhood is changing. Used to have 1 car and wouldn't have anything to do. Mortgage foreclosure poses potential problems due to no background checks.

- h. Several complaints all the time regarding no response. Things get handled by priority. Juvenile Apprehension Community Comprehension department. They go out at 6am they go out with a list and keep a lot of pressure on and it's been quite successful.
- i. Part I crimes down 15% this year. Significant decreases this year.
- j. Tons of decent people that live here that deserve to live in this neighborhood

6. Shannon McDonough

- a. Distributes a handout with the numbers Lt Sauro talked about weapons recovered 581.
- b. Shannon delivers message to property owners and landlords to have them deal with issues in the neighborhood.

7. Representative Mullery:

- a. Have been at 13 million at LGA. Drafted language for copper thieves, violent drug offenses language would have offered an opportunity for cops to do more to reduce guns but didn't pass.
- b. Youth violence was his first priority.
- c. We're all trying to get the court system to take this more seriously. Gangs have infiltrated the military and learning techniques.
- d. Getting the judges to take it seriously. Does anyone know what WATCH is? Started by housewives in Kenwood and assigned someone to watch the judges. Have a paper that goes out to everyone and has been very successful.
- e. How to put pressure on parents? Still looking at ways to deal with that.
- f. He carried bill on foreclosures, and asked to coordinate mortgage foreclosures. CM Johnson work on this also.
- g. Guys on release: Go too consecutive types of sentencing if you've already been arrested and then your waiting for trial, currently its concurrently but not consecutively.

8. Park Police Sgt McCormick: First time for a public meeting

- a. Bohanon shooting is unacceptable Jim Schultz handling the case
- b. 2% of all crimes occur in the parks.
- c. Get good information from team. Meeting and coordinating with the directors. If Jason knows about big events that's also helpful.
- d. Majority of crimes occurring is youth
- e. Had 9 calls for service to Bohanon this entire year. 1 for marijuana, 1 for arson at Jenny Lind. Seeking help if you know of anything.
- f. Fairly new to working on the Northside and is currently looking to move to the Northside.

9. Minneapolis Park President Jon Olson:

- a. Did try new things this year. Extended hours to 2am and went to 10 hour shifts. Park Centers are good at providing good leadership.
- b. Waldo's shooting was right behind his business on Lyndale. It could have been easily been him. It was 50' from his business.

10. Residents Q&A.

****Gang involvement:** Lt. Sauro: Background gangs came in early 80's. Currently they Vicelords what's evolved is smaller groups. Gangs are very dangerous. When youth are together Tre Tre's 33rd Ave. 19's Golden Valley Road.

- a. Younger, smaller, and more violent typically these days.
- b. Some up in this Camden area but not as much in the Lowry area.
- c. There are gangs in Mpls and N Mpls.

****Tagging:** GE Gangs xsxxx, Graffiti is the beginning of it.

- a. Person killed for a jersey. Lt. Sauro: First thing about incarceration that sends a message.

****Shoefitti:**

****Problems going on with landlords?** What is the penalty? What's the landlords incentive to kick bad tenants out?

- a. Often time there is often other issues about failure to pay by renters, damage to the

- property. That is there incentive.
- b. Sometimes landlords are in it for the money and then say what do you want me to do about it? There are still good landlords out there. Large percent responsive to police.
 - c. Can there be a penalty? There is a nuisance law. If they have two incidents.
 - d. County Attorney can take possession. What can I do to do the follow-through?
 - e. The visitors are coming to 4925/27 Vincent Ave N.
- **Activity at 52nd and Bryant.** Have heard the complaint for the last 18 months.
- a. Haven't seen the activity have investigated it and they have hired off duty police.
 - b. If there are 15 youth dial 9-1-1. They have also added it to CERT team. Grocery taskforce. These convenience stores are on our radar.
 - c. 52nd and Bryant: Some people have come up from south mpls and as soon as the squad shows up it closes down. Then it closes down so having Oridando CERT Teams priority
- **Graffiti who takes the photos from FNA:** Bonnie more and has distribution list.
- a. Do we call 311 to report? The main thing is to get the graffiti removed rather than getting the photos taken.
 - b. Representative Mullery working on bill to treat graffiti as petty action, or civil action to be able to deal with the graffiti and have it applied to the parents.
- **45th and Lyndale, business owner reports has passed on 13,000 license plates** numbers of possible drug dealers to the Police. Nothing seems to have been done. Drug dealing response time is 45 mins-2hrs. A. Response time priority is incidents against people.
- **3 crimes and your out:** Minneapolis housing ordinance: Can we have the City pass ordinances to evict the bad tenants?
- **Lt. Sauro** States don't need more laws, just continue to enforce the laws we have
- **Property owner of 4925/27 Vincent** has been contacted CCP/SAFE and have contacted the tenants. Now being told that there are "all kinds" of reports. You do what you can do? Haven't heard anything else from CCP/Safe.
- **Fireworks laws?:** What are the personal use of fireworks and how is the law enforced? Problem property: 5201 Vincent: If do come across it. Have had 15 shows since the 4th of July. Usually the take away fireworks. Have you called 911, did they say they were going to send a squad? No, You have to be assertive. Cops have to see it occur in order to arrest them.
- **45th Homeless Shelter:** Fathers and families have custody of their children. They are required to participate in job training. If you have trouble with that site, call PPL. Jon Olson very pleased with their behavior.
- **Brian Powell:** Do you coordinate with Brooklyn Center Police?; Periodically, a lot of stolen Hondas, Went around the home that was of interest. Criminals don't stop at 53rd ave.
- **Mary Battie** 47xx Dupont. How often do you patrol? Calls number one? We look at the crime reports. 44th Lyndale/ 53rd ?? if you do see something suspicious call!
- b. My concern is home invasions. Have had dumpsters at the windows. Lights being turned off.
- A: If someone gets hurt if they enter, you have the right to defend yourself if you're in fear of your life. If they come in while you are there. That's a recipe for horrible crime. You have a right to defend yourself. If someone is breaking into your home or garage call 911.
- **Lt. Sauro encourages everyone to watch out for each other!**
- **Two MPS homes** in the neighborhood that are a problem if they are public housing. They have federal laws regulating those so be sure to call.
- **Possible Bag of Marijuana** in the street could be an issue in LB neighborhood. Call 911 if there's a question.

11. Meeting adjourned by 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted

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