



Grove CID Safety & Security Committee Meeting Minutes
January 28th, 2015: 4:00pm
at 4512 Manchester Ave, Suite 100, St. Louis, MO 63110

Committee members in attendance: Samantha Royston, Joe Wicks, Bob Puricelli, Amy Gill (via phone), Don Bellon

Committee members not in attendance: Lana Coleman, Dan Stoner, Alvin Caby

Others in attendance: Matt Green, Carolyn Compton, Ron Coleman, Ed Slade, Charles Betts

1. B. Puricelli called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
D. Bellon made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended. J. Wicks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
3. **Crime Report**
M. Green gave an overview of the crime statistics within the Grove CID boundary as of December 2015. He presented the mid-year statistics for the 2015-16 fiscal year. C. Betts said that he believes that the new patrol boundaries have helped with crime reduction. E. Slade said that the Captain of the 2nd District has been very active in ensuring that SLMPD patrols are visible and active in the Grove and FPSE area. He also added that a number of the assaults that were being shown on the statistics were a result of domestic cases or alcohol/bar induced. J. Wicks added that he's seen a marked difference in the visibility of TCF patrols in the area since moving to the new location on Manchester. R. Coleman believes that the bars have improved their security and have really helped prevent issues lately.
4. **Lighting Improvements and Other Initiates**
D. Bellon & M. Green presented the Committee with a map and comprehensive list of areas identified by them as in need of new lighting. They completed a night survey of the Grove and immediate areas the previous week. There were different types of lights suggested throughout the area (both alley lighting & flood lighting), as well as a list of non-functional lights. A. Gill made a motion to approve the locations for new lighting. D. Bellon seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0. D. Bellon & M. Green would work with Ameren to get the lights installed, after a site visit was completed.

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5. **TCF Report**

C. Betts reported on recent patrols within the Grove. He mentioned that the addition of secondary shifts at Attitudes has helped mitigate issues that were occurring on Thursday evenings. He mentioned that his patrols have identified the area of Sarah & Chouteau as a very dangerous intersection for both cars and pedestrians. He has made a suggestion to install some sort of flashing light or at least reinstall the stop sign. A. Gill asked C. Betts if there was anything that could be done to slow-down the amount of illegal dumping taking place in alleys in the neighborhood. S. Royston suggested installing signs. R. Coleman said that there are some areas with cameras and he would look into options for signs.

C. Betts petitioned to the Committee to consider cameras for the Grove district. A. Gill said that we need to ask the Executive and Finance Committee to take over the camera initiative. The Committee members agreed that the capital costs associated with it and the technical support needed would require more time and effort that the Committee had.

6. **SLMPD Report**

E. Slade reported that there have been positive crime trends in the neighborhood as a whole and that we need to continue that momentum. He mentioned that there have been an increasing number of reports of gunfire on the north side of the neighborhood and the SLMPD is working on identifying where it is coming from, or if it is in fact construction noises.

7. **Neighborhood Court Advocate Report**

C. Compton updated the committee on ongoing court cases and investigations within FPSE. She informed the committee that there have been a number of juvenile incidents in the CWE and wants to ensure that those things won't happen in the FPSE neighborhood or Grove district.

8. **Other**

B. Puricelli and A. Gill asked about having Committee representation at the Board meetings. M. Green reported that D. Bellon is at all the Board meetings and can offer insight to the Board on the Committee's actions. Additionally, M. Green is at all the meetings and provides updates. A. Gill & B. Puricelli said that they may take turns attending Board meetings, especially if there is something important being discussed. B. Puricelli asked that M. Green provide updates from the Board & Executive & Finance Committee, at the Security Committee meetings, if there are things that pertain to Security. M. Green complied and said he would continue to do

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so at the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

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