



Grove CID Safety & Security Committee Meeting Minutes
October 11th, 2016: 11:00am
at 4512 Manchester Ave, Suite 100, St. Louis, MO 63110

Committee members in attendance: Jack Baumstark, Samantha Royston, Joe Wicks, Bob Puricelli, Don Bellon, Alvan Caby, Tom Boldt

Committee members not in attendance:

Others in attendance: Matt Green, Jim Whyte, Sarah Wickenhauser, Carolyn Compton, Charles Betts

1. J. Baumstark called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. **Introductions**

J. Baumstark thanked everyone for agreeing to serve on the Grove CID Safety & Security Committee and attending the meeting. M. Green gave the Committee an overview of the recent changes to the Committee, including the hiring of the Central West End Neighborhood Security Initiative for security services and the changes made to the Security Committee mission. J. Baumstark told the Committee that their main directive will be to observe and report on any relevant crime issues or concerns. He said that the CWENSI will be the entity that initiates and executes initiatives, including but not limited to managing TCF patrols. B. Puricelli thanked J. Baumstark for the overview and said that he appreciates the Board's new oversight. He believes that this Committee needs to be good stewards of the tax dollars and the new format should strengthen accountability and transparency.

J. Baumstark also gave an overview of recent meetings with SLMPD representatives, including the Police Chief. He said that the CID and other central corridor stakeholders were looking into ways to get better coverage from the District. He informed the Committee that the Chief has approved overtime for patrols in the Grove and the 2nd District is working to fill those slots. He also expressed his frustration with the Chief in not allowing special taxing districts to hire police officers from St. Louis County to fill in the officer gap. He said that he would continue to inform the Committee of any new revelations.

3. **Crime Report**

J. Whyte introduced himself, S. Wickenhauser and C. Compton to the Committee. He went over the crime stats for the Grove, as of September 30, 2016. M. Green

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asked if the stats were for the Grove CID boundary, Grove CID patrol boundary, or the Forest Park Southeast neighborhood? S. Wickenhauser said that the stats were for the Grove patrol boundaries, which is what was previously used. She said they will continue to use those boundaries and will report on FPSE stats as requested or when there is something important to note.

R. Betts fielded questions from the Committee surrounding the budget graph that was shown. He said they had to go over the budgeted amount over the past few months in response to a number of incidents but assured the Board that they would not spend more than the allotted patrol amount by the end of the fiscal year. R. Betts and J. Whyte also answered questions about the use of ATVs and foot beats in the Grove and the schedule of patrols. They said that the district now has more sustained traffic throughout the week, so patrols are being deployed 6 or 7 nights a week as opposed to the 4 nights from the recent past. R. Betts also said that they ATVs were a necessity because of the small supply of officers that are bike trained.

J. Baumstark and staff from the CWENSI expressed their concern over the changes to the GPS tracking as a result of TCF moving to new cell phones. TCF said they would look into reverting back to the old product.

D. Bellon asked what can be done to improve the lighting and security at Teddy Bear Park? He asked if the Committee would want to install new LED lights by the park? Or if there need to be trees trimmed in the area? J. Whyte said that they would look into what can be done in the short and long term in that immediate area.

4. Cameras

J. Whyte informed the Committee that his office has been doing preliminary work surrounding cameras for the Grove. He said that there are currently 40 cameras owned by MODOT along Manchester Avenue and he would like to gain access to those. He said that there were examples of other municipalities gaining access to the State-owned cameras (in Kansas City) and will keep trying to gain access. He said that he has been working with the SLMPD and the Real Time Crime Unit for recommendations for where cameras would be best in the Grove. J. Whyte said the CWENSI was going to do an inventory of private cameras in the District as well.

5. Budget

M. Green showed the Committee the budget for the year. B. Puricelli asked where

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the Committee ended up with the budget for FY 2016? M. Green said that committee was very close to budget and didn't go over.

6. Other

M. Green said that he has been working with the Streets department to get the east-west crosswalks repainted along Manchester. T. Boldt brought up the conversation that was talked about at the Board meeting surrounding the concerns from the City about Uber drivers congesting the street when 3am bars are let out. The Committee said that they weren't concerned with that, since people are getting safe, secure rides home. T. Boldt said that we should stay informed of the situation.

M. Green asked if the Committee would be OK with moving the regular meeting times to the second Wednesday, every 3 months, at 11am. The Committee was OK with that date. M. Green informed them that the next meeting will then be on Wednesday, January 11th at 11am.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

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