



Grove CID Safety & Security Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 12th, 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, Tom Boldt

**Committee members not in attendance:** Don Bellon, Alvan Caby

**Others in attendance:** Matt Green, Jim Whyte, Charles Betts

1. J. Baumstark called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
2. **Introductions**  
T. Boldt made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes. B. Puricelli seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.
3. **Finance**  
M. Green went over the finances for the Safety & Security Committee, as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. He reported that in Q2, the patrol budgets became more normalized and that they were trending right at the budget mark for the remainder of the year.
4. **Crime Report**  
J. Whyte went over the crime stats for FPSE, as of December 31, 2016. He highlighted a few notable incidents, including the car chase that ended in the Grove on NYE and resulted in the hospitalization of the owner of Confluence Kombucha. He also talked about a hit-and-run that took place on December 24<sup>th</sup> and a shooting at 4314 Gibson on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Finally, he informed the Committee of the ongoing efforts to deter panhandling in the CWE and the Grove. He showed the Committee a picture of an aggressive panhandler. J. Wicks suggested that we have J. Whyte or someone from the NSI come to a future merchants meeting to talk about tactics with panhandlers. J. Whyte said that he had some information that could be shared with businesses and would be happy to come to a meeting.
5. **TCF Report**  
R. Betts went over the TCF report for December 2016. He informed the Committee that TCF officers recently did a lighting survey to help the CID identify where lights are out in alleys, streets and on private property. His staff passed along the inventory to PCD, who will be working with Ron Coleman, the City and private

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property owners to ensure that all concerns are addressed.

**6. Lighting Initiative**

M. Green informed the Committee that the CID Board of Directors recently discussed upgrading the existing cobra head lights to LED bulbs. He showed a map of all the lights within the CID boundaries and discussed that the CID can only fund those lights. He said that the City or another entity must fund and upgrades outside the CID. He informed the Committee that he has had an initial discussion with the FPSE Infrastructure Committee to see if they would be interested in making a recommendation to Alderman Roddy to use some of the 17<sup>th</sup> Ward Capital Funds to improve lighting on certain streets. He said that he is going to continue that discussion at the next Infrastructure Committee meeting in January and stress that the CID would like to see a collaborative effort with the neighborhood on this initiative. M. Green also informed the Committee that the CID Board discussed options related to upgrading the pedestrian lights in the Grove to LED. He will update the Committee on all the ongoing light work as it progresses.

**7. Camera Project**

J. Whyte informed the Committee that the NSI is continuing to research camera options for the FPSE neighborhood. S. Royston informed the Committee that Washington University Medical Central has engaged a consultant to look at camera options for the neighborhood as well.

**8. Other**

M. Green informed the Committee that the next meeting will then be on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

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