



Grove CID Safety & Security Committee Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2019 at 11:00 am
at 4512 Manchester Ave, Suite 100, St. Louis, MO 63110

Committee members in attendance: Jack Baumstark, Tom Boldt, Don Bellon, Andy Fair, Joe Wicks

Committee members not in attendance: Bob Purcelli

Others in attendance: Jim Whyte, Neighborhood Security Initiative (NSI), Charles Betts, The City's Finest (TCF), Ron Coleman (City of St. Louis), Ashley Johnson and Annette Pendilton (Park Central), Luke Henson (Washington University)

1. J. Baumstark called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes for October 3, 2018:**
T. Boldt motioned to approve October 3, 2018 minutes. A. Fair seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.
3. **Finance**
A. Pendilton gave the update for the financials through December 2018. See financials for details.
4. **Crime Report**
Crime for the Grove for January through November 2018 is up by 8.05%, property crime is down 32.4% and person crime is up 130%.

R. Betts stated that the budget for patrols for July through December are about \$2,700 under budget.

Camera Project Update:

There will be 10 sites and 40 cameras. J. Whyte will get some information about adding blue lights and signage for the district. The Grove can order signs that says, "Security Cameras In Use" and can be placed throughout the Grove along Manchester and side streets coming into the Grove.

Monthly costs will be incurred to the Grove CID for cameras to have internet connection. The set up for Spectrum is: Installation one-time fee for 10 sites will be \$110 per site (\$1,110). Monthly cost for internet for 10 sites will be \$80 per site (\$9,600 annually). After first year monthly cost for internet for 10 sites will go up to \$105 per site (\$12,600 annually). The Grove CID can save money by using the internet server where cameras will be installed at locations with internet service. We will need to get approval from these businesses.

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Staffing Patrol for events:

CWE NSI and TCF is suggesting that there should be three officers staffed during New Year's Eve, Pridefest in June, Halloween, St. Patrick's Day and Mardi Gras.

T. Boldt expressed concerned of liability to the Grove CID for events that are in the Grove but are not Grove CID events, for example Bike event. C. Betts stated that events that are held in the Grove, he does contact organizer for security. The city does not require security when they give permits. Any organization wanting to have the Grove CID sponsorship, must go through the sponsorship process which requires a security contract.

J. Whyte announced that Chief Belmar with St. Louis County Police Department is wanting to merge the St. Louis City Police Department with St. Louis County Police Department and adding 320 police officers on city streets. Also, Better Together is also wanting to do a similar plan. J. Whyte feels this is something that the Grove CID should consider getting involved on these discussions.

R. Betts updated the Ford SUV is being used on every shift. Also used on shifts, Dodge Charger, ATV and bikes.

TCF Concerns & Observations:

- Increased presence of District police patrols in the Grove area during December.
- Taxi, Uber and Lyft drivers continue to cause traffic issues along Manchester.
- Wanting to know if the Grove and business owners would like to have direct communication with TCF through a radio system. R. Betts will put together documentation with a description, cost and how it will work for the next meeting.

5. Ongoing Projects:

a. Camera Project – Camera installation has begun and will be completed soon. There were issues with storing server equipment, but they have come up with solutions to fix the problem. Hope to start receiving video from the cameras in the next couple of weeks.

b. Lighting Initiative – A. Johnson reported that the pedestrian lights are 75 percent complete. Ashley also stated that there might be public participation at the Grove meeting due to complaints that the lights are too bright and causing issues for drivers along Manchester. J. Whyte asked who manufactured the lighting elements because one of the taxing districts in the Central West End lighting elements were defective and will have to be replaced. Park Central will follow up to see if they are the same manufacturer.

c. Good Neighbor Agreement - An email was sent out the first week of January to businesses that had not signed the agreement asking if they are going to sign, not going to sign and if there are any questions or comments. A. Johnson will be going to businesses delivering the Annual Report and will reach out to them about the GNA.

6. Other

9. Adjournment

A. Fair motioned to adjourn at 11:48 a.m. J. Wicks second. Motion passes.

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