



Citizen Advisors for Public Safety (CAPS) Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 2, 2012, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. • City Hall Conference Room 104

Present: Nora Dooley, Amanda Eggenberger (Secretary), Mike Henry, Rene Lafflam, Wayne Norrie, Bob Nowicki (Chair), Lt. Bruce Sherden, Harvey TePoel, Susan Todzy, Jan Thronkson.

Absent: Jon Eckhoff, Savita Katarya, Zoe Masterpole.

Guests: Bob Bawek from north Kutzky area.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION PLAN
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.	Pledge of Allegiance
June Minutes		Minutes from June were approved. Nora made the motion to accept and Harvey seconded.
Agenda	Added agenda item of Neighbors Working with the City forum.	Agenda otherwise approved with Nora making the motion for approval and Jan seconding.

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<p>CAT report</p>	<p>Welcome to Lt. Bruce Sherden. He stated that car prowlings/burglaries, even in garages, are up. States it seems these are juvenile related. The garages and cars as usually unlocked. Only a misdemeanor if the car is outside but as soon as you enter the garage it becomes a felony.</p> <p>Lt. Sherden stated it seems like a pretty good summer as there have been mostly isolated violent events (stabbings, etc.).</p> <p>The fair seemed to go well. The county staff's security at the fair and the police department does the perimeter. The prolific crimes unit helped patrol the perimeter and would do four hour shifts in plain clothes or uniform. Making the fair free might have helped with some of the issues but it also means that maybe some more "riffraff" or "undesirables" would come.</p> <p>The Twin Cities has been working on making aware of the human trafficking issue and when it is big news there it becomes big news in Rochester. Rochester has been working with this issue a lot more intensely to crack down on this.</p> <p>The Stone Barn is being rented out by a company for weddings and events. There have been noise complaints with that so the CAT team has been trying to work with them. The council gave special permission to hold events there but the noise is supposed to end at 11 and has been going until 12.</p> <p>The downtown bars this summer do not seem to be as bad. The police do continue to patrol there though.</p> <p>Few problem areas in neighborhoods like the East side behind St. Francis, Sierra Lane, and Slatterly Park. The south side of 8 ½ Street is under new management and things so far seem better there. There are issues with squatters in some places. There is a way to tell what homes are foreclosed (trulia.com) but with the economy the way it is squatters are pretty prevalent. They have no where else to go and it is up to the bank to keep squatters out. It is hard for the Police to enforce as some people may have been foreclosed but are making payments to the banks now.</p>	
<p>Ride-alongs</p>	<p>Reminder to do this. Captain Sherwin would prefer to have only about two ride-alongs per year now because so many people want to do it. You do have to go in and fill out a form now with possible dates and shifts you would like to go on. Then you will be called with what works for the department for you to go. You cannot call in for ride-alongs anymore.</p> <p>Schedules have been adjusted to have more patrol during busy times. You can promote ride-alongs to the general public if they want to question what police do with their time.</p>	<p>Go on Ride-alongs</p>

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About You Survey	<p>This was extensive, was looking at what people value, what is good, what do we need more of. Interpreters were brought in, it was at the senior center, library, businesses promoted this. This was heavily funded, about \$35,000, and a firm compiled the results. There were hundreds of volunteers, paid positions, and website designers involved.</p> <p>Things learned included that minorities feel we are tolerant but they do not feel we are inclusive. It is a reminder also to keep culture and belief differences in mind (some people cannot go to a function where alcohol is being served).</p> <p>Handout: 8 insights = 4 themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The people of Rochester are busy with family and work and time is valuable. Nonetheless, they invest their time to support activities and causes that enrich their community. -The people of Rochester enjoy being outdoors and appreciate the many parks and trails available both for individual use and for gathering with others. However, there is a sense that a variety of usable indoor space is lacking. -Rochester is viewed as being very diverse but there is some question whether it embraces that diversity or simply tolerates it. Rochester's people find comfort in the company of their familiar circles, but is this at the expense of being inclusive? -Rochester's people have many talents to offer from skills acquired through education and employment, as well as through passed-down traditions yet they struggle to feel connected or that they belong. 	
National Night Out (NNO)	<p>Went around the table to see what neighborhoods were doing for NNO. Harvey said his neighborhood was doing a potluck and root beer bloats at The Greens. Cimarron Neighborhood the Minnesota School of Business was putting on NNO activities. Kutzky Park is doing dessert social from 7-9. The hopes was that from 5-7 the smaller groups (individual streets) would get together and then come for dessert. They were going to have speakers on the history of Kutzky Park, the current issues, and what the future might hold.</p> <p>It seems that the trend is going from bigger parties to just smaller gatherings with more immediate neighbors.</p>	Find a party to go to if you don't have one.
Neighbors Working with the City forum	This is slated for September 18 from 6:30-8. They will have different city departments stating what they do and how they can help, and maybe projects they are working on. This way people could find out who to go to if they have problems with specific issues.	
Next meeting	September 6.	Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m. Nora motioned to adjourn and Harvey seconded.