



Citizen Advisors for Public Safety (CAPS) Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 7, 2013, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. • City Hall Conference Room 104

Present: Bob Bawek, Amanda Eggenberger (Secretary), Sgt. Jim Evenson, Mike Henry, René Lafflam, Wayne Norrie, Harvey TePoel, Jan Thronkson, Susan Todzy.

Absent: Nora Dooley, Julie Kohman, Zoe Masterpole, Officer Todd Schwanke, Lt. Bruce Sherden.

Guests: Colleen Gilbert and Matt Holt with Mission 21.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION PLAN
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.	Pledge of Allegiance
January Minutes	These were reviewed and approved. Motion was made by Wayne and seconded by Bob to accept the January minutes.	
February Agenda	An agenda switch is that Sgt. Evenson was presenting instead of Lt. Sherden. Added agenda items of meeting with the police chief and Mission 21.	
CAT Team report	<p>Sgt. Evenson brought in the Rochester Statistics. This shows that crime is lower in winter months, probably because of the weather, but more crimes are of opportunity rather than planned.</p> <p>The difference of burglary and robbery were explained. Burglary is more of property and entering a dwelling whereas robbery is more personal and someone is taking something with force and taking it off of you.</p> <p>There has been some activity on 7th street where people are stealing copper and metals. There have also been four burglaries – one was over a drug deal, one was over some mental issues, and the other two they didn't know the reasons.</p> <p>The crime analyst said there are no real trends they have been noticing, or major cases. There have been some incidents with construction sites.</p> <p>There has been a steady increase in heroin use as heroin is rapidly replacing meth because it is easier to get ahold of. They are seeing a lot of heroin overdoses and it tends to be because there is no way to tell how potent the heroin you are getting is. (The last dealer you may have gotten it from it was much weaker but you think you need to take just as much when you get it from a different dealer, but it may be much stronger.)</p> <p>Domestic assaults are dropping in the number of cases which is good news.</p>	

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Mission 21	<p>Two representatives with Mission 21, Matt Holt and Colleen Gilbert, came to the meeting to present some information to us about them. They work with the Minnesota Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Youth group. They have community awareness classes that happen quarterly as well to help inform the public.</p> <p>The Safe Harbor Act is to protect children under 16 so that they will not be charged a crime when they are sexually exploited. It used to be that kids were considered victims unless money was exchanged and then they were charged with crimes. This new Safe Harbor Act going into effect is to change it so that all kids are victims in incidents like this.</p> <p>Mission 21 has had 7 kids referred just in the last month. Minnesota is ranked 13th in the nation on all child prostitution. The average age of entry into prostitution is 15. In a survey one teacher did it showed that some kids think that you have sex to make money. Many children also are loured in through the internet now and they do not believe they have other options in life once they have been involved with prostitution.</p> <p>There had been 10 arrests of johns on January 16 and the police did not release names. There was concern because reports show that men who know their names will be in the media will not hire prostitutes. It was explained that names will not be published until a person is charged in the crime. Just because you are arrested does not mean you have been charged with the crime at that time.</p> <p>The Mission 21 representatives came to the meeting to let us know about a press conference coming up on February 13 from 1-1:30 in the City Hall Atrium about the Safe Harbor Act and Human Trafficking Workgroup. They are hoping to have support from the group to help raise awareness of this group and what is really going on in the community with kids being involved in human trafficking.</p>	
Meeting with police chief	<p>Rene, Bob Nowicki, Jan, and Lt. Sherden met with the police chief to give an update on what has been happening with CAPS. It was decided that it would be a good idea to send information from the meetings to the neighborhood groups to let them know what we discussed so that more information can get out into the community. Perhaps spot lighting a speaker or presenting information that the CAT team presents would be helpful to the community.</p> <p>Where we go from here might be just based on the feedback we get from disseminating the information that we do and what concerns/questions we get back from that.</p>	
Neighborhood happenings	<p>Historic Southwest Neighborhood Association is going to start meeting monthly now. It will be at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of every month. They are just trying to get information out to everyone. Their meetings will be held at the Zumbro Lutheran Church across from Soldier's Field Park.</p> <p>Kutzky Park is working with the Women's Shelter in the area. They are looking at raising money, maybe doing a neighborhood walk/trolley ride as the Women's Shelter does need updating.</p>	
Next meeting	March 7.	Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with Harvey making the motion and Bob seconding.