

1A Public Safety Meeting 3/28/16, 7pm, open to the public

AGENDA

1. Introductions around the room
2. Review of February crime stats
3. Update on 3 priorities for 2016: Block Organizers, Public Information Blog, Youth Activities
4. Open discussion on additional neighborhood concerns and potential activities
5. Conclusions and next steps

Introductions: let's each comment on one thing that delights us and one that concerns us that we have seen recently in the neighborhood

In attendance:

1. Dan Kornfield - lives at Spring Rd btw 14th and 16th
 - a. Delight: the uneven sidewalk at the triangle park at 14th and Ogden has finally been fixed
2. Roya - 13th btw Columbia and Harvard
 - a. Have kids break into my yard. I called the police and they said: "you should buy a gun"
 - b. Delight: meeting last week with YaVonne - Youth Activities
 - i. We're not really diverse until we "blend"
 - ii. Survey: Columbia Heights Day
3. Victoria - 1300 block of Irving, since 1987
 - a. Saw a police band block party maybe 5 years ago, was great
 - b. Disturbing: was just away for a month, most things are petty, kids tried to break into back door. My tenant had her purse stolen
 - c. Would like the police to be more proactive as kids are getting out of school near Irving -- police drive by and don't stop when things are getting rowdy in an alley, "playing riot"?
 - d. Would love to see an anti-littering poster campaign at Harriet Tubman → Dan to put her in touch with Anna and Richard
4. Iva
 - a. 14th and Perry corner is a shitshow -- drunk, stoned people, prostitutes in the alley and stairwell of the neighbor's house, my front gate broken into to drink water from the water hose
 - b. Positive side: the Airedale is helping
 - c. SpringPerry list -- Tuesday happy hours (mostly women)
 - d. Has experimented with different camera types: Kuna (replaces door light); Nest (stores 7 days video and highlights activity)
5. Ellen

- a. Live at 13th and Monroe. Bike storage area on the property is a wooden structure. In the past she had a bike stolen, a front tire stolen, and most recently, my back bike tire was stolen.
- b. One of the neighbors saw boys taking the tires. Two hispanic male juveniles. They ran to the garage across the street. Neighbor called 911; two or three cruisers drove by but didn't stop. They locked the garage and ran off. Garage belongs to owner of [specific address] on 11th street.
- c. Went to file a police report. Lady officer at substation desk was very unhelpful, said: you're going to have wait (there was no one in there). She talked to a friend on the phone, left and came back, was writing on a notepad. She said there's nothing I can do, the witness needs to call 911 (even though she had).
- d. Update: 3/29: Ellen wrote to Chief Lanier and CM Nadeau and the police responded quickly. The back tire was located in the garage and the problem garage is being investigated.

February crime stats

- Violent crime is down overall compared to February 2015 (great!)
- Exception: "assault w/ dangerous weapon" is up (was also up in January)
 - DK to follow up on this with Lt. Cousins and Lt. Hodge

Activity reports from the 3 sub-committees:

1. Youth Activities Sub-Committee
 - a. Update from YaVonne (by email) and Roya (in attendance):
 - b. We had a successful meeting with 4 people in attendance: David, Adriane, Roya and myself. We agreed to focus on two things 1. putting together a resource list to be distributed throughout the community (perhaps applying for an ANC grant to cover printing) 2. doing a community survey of parents/youth attending Columbia Heights Day (June 18, 2016) to get a better understanding of wants/needs. We will be developing the survey tool and promoting Columbia Heights Day to get more community members involved.
2. Block Organizers and Clean-ups Sub-Committee
 - a. Dan mentioned Anna is proposing developing a flyer to hand out reminding people to clean up the area in front of their house, and then getting volunteers to ring doorbells and hand it out in a friendly conversational way
 - b. Richard has also been active on cleanliness issues, among other ways by trying to get the CH civic plaza more regularly cleaned up
 - c. Dan is interested in having a monthly block clean-up time as a communal activity, will try it on his block and suggest spreading it to others
 - d. Victoria proposed the idea of getting Harriet Tubman school to hold a contest for developing anti-littering posters
3. Public Information Blog Sub-Committee

- e. Victoria suggested maybe writing for the POP blog as a vehicle instead of starting a separate one. Good idea and Dan will follow up on this