



Monthly Board & Community Meeting

Thursday, October 5, 2023, 7-9 pm

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church - Fireside Room • virtual option [via Zoom](#)

Thang Holt, Bobbie Keller, Kari Krautbauer, Harry Savage, Tim Fontaine, Molly Downey, Ben Ruxin (Board);
Cuyler Dinegan (staff); Insp. Christie Nelson (MPD); 1 resident

1. Welcome: Thang Holt, President 7:00pm

2. Guest: Inspector Christie Nelson (N), Minneapolis Police Dept. Precinct 5 - (Time Tentative) 7:05pm

- a. N: Thanks for having me, came to 5th Precinct from NE precinct near the U of M. Uptown is a priority of mine. Been meeting with Stu Ackerberg, Jill Osiki and Uptown Association about revitalization efforts here.
- b. N: Currently seeing property crimes and theft of motor vehicles in the area (Kias/Hyundais)
- c. N: Robberies are open investigations so can't comment, also involve juveniles which adds complexity
 - i. Different groups of juveniles working in South Minneapolis, some are/aren't violent
 - ii. You know your neighbors, stay connected with them for situational awareness
- d. Thang: Any developments on handling juveniles - are we still playing catch and release?
 - i. N: Good question. When you catch an adult, you have 36 hrs from midnight of day arrested to put your case together for the Hennepin Co. attorney: Juveniles, it's 36 hours from the moment they're brought in. Hennepin Co. has all the services to help people in different situations. We see a lot of the same people coming in - same juveniles. Writing the most solid reports we can to make it easier for attorneys.
- e. Thang: What can we do to help you reduce that?
 - i. N: We're here communicating, you'll share this out with neighbors. Lighting is also important - it's getting darker much earlier already. We're also always hiring, please refer folks who may be looking for recession-proof employment.
- f. Thang: Fire in Feb. 2023 began by Molotov cocktail at 34th/Pkwy / N: No updates, will look into again.
- g. Kari: Update on encampment outside Walker Library?
 - i. N: I was just there talking to folks alongside Hennepin Co. Chatted with one camper about him stressing folks out, he understood and packed up. Another gets shelter later this week. Please contact 311 if issues persist.
- h. Resident: What do you love about your job?
 - i. N: The people, learning new things.
 - ii. R: I just moved back but was on board before, disturbed what neighbors are telling me about recent crime... How can we engage the whole neighborhood in a way to make things better?
 - iii. N: Solid line of communication. When folks don't know certain aspects of things, rumors start and the situation becomes blanketly negative. Create cohesiveness with neighbors and information. Also, be a steward of each other and the environment (mow lawns of empty houses)
- i. Harry: Catalytic converters update?
 - i. N: This has gotten better, despite news cycle. There are ways to track/paint/etch into converters, and ultimately it takes 38 seconds to steal one. We're aiming to work with pawn places to prevent sales (someone coming in with 30 converters to sell...)
- j. Cuyler: Spc. Waisanen referenced the 5th Precinct receiving their first embedded social worker back at June board meeting, how are they assisting the Precinct?
 - i. N: Social worker (with Homeless Response Team) assists in intervention situations (domestic disputes, addiction, mental health, encampments). Cops refer folks who are struggling with various strifes/crises, social worker puts together plan to help.

We invite and encourage participation by all. If you require an accommodation to participate or access documents, please contact us at least 5 days in advance by email or 612-584-9260. Or contact MN Relay Services at 1-800-627-3529, or contact 7-1-1.

- ii. A Navigator also started yesterday, connected with the American Indian community, who works with victim services (“hostess to the county's menu of services”).
- k. All: Safety Workshop resources for us? / N: Reach out to Spc. Waisanen
- l. Kari: Do you get partnership/comms from landlords of empty buildings?
 - i. N: Contact Spc. Waisanen. YWCA is closing, which we’re assessing as its building and parking ramp could be an issue (building owners are still responsible for safety onsite).
- m. Res: There are two drug addicts leaving needles in her alley (or the alley behind her house). What can be done?
 - i. Call 311, and contact Spc. Waisanen. They'll come with a sharps container to pick it up. Note: This is a societal problem, not just Minneapolis or MN - it's everywhere, tied to addiction and mental health.
- n. Harry: AirBnb issues of disruptive partying?
 - i. N: Contact Spc. Waisanen about tracking frequency of particular places, then she can go to business licensing about parameters around that location. Would need to clear metric of complaint (311/911).
- o. Harry: Still have decent level of detectives? I know we're low on beat cops, but...
 - i. N: No. We're down 40%. In 5th Precinct, we have 2 detectives, an investigative Lt. and an individual assisting them with resource management. One officer position has been retooled, he tracks down folks who are reported missing by their families for the whole City. I value the resources we have at 5th Precinct.
 - ii. N: Hiring-training process takes about 1 year, depending on how much school you have. We offer free college for 2 yrs with MPD. Then 5 months with an officer, going on as many calls as you can. 10-day eval at the end of training days (25 metrics that must be avg or better - else you reset the cycle (once)).

3. Approve Last Month’s Minutes 7:50pm

- a. Thang motions, Kari moves, Bobbie seconds: all ayes.

4. Reports 7:55 pm

a. President’s Report: Thang Holt, President

- i. Finding more efficient ways to execute things, create new opportunities in the neighborhood. Planning for board transitions with our Annual Meeting board elections in November.

b. Staff Report: Cuyler Dinegan, Coordinator

i. Admin:

1. 501c3 Status: Mission Guardian hasn’t heard anything from IRS, they’ve inquired once recently
2. Branding: Working on new brochure we can use out in community, new neighborhood boundary signs, and Anja’s been working on new Trolley Path signs
3. Grants:
 - a. IMPLEMENTING: (Mpls - NCR) Collaboration & Shared Resources: \$15,000 toward shared development consultant and some infrastructure costs with East Isles. We’ve had a preliminary meeting to align on spending, and are working to identify possible consultants
 - i. Experience with high-level donor development and grassroots, ideally with neighborhoods - please forward candidates you feel would be a good fit
 - b. DRAFTING: (Mpls - CPED) Business District Support Grant: Nov. 21
 - i. Could cover advertising in SW Voices, HLP, social media - due Nov. 21
 - ii. Farmers Market Collaborative we’ve been working with is also applying
 - iii. Meant to bring businesses and shoppers into the neighborhood, I’ve forwarded to UA as they’d be well-position to administer this
 - c. ASSESSING: (MN - EED) Senior Community Service Egmt Program - provides 1 year paid part-time staffing by a senior resident.—waiting to meet with Sheridan, who’s using this
4. Comms: Newsletter out Monday morning / Annual Meeting invite out asap (1 month out)

ii. Events:

1. Safety Walks continue each Saturday, 10am, meet at St. Mary’s North Parking Lot to start
2. Neighborhood Social next Monday, Oct. 9, 5–7pm at Pinoli (happy hour, BOGO ticket per person)
 - a. Nov: Pimento on the Lake?
3. Pimento on the Lake Soft Opening next Tuesday, Oct. 10 5–7pm at Bde Maka Ska Pavilion
 - a. Invited today, along with all nearby neighborhoods, should be busy and fun
4. Ward 10 City Council Candidate Forum postponed to Thursday, Oct. 26, 6:30–8pm
5. Annual Meeting date change: Thursday, Nov. 2 at St. Mary’s Terrace Room

6. Holiday Caroling Party early Dec.
 - a. Bobbie can lead, Cuyler will reach out about possible dates (weeknight, ~6–9pm)
 - b. 2022: Monday, Dec. 12, 6:30 – 9 PM, caroled from SMGOC to New Uptown Cafe

c. Treasurer’s Report: Cuyler Dinegan, Coordinator

- i. Treasurer passed me notes: Current bank balance reported, additional funds will be reimbursed through expense reports recently submitted to City.

d. Committee Updates

i. Development Committee - Tim

1. This Development Strategy is a framework to have everyone on the Board/community understand what we're going to be doing.
2. Key element: This is written in a way that the Committee's role is to plan, not execute. We need passionate Champions/Teams to take off and implement these things - they're a lot of work. Will require close coordination with Treasurer, Committees, et al. to integrate into all our operations.
3. Please forward feedback to me, Cuyler and/or Ben asap - know this will be under constant revision.
4. Bobbie: Need to have concrete goals - what are people’s donations going toward?
 - a. Tim: Agreed. We start with base funding for neighborhood programs, basic comms plan/tools/approach to inform people and so people can inform association (few bullets), followed by good deeds (MPRB work on park, events). Should NOT read as a budget.
5. Kari motions to approve fundraising plan to next draft, Tim moves, Thang seconds: all ayes.
6. Next Meeting: 6pm, Tuesday, Oct. 24 (4th Tuesday monthly)

ii. Livability Committee - Kari

1. Committee Update
2. Block Captains: Up to 6 from 3, since last month. Plan to do open call at Annual Meeting for the rest
 - a. Flier next Monday morning (Block Capt + Safety Walks) Safety Walk lead was working up flier, haven’t heard back - Thang can work something up
 - b. Flier again for Annual meeting (“Safety will be discussed, call for block captains, etc”)
 - c. Res: Luther Kreuger (City of Mpls) was great at rallying folks for this, I’ll share his contact
3. Neighborhood Walking Crew: Been down to 1-3 people weekly, Tim's been doing it every week. Could be locating a block to activate each week, invite different committees each week.
 - a. Thang: AM Saturday is hard for me, I’ll transition my monthly Coffee to a secondary Walk
 - b. Kari: Anja’s Green Walks drew more people - maybe the optics of ‘Safety’ Walk. Try just saying ‘Neighborhood Walks’, that still creates visibility of residents with eyes on the street
4. Next Meeting: 7pm, Monday, Oct. 16 (3rd Monday monthly)

iii. Social & Engagement Committee - Thang

1. Anja Is Back!
2. October Neighborhood Social next Monday: Pinoli, 5–7pm, Oct. 9
3. Annual Meeting: will be a business/board meeting as in past, separating Gala
 - a. Nov. 9 - City reps, MPD, board elections, summarize year, prime for fundraising
 - b. April - Gala at Granada in (time to event, auction, etc meeting Granada to talk dates
 - ~~c. Cuyler will contact St. Mary’s about securing Terrace Room~~
 - i. Terrace Room is secured - new Annual Meeting date: Thursday, Nov. 2.
4. Next Meeting: TBD by Anja (3rd / 4th Thursday monthly)

5. New Business - 8:45 pm - Thang

- a. Opening Up Submissions for 2023-2024 Board - Options for Current Board Members
 - i. Position Descriptions & Expectations - Nature of this association is volunteer-based; from my exp, want to set clearer expectations around what being on this board means, and we all have lives outside of this
 1. Success depends on willingness to participate outside of 1 meeting monthly
 2. Please read through positions and give feedback
 - ii. Current Board Feedback: now or in email - would like to have a board committed to doing things

6. Adjourn 9 pm