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SAFETY DISCUSSION

Actions

1. **Kari Krautbauer: Schedule safety sub-committee**

Initial Ideas for Safety Committee

- **Security cameras**
 - **Reimbursement through NRP funds**
 - **Registration of cameras with MPD**
- **Police buy back program**
 - **Connect with Lowry Hill**
- **Private security**
- **Citizen patrol, coordinated with police**
- **Communication plan for neighborhood**
 - **What's app**
 - **How to report crime**
 - **What to do during a crime**
 - **How to prevent crime**
- **Safety review with the precinct inspector**
- **Speed bumps**
- **Roundabouts or other road blocks**
- **Block leaders**

Discussion Notes

- **Does the City Council (CC) have money to put toward the Buy Back Program?**
 - K: We don't know specifically what they don't/have

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- **NRP (Adam): Funding would NOT be eligible for Buy Back Program, but security rebate funding would certainly be covered**
- **Judy Zaunbrecher: Is LH program 24/7? Has it been effective?**
 - We don't know, haven't connected with LH
- **Jill Englund: Does it need to be MPD? If they're already tapped, and we've have MPD violence issues too, would another option be possible?**
 - Andre LaMere: I work in security for Cub Foods, we used private security through 2022
 - \$1800 for 12 hours (Tier 1), there are cheaper levels (\$30 hourly) but you want the more expensive, trained folks
 - Expensive but much easier to schedule than MPD Buy Back
 - Citizen Patrol could be an option to cover some gaps when we can't buy
- **Charlotte: New to this whole this, been here 1 year—Is there anyone with relationships to political folks who we can talk to about what we pay (more than the rest of the country), where the excess money is going when the force is down by 2/3**
 - K: Probably a way to think about this work near/mid/long-term, and allocate folks to different initiatives; we'd be misguided if we didn't incorp. Continually talking with our reps
- **Judy: You can look at the City budget; Mayor solely executes MPD dealings; track reports to City Council from Mayor/MPD on how this money's being spent**
 - Bruce Brunner: Almost all MPD budget is spent - we spend a ton of money contracting with all the other depts, there isn't a big pot of money hiding, they spend 90+%
 - Buy Back Program has a lot of blowback - only the rich neighborhoods can actually afford that - seen as a negative thing across the City
 - Neighbors band together, rather than Buy Back, might be
 - Judy: Also would appreciate what MPD offered, having
- **Susie Shubert: CC speedbumps around the neighborhood is an actual deterrent, even though it didn't have much support; don't know what we'd do to make that more of a priority**
 - Talk to someone about importance of speedbumps?
 - Charles: So many great ideas, I made a spreadsheet

Safety Committee Initial Volunteers

Andre LaMere, David Ratner, Chris Thompson, Judy Zaunbrecher, Greg Pesky, Tonya Bryan, Erin Steinle, Sachiko Nishiuchi, Nate Atul, Charles Jacoby, Bruce Brunner, **Jim Rowader**, Dave McIntosh, Caroline Joseph, Jill Englund, Ben Cohen, David Hein

Live Chat Notes

- I purchased 24 hour surveillance signs at The Home Depot for \$3/sign this weekend. Another potential quick deterrent to consider.
- Also, maybe summer barricade into the neighborhood via access from bde maka ska parkway. \$ for personal cameras as mentioned in the email today is great and make sure people register

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them. The committee should email and reach out frequently to encourage folks to get cameras and register them. Also, use \$ to buy cheap sound makers and hand them out.

- I am certainly willing to participate on the committee... one thing that we should be thinking about is how to leverage the political influence the County Board Chair Marion Greene who is a neighbor of all of us. The county controls many if not most of the crucial levers that impact the juvenile criminal justice system – not the city. Commissioner/Chair Greene needs to show some leadership here for sure.
- What about having a block representative, someone from each block, who would be responsible for communication regarding safety to their neighbors ?
- Our block is one of the ones that has a WhatsApp that we only use for safety and crime issues. I recommend that all blocks develop one.

JAMES AVE APARTMENTS

Actions

1. Owner to keep the neighborhood updated on construction plans when they begin

Proposal

- Evan Williams, owners
- Jessica Harner, architect
- Proposal: 12 units, 10 1 bedroom, 2 2 bedrooms
- No parking, only a pull in unit, exploring options but unlikely to change
- Wheelchair accessible
- Brick and Stucco exterior
- No variances required or requested from neighborhood board

PROPERTY AT 34TH & PARKWAY

Actions

1. Adam (treasurer) to understand what NRP funds could be allocated to a project like this and confirm with the board
2. Michael (park board rep) to update livability committee on property purchase

Proposal

- Minneapolis Park Board proposal to buy land from owner and repurposed into regional park land to add to the proposed Loon Lake Trolley Path.
- Could be East Bde Maka Ska's only park enclosed in our neighborhood boundary
- Park board will have to raise funds for 25% of appraised value, Met Council covers 75%
- May require neighborhood fundraising

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Timeline

- May 24: Purchase order to be approved
- June: Board approval of PO
- July/Aug: Close on property
- TBD: land becomes nature park