

# Public Safety Team | Minutes from the 8.19.2023 Meeting,

## Our Mission & Strategy

Our mission is to make our neighborhoods and streets safer. This will be accomplished by:

- 1) Identifying and surveying the problems;
- 2) Developing concrete solutions that help reduce death & injury;
- and 3) Presenting our recommendations to Thom Druffel, our D23Metro Council Representative.

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### Standing room only. Good to see. Thanks to Cam and Jerry for the HOUSEpitality!

Attended: Jim Walton, Zach Heil, Jim Easter, Rachel Kaiser, Laurie Loughlin, Greg and Stephanie Sephel, Cam and Jerry Neal, & Lauren Balmer, and Tom Wright (Thom Druffel at swearing in)

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## The Minutes

### Cam and Jerry / Speed Limit Vests and Signs

- **The first order of vests is in and they look great.** The Warner Park Neighborhood Association paid for 20 and Cam/Jerry sold 8 at a recent neighbor meeting. We have 50 more vests coming from the printer mid to late September.
- **We are charging \$8 per vest** to cover printing and shipping.
- **It was suggested** that we give away vests /yard signs to Churches and Schools. Good PR
- **Tom and Cam will work on promoting vests** through Neighborhood Associations (like Kathy Baker w/ Hillwood NA) /social media and Thom's newsletter. For the promotion, we are planning a picture of Jerry and Cam (with perhaps with a Grandchild or two on a bike) with vests on walking on Carnavon.
- There was more serious talk about a **Neighborhood/District Walk** with vests. Need to set up task force for this.
- **Yard signs (with matching messages) have been ordered.** Should have these within a week or two.

## Lauren Balmer & Tom Wright / Reimbursements

### West Precinct Appreciation Lunch

Lauren reimbursed Laurie \$450 for her out-of-pocket expenses for the event. Thom D. to reimburse Lauren

### Vests

T.wright payment for printing & vests	\$685.94
Warner Park to TomW – pymnt for 20	– \$160.00
<u>Cam and Jerry Neal</u> to TomW – pymnt	<u>– \$510.00*</u>
Balance owed – donated by TomW	–\$15.94
Sale of 8 vests to neighbors	– \$64.00 (*to go towards Neal’s contribution)

Thom D has funds from donations to cover out-of-pocket costs for vests, yard signs and for West Precinct Appreciation Lunch. Thom working on best way best way to pay within the confinements of campaign finances.

## Traffic Calming Initiative

The interim Traffic Calming coordinator is Jason Oldham (Gill Thomas’ supervisor). Tom W has tried to reach Jason through email and phone but to no avail. We have asked Thom D and Lauren to establish a connection. Before we can organize TC projects and enlist others' involvement – It is important we have a working relationship with Jason, a clear understanding of the tools available, and a reasonable time frame in which we/neighbors can expect them to be completed.

**A thought.** What if Greg, Stephanie, and Tom join forces with the Neals in the development and communication of the proposed **Neighborhood/District Walk** with Speed Limit vests and yard signs? It would be a great way to calm traffic, introduce neighbors to the Public Safety Team / Traffic Calming Team, and engage in conversation about our mission.

## Public Safety Team Website

The website is up to date with current information. TomW. is using recent postings (see below) from the West Precinct to help them spread the word AND to introduce the Public Safety Team, our website, and our work in the community.

- 1) [85 neighborhood streets SELECTED for TRAFFIC CALMING projects.](#) Click and read more
- 2) [How would you like to ride in a MNPD cruiser with an on-duty officer?](#) Click & read more
- 3) [RIf you see something, say something.](#) Click and read more

**Laurie gave an update from the last West Precinct Monthly Meeting.** Highlights from this meeting (Laurie's notes are attached for details):

- 1) The Homeless Problem Near The Highway 70 and Kroger
- 2) Fielded complaints about how Bellevue issues dominate the meetings. Commander Kendall responded that Bellevue currently has the highest crime rate of all the neighborhoods in the West Precinct.
- 3) ADDING OFFICERS TO THE MNPDP – Currently there are 9 classes of new recruits. These will fill current vacancies but will not complete the need for more police officers.

**The 8-25-23 / West Precinct Weekly Crime Update is attached**

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**West Precinct Monthly Meetings are the 2nd THURSDAY of each month.**

Next Meeting is 7-8pm, September 14 at West Precinct: 5500, Charlotte Ave.

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## **Important Links**

- > Public Safety Team email [PublicSafetyD23@gmail.com](mailto:PublicSafetyD23@gmail.com)
- > Public Safety website. [Click here](#). Password: publicSAFETY1125
- > [Click and Request](#) a new regulatory sign such as a speed limit sign, stop sign, Yield sign, etc.
- > **A Traffic Calming Toolkit**
- > Nashville Vision Zero Action Plan [Website](#)
- > Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure [NDOT Website](#)
- > West Police Precinct [Website](#)  
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- > Hub Nashville [hubNashville Website](#)
- > Thom Druffel's [Website](#)