

Public Safety Team | Minutes from the 7.15.2023 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.

Our next meeting 10 am Sat. | Aug.19 | Jerry & Cam's home | 176 Carnavon Pkwy

The Minutes

Lauren

- **We are grateful to Neals for use of their home for meeting**
- **Message to team:** Thank you for being here and for your efforts. He is pleased with progress. Our numbers may feel small, but our work is getting noticed and making an impact. We have the people to get it done, we will focus on 3 projects
 - 1) **Vests – and Signs** that match the message on vests
 - 2) **Traffic Calming**
 - 3) **West Precinct Appreciation Lunch** / DONE and DONE WELL!
- Wants to bring in **speakers** (related to our mission) as we get more committee members.

Cam and Jerry / Speed Limit Vests and Signs

- **We are going with vests instead of t-shirts**—One size fits all, much easier to use/wear in all seasons, less expensive, and easier to order. Vest fastens with velcro. Vest will say: **Please – Speed Limit 25.**
- Tom placed and paid order for 99, Total: \$625.15 / \$6.31 per vest (free shipping)
- Still questions about how much to charge / Cam wants price as low as possible
- Cam already has folks ready to buy and wear
- Jerry: we should market vests to community & Neighborhood Associations
- There were questions about a Public Safety badge/logo on vest front. Tom W. chose not to. Reasons: 1) wanted message as large as possible on vest and sign. 2) keep cost down.
- IDEA: We should set up and promote a **neighborhood/District Walk** with vests
- Warner Parks is ordering vests



- **Yard Sign Contest**

- A lot of work with little payout.
- **Bag the contest and** go with 24x18 yard sign design similar to vest design
- Warner Parks is ordering yard signs
- Tom W. explored yard sign covers for new messages -vs- printing new signs.
Result: bags would be more expensive than just doing a new yard sign



- **Accounting for Costs for vests and signs**
 - Thom D has funds from donations to reimburse Cam for vests
 - Thom D wants to explore Neighborhood Assoc. ability to channel monies through their 501c organizations

Traffic Calming Initiative

- Traffic Calming coordinator Gill Thomas is no longer with NDOT. Greg, Stephanie, and Tom will identify and meet with the new NDOT coordinator to establish a relationship and become even more aware of traffic calming processes and tools available to communities/streets
 - Painting the road with various messages
 - Narrowing Lanes
 - Speed Cushions
 - AND NOW, Speed Limit vests and yard signs
- Then apply that knowledge to high-risk streets in the hood like: Brook Hollow, Vaughns Gap, and Hillwood

WOW! West Precinct Appreciation Lunch was great!

AND our first Public Safety Team event

This past Tuesday's WEST PRECINCT APPRECIATION LUNCH—our first Public Safety Team event—was fun and fulfilling; the kind of fulfillment that comes from encouraging and affirming the men and women who safeguard our community.

THANK YOU Laurie Loughlin for ORGANIZING this Public Safety Team event.

The setting was casual and the conversation comfortable. Commander Lee Kendall and the officers were grateful for the food and the fellowship. Please peruse the pics and click here to watch a short video of Lauren sharing the impact the gathering had on him.

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Laurie paid for pizza, drinks, and some deserts. Lauren has the receipts. The plan is to reimburse Laurie through Thom's donation fund or pass the hat around to the Public Safety Team. Either way we will share in the cost.

Lori gave another detailed update from the last West Precinct Monthly Meeting. (see attached document). Highlights from this meeting:

- 1) Most of the people are from Bellevue and carry most of the conversation; they talk mostly about parks. Thom added: there is also MORE crime in Bellevue.
- 2) LPR (license plate reader) will happen, but not sure when. Thom: a lot more work to be done before this happens.
- 3) Precision Policing – a new officer deployment process that better targets perpetrators without prejudice or perceived targeting, and better covers communities with existing force. The police force can stay in their precinct and shift and supplement from region to region only when needed. This need will be defined – in part – by Individuals **who can now report perpetrator by calling 862-8600**. Police will then sound out a BOLO (be on the lookout). Even if the perpetrator is gone when the police arrive, the description and info will be put into a database, allowing police to “target” the real criminal without prejudice.

Our next meeting – 10 am Sat., August 19 at Jerry and Cam's home on 176 Carnavon Pkwy

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

Next Meeting is 7-8pm, August 10 at West Precinct: 5500, Charlotte Ave.

Important Links

- > Public Safety Team email PublicSafetyD23@gmail.com
- > Public Safety Forum / 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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