

Community Issues Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 9, 2018— 6:00-8:00pm — Whittier Park

Attendees: Kieren Evensen, Tim Schaefer, Felino de la Pena, Lauren Sweeney, Teresa Murphy, Brian Lundeen, Mary Gazca, Greg Schmidt, Nick Hutchinson, Joanna Krause Johnson, Paul Wilmes, Christine Popowski, Stephanie Brown, Kathryn VanDuynhoven, Kathy Waite, Jen Kader, Aldona Martinka, Brian Foster, David Bagley, Viswa Challa, Mk Anderson, Scott Melamed, Becky Lewis, Virginia Rutter

Staff: Kaley Brown, Dan Stanton

Presenters: Becky Lewis, Inspector Kathy Waite, Jennifer Neale, Virginia Rutter

Welcome

Welcome at 6:30 by Scott, Community Issues Chair. Agenda was reviewed. Standard of conduct policy was reviewed. **Motion** to approve the Agenda **Carried**. Introductions were made. Introductions: name, where you live in the neighborhood, and how you're surviving winter. Minutes from November Community Issues Meeting were reviewed. Suggested changes to November Minutes: "Gary" not "Ceasy" Thaden in "attendees". **Motion** to approve made. Seconded. **Carried**.

Announcements/Community Comments & Discussion

- Ward 10 will not be here because of inauguration happenings
- Ricardo McCurley has moved on from the organization; we thank him for his two years of service as Executive Director.
- Thank you to Brian from Nicollet & Franklin Ave Starbucks -- provided coffee and cookies
- Caucuses are February 6th

Whittier Park Updates

Becky Lewis, Park Director

Upcoming Events at the Park

Saturday, January 13th, 10am-12pm: Nursing student will be giving presentation on bike safety

Saturday, January 13th: Women futsal tournament

February 14th, 5-6pm: Snowshoeing

Feb. 16th, 6-9pm: Kids Night Out

Winter Classes - special olympics - Thursday evenings

School Release Activities:

January 15th - dodgeball

January 26th - Super Bowl theme

January 25th - movie + popcorn

Activities happening throughout the week:

Monday-Friday: dinner + snack

Tuesdays, 4-6pm: open pottery studio

Wednesdays, 4:45pm: Naturalists -nature-oriented programs

Thursdays - Soccer Programs

Fridays, 5-9pm: Open Gym

5th Precinct Safety Updates

Jennifer Neale, Crime Specialist; Inspector Kathy Waite

Map of Crimes in Whittier:

7 - thefts from motor vehicles in the month of December (cars had keys in them and were running)

8 - burglaries

1 - rape

6 - robberies in person

2 - aggravated assault

Cluster on map - KMART

Question: what happened at 26th & Stevens?

Answer: They did not review all of the thefts; however, one can call the 5th Precinct and they will look up details and provide information

Year-to-date: the 5th Precinct has had a lot of crime

Police spend a lot of time in the bar districts

Police review the crimes that happen every week and find the patterns

Police do not have access to Nextdoor; so it isn't the most reliable source to report crime — they need to be reported via 911

Upcoming Whittier Alliance Board of Director Elections

David Bagley, Whittier Alliance Board Chair

Introduces upcoming Board of Directors Elections

Meet and Greet is Wednesday, January 17th from 6-8pm at Wesley Andrews

[RSVP on Facebook!](#)

For more information on how the Whittier Alliance Board of Directors operates, [click here](#).

Whittier Alliance Strategic Planning Process

Kaley Brown, Community Engagement Manager

Next month CI Meeting: World Cafe style strategic planning conversation to get feedback to inform the upcoming Whittier Alliance Strategic Plan

6-8pm, Whittier Park

If you are not able to attend, we will publish the questions online

Questions asked will be relevant to anyone that lives in the neighborhood

Solar United Neighbors (SUN)

Virginia Rutter

Presentation in February in LHENA's Office ([2909 Hennepin Ave, 2nd Floor](#)) - January 31st, 7-9pm
[RSVP on Facebook!](#)

Solar Coops Discussion

Solar United Neighbors is a National nonprofit, based in DC but happens in 8 other states

- Provide education + technical assistance for people that are looking to implement rooftop solar. Trying to create a solar community, advocate for solar at the state level.
- **2 Types of Processes:**
 - individual membership - pay annual fee, have access to help desk, work one-on-one, provide info about solar process, help compare three different installers
 - bulk purchase group - group decision process amongst neighbors; bulk discount; charge fee to installers but the group process is free to explore if solar is right for you
- Walks through the process, talk about financing and incentives
- If one is interested in going further, one can sign up for the group process
- SUN helps determine if one's house design is conducive to solar installation
- SUN vets installers and synthesizes spreadsheet
- Members of the group get to pick the installer, based on information in spreadsheet
- After group chooses installer, group members get to meet the installer
- Installer does individual site visits to each home
- 30 days to decide if you want to sign the contract; can always determine that you do not want to continue with the chosen installer

Questions:

- What's the range of discount that one can expect?
 - 2600 installations done but none in MN yet, 25-40% discount typically
- What numbers of yes do you need in order to commit?
 - ~30, but they keep growing the group and try to get around 100
- In terms of installation and time, how do the installations happen? Is it 1st come 1st serve?
 - Typically, installation is 6-10 months. Actual installation of panels take a few days. Larger time lag is for interconnect (i.e.. how quickly Xcel says you can turn it on)

Solar has a 25-year life, warranties for production are 85%

- Do all of these have to be on the top of the building? (in the case of roof being obscured from sun) - these can be mounted other places that are in direct sunlight

Motion to Adjourn: 7:30pm

Minutes submitted by Dan Stanton

