

NEPNA Board Meeting Minutes 12/13/2017

Meeting convened at 6:36 PM

1. Jeremy from Reading Partners presented on their program and call for volunteers.
 - a. Tutors are required to volunteer for one session a week but can volunteer for more. 1 hour time commitment per week is required. Tutor teams can be set up if a volunteer is unable to complete the monthly time commitment.
 - b. There is a clear curriculum provided and volunteers are asked to read with students. There are three parts to the session and students get to take a book from the library at the end of the session.
 - c. The closest site is NE College Prep; however, there are 13 schools throughout the metro.
 - d. Volunteers could also be substitute tutors if they are able to meet volunteer time commitments.
 - e. Reading Partners will complete background checks on all the volunteers.
 - f. There are attachments about the program.
2. Representatives from the 2nd precinct presented
 - a. Nick Juarez, Crime Prevention Specialist; Rashid Ali, CCPS, Lt. Sanden
 - b. There have been a rush of burglaries from Columbia Heights to Mpls. starting October 1, 2017, which mainly consisted of prying open detached garage doors with a crow bar. They have also pried open back doors and cut screens to enter unoccupied homes. Power tools and snow blowers are the main items taken.
 - c. They stressed that neighborhood block leaders are important as well as neighbor reports. If you see anything out of the ordinary, they encouraged you to pay attention and call it into the police if you are concerned.
 - d. They provide handouts (attached) about crime levels in our neighborhood and tips to be more safe.

- e. The police have increased alley patrols and are answering calls for an suspicious behavior.
 - f. Recommendations:
 - i. Observe and report
 - ii. Put strike plates on all service, front and back doors.
 - iii. Make sure the seals on your doors are tight so they cannot put a screwdriver in the openings.
 - iv. **Schedule a home safety review/premise survey with the precinct. Officers will go through your home with you and help to make it as secure as possible. This is a free service provided from the Minneapolis police. For more information, visit their website**
[\(<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimeprevention/index.htm>\)](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimeprevention/index.htm)
3. NEPNA voted to change monthly meetings to the second Thursday of every month starting on January 11, 2018.
 4. Katie provided an update on the Robust Community Engagement plan and the board voted to spend the January meeting focusing on the plan.
 5. 18th Avenue construction will be completed next year with final paving, sidewalks and landscaping.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.