



Grove CID Safety & Security Committee Meeting Minutes
April 7th, 2021 at 2:00 PM
At 4512 Manchester, St. Louis, MO 63110
Via Zoom Video Call

Committee members present: Jessie Mueller, Fahime Mohammad, Jon Shine, Antonio French

Committee members not in attendance: Chad Fox, Don Bellon, Rick Lewis

Others in attendance: Alayna Graham, Abdul Abdullah (Park Central), Jim Whyte (NSI)

1. Meeting called to order at 2:07 PM.
2. **Approve previous meeting minutes:** A. French motioned to approve the March 3rd meeting minutes. F. Mohammad seconded the motion. All in favor—approved.
3. **Contractor review:** J. Mueller gave an overview for the Committee about the contract expiration and some of the gaps in service—Specifically with communication between patrols/St. Louis Police/the community and access to camera footage.
 - a. J. Mueller clarified the services that Free-2-Grow provides. She also clarified that the patrol providers need a second organization to provide scheduling for accountability.
 - b. F. Mohammad asked how these different providers will deter crimes. A. Abdullah gave some background on how the different providers could coordinate to deter crimes.
4. **Neighborhood Coordination:**
 - a. A. Abdullah stressed the importance coordination between the different security providers in the neighborhood overall.
 - b. A. French noted his concerns about car break-ins, which is an issue that has not been solved.
 - c. J. Mueller asked about next steps with the NSI. A. Graham suggested getting input from Jim Whyte on what services they are willing to offer.
 - d. J. Mueller asked about camera review and how to coordinate more easily with the NSI.
 - e. J. Whyte explained the relationship with the NSI and the St. Louis Police. There used to be a better relationship, and the NSI is taking steps to repair & renew that relationship.
 - f. J. Mueller asked J. Whyte how to loop the NSI back into the Grove, she wanted to know what the best option forward is and what the NSI could provide.
 - g. J. Whyte responded that it might not be necessary to have a contract between the NSI and the Grove CID. He believes that the main goal right now is to have better communication

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with the Grove security providers and the St. Louis Police. He reiterated that the NSI is committed to the Grove even without a contract.

- h. J. Whyte envisions better communication with the NSI and Campbell in the future.
- i. A. Graham offered to email and hand out a flyer to the businesses of the Grove from the NSI.
- j. The Committee discussed the options moving forward. They decided to meet another time when more members were available to discuss.
- k. A. Graham reminded the Committee that per PCD's contract, the Committee is in excess of the allotted meetings that PCD will administer, so all meetings will be at a cost of \$100 per meeting. A. Abdullah offered to grant the Committee four additional meetings free of charge for this fiscal year while they decide how to proceed.

5. Other:

- a. None.

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 PM.

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