

February 13, 2023 – SSBD Minutes

Luke Reynolds, Chairman

Terry Hoffman, Treasurer

Jim Rick, Commissioner

Shawn Caruso, Commissioner

Adam Tilford, Commissioner

Beth Hoops, Communications

Sgt. Kitchell, TCF

Maj. Cousins, TCF

Guests: Adam Solomon, Bill Clendenin

Meeting commenced at 6:38pm at Molly's in Soulard

Review of Minutes

Secretary not in attendance; will review January minutes at March meeting.

TCF/Crime Report

Two homicides and a robbery recently occurred at the gas station at Russell and Gravois. First homicide (1/7) occurred when the victim was attempting to steal a vehicle. Suspected shooter has been arrested. Second homicide (1/16) suspect is already in federal custody; SLMPD waiting to interview him. Carjacking (1/31) suspect is also in custody. Problem properties division had a meeting with the gas station owners on 1/31 to discuss potential improvements for incident reduction. A letter writing campaign from citizens to the mayor, 3rd district captain and director of public safety could be influential in providing pressure to expedite hearings.

Assaults: In Pontiac Park on 1/17, man from IL cut woman with pocketknife (charges have been issues). On 1/10 at 700 Allen, a man was assaulted after confronting someone breaking into his car (investigation ongoing).

Burglaries: An intoxicated woman went to the wrong address and damaged property (charges dropped by victim). On Russell, a landlord burglarized a tenant (charges issued).

Arson: Vehicle electrical fire on 18th; vehicle / dumpster fire on 7th

February TCF report will include high-profile police shooting after vehicle chase ending near Soulard Market Park.

Communications

Graphics made and posters printed advertising car club program. Home page of Soulard-SBD.org is currently experiencing issues. Beth working with website admin on resolution. Luke had interview with KMOV4 on 2/13 about neighborhood safety trends and Mardi Gras.

Business Report

Monthly review of budget and current expenditures to date.

Old Business

Traffic calming: statement of work sent to CBB for engineering; waiting for cost estimate for design services, including recommendation refinement and engineering drawings (to then lead to execution of plans). SBD (Luke Reynolds, Jim Rick, Terry Hoffman) and CID joint sub-committee to work with CBB on project.

Currently approx. 25 camera locations active. Discussion of new camera locations including around Pontiac Park, across Broadway near Edele and Mertz and in the vicinity of 9th and Allen. SSBD hiring a consultant to assist in the creation of an RFP. RFP will seek bids from camera providers (to help identify camera locations, handle installation, etc.)

New Business

Jim Rick invited SRG Safety Committee to attend SSBD meetings

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Caruso. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Approved March 13, 2023

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