

City of West St. Paul  
Public Safety Committee  
December 3, 2019

In attendance:

Chair Fernandez  
Member Berry  
Member Eng-Sarne  
City Manager Ryan Schroeder  
Int. Police Chief Brian Sturgeon  
Community Development Director Jim Hartshorn

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.
2. The Chair asked if any changes to the agenda, there were none.
3. The Chair asked for approval of minutes from October 22, 2019. Motion by Berry, second by Eng-Sarne. All voted aye.
4. The Chair asked if the committee was interested in suggesting a name change for the committee given discussion to date seems broader than just public safety issues. Consensus was that discussion could be addressed by Council of the whole
5. The committee took up items B-E on the agenda as a single topic given that the all involved mapping. Discussion included housing values and what the City has done in the past to stabilize the housing stock including purchase, demo, and sale. There was discussion that the current market may support more of a rehab program; at issue is how to fund a program. Staff has tentatively scheduled Neighbor Works into a near term Council discussion on the topic and has proposed housing rehab dollars being allocated within the existing commercial rehab programs of the Economic Development Authority. Interim Chief Sturgeon walked the committee through the on-line crime mapping tool, which will also be on the next Council agenda. A summary update of problem properties was provided to the committee. The committee suggested that Council as a whole receive similar periodic updates.
6. The committee, by consensus suggested that we continue participation in St. Paul's Cinco de Mayo event similar to the 2019 event.
7. Under other business, the committee discussed the Women's Business Development Center possible coordination with the Evolve Co-working space, 1010 Dodd space planning by the Environmental Committee, the Open to Business program, and multi-family housing proposed at 900 block of Robert and Signal Hills.
8. The Chair asked that, if committee members wanted specific agenda items on future meetings, they get those to staff.

Motion by Berry, second by Eng-Sarne. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

Submitted,

Ryan Schroeder