



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

8/19/2015

Public Safety Committee

August 19, 2015

Minutes

Committee Members: Councilors Sara Giannoni (SG) (chair); Selene Coburn (SC);

Staff: Richard Haesler (RH)

7:04 p.m. - Call to Order

No actions to be taken. Public forum/discussion only.

1. Old North End public safety discussion from 7:05 to 9:05 p.m. The Committee will be making the review of the discussion an agenda item at the next Public Safety meeting which will be at a time, date and place to be determined

Comments from Central District Public Safety meeting 8/19 79pm

- ☐ Tech issues with CB's and cell phone can people (committing crimes) hear
- ☐ See Click Fix Report discarded needles
- ☐ Lots of public investment in infrastructure, properties, magnet schools around North St behaviors happening are an impediment to fully realizing potential we need to know if more resources are needed
- ☐ As we ID who gets treatment vs criminalization we need to be vigilant about eliminating race based violence
- ☐ Engage and Collaborate with business community, where does that activity get



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initiated/coordinated

- ☐ Keep SROs in schools, restore funding capacity
- ☐ ONE Safety Team-more messaging and involvement
- ☐ More partnership between City Council's Public Safety and Transportation Committee
- ☐ Lt Dennis Duffy dduffy@bpdvt.org 5402102
- ☐ Gun buyback program (there was a comment that the incentive might not be good enough because people get a lot of money for guns in the city)
- ☐ Massive amounts of treatment needed for opiate addiction at federal, state and local level
- ☐ More enforcement needs to be multifaceted
- ☐ Shopping Bag-much activity
- ☐ fear of calling police, retribution
- ☐ Is there a need for more plainclothes police presence at different times
- ☐ Can DPW assist with trash removal in citizen clean up efforts
- ☐ Can we do a better job cleaning north st? Can we get trash barrels and recycling totes
- ☐ We can't police our way out of addiction issues, we need to find another way
- ☐ Drug crime has come in waves -one thing that worked in the past was having police liaison assigned to areas who would knock on doors and check in with residents
- ☐ More visibility and direct relationships between police and kids
- ☐ Collaboration- Interstate with law enforcement
- ☐ More outreach in ONE drug reporting crime and policies
- ☐ Recruit police officers from new communities
- ☐ Speed limit signage on more streets- Intervale, Winooski and other parts of neighborhood
- ☐ Quality control for dispatch interactions
- ☐ Police dept needs translators on staff
- ☐ More visible street and car sales
- ☐ Follow up on drug tips*** Close the loop so people feel heard
- ☐ Tip for neighbors - go to police commission-helps get big picture- they are helpful
- ☐ Observed preconceptions around ONE residents, attitude from the officers and less personal relationships



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- ☐ Laundromat was sight of drug activity
- ☐ Drug crime-not just opiates are really visible on North St, time of day is key
- ☐ Too much texting by officers
- ☐ Card re: who to call to get help for people
- ☐ Be present as neighbors ???

