

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 citywide neighborhood organization meeting

Hello, neighborhood representatives.

Thank you for joining us for this meeting on Wednesday night and for sharing your questions and concerns. Below is a summary of what we presented and what we heard back from you.

Acknowledgement of trauma and hard work of community and neighborhood organizations

NCR acknowledges that Black communities and communities of color especially are experiencing trauma and retraumatization after the killing of Daunte Wright on Sunday, the trial of Derek Chauvin and the many images of death and violence that are appearing in the news. Thank you for being here even under such circumstances.

This work will continue beyond the trial of Derek Chauvin and the other officers. Thank you all for showing up and for the work you do in community.

Reminder of meeting purpose and commitments

NCR provides accurate, consistent information about the City's preparations for the trial of Derek Chauvin, listens and responds to your questions and concerns. Neighborhood representatives share out the information from these meetings.

Guests

Alongside NCR's facilitators and notetaker, Casidy Anderson and Assistant Chief Rucker from MFD attended.

How to prepare for and stay safe during emergencies - Casidy Anderson, Fire Department

An emergency is a situation that poses an immediate risk to health, life, property, or environment.

- Think: "What types of emergencies am I likely to experience?"
 - Geography, your routines, your needs.
- Plan: "What do I need to be prepared for likely emergencies?"
 - Use checklists to think of scenarios you might have missed.
 - www.ready.gov
 - www.redcross.org
- Act: Have your plan and toolkit ready.
 - Put your supplies in something waterproof and weatherproof like a plastic bin in case you need to leave.
 - You don't need to buy a pricey survival kit. Many times, it's cheaper to put one together yourself.
 - **Toolkit considerations:** Medications, food, water, shelter, pet food, etc.
 - **Outside scenarios:** Extra coat, gloves, boots from Goodwill in the car for adults and children if we got stuck in a blizzard.
 - **Power outages:** Do you need batteries? Does your situation require a generator? Solar lamps to avoid fire hazards with candles. A solar phone battery charger can help you stay connected to information.

- **Extended time periods:** Do you have enough food and water for two weeks?

Safety while marching & protesting

Communicate

- Keep a cellphone on you and memorize the phone numbers of some people (not at the same event) who you can call for help if needed.
- Tell that person where you are going, who you'll be with, when you'll check in with them and when you expect to return.
- Write your emergency phone number on forearm and cell phone case.

Safety in numbers

- When possible, march and protest with people you know such as friends and family.

Know the details

- Get as much information about the event before you go.
- Know who is organizing it.

Bring the basics and essentials such as:

- ID.
- Cash but not credit cards.
- Mask, goggles, glasses (no contacts), hand sanitizer, bug spray, water, snacks.
- Wear long sleeves and pants and comfortable clothing and shoes.
- Phone.

Be aware of surroundings

- Always have a sense of your surroundings and identify exits when you're in a crowd.
 - Think of 2 exits in all scenarios. When there's a panic everyone tries to use the same exit.
- Stay to outside perimeter of crowds when possible.
- If you see something, say something: If you see someone brandishing a firearm, unattended backpacks; run away, call 911 or tell law enforcement.
 - For example, shooting at Fourth Precinct protest a few years ago.

Interacting with public safety

- ACLU [printable know-your-rights card](#) available in multiple languages.

Safety during civil unrest

- Stay home if possible, but that might be not possible when you need to go protest.
- Know your limitations.
- Stay informed through news, radio, social media, neighborhood and family phone trees.
 - Stay up to date on exit routes and road conditions, stick to side roads.
- Have supplies ready to stay home or to get up and go.

Comments and questions from neighborhood representatives

- Yes, getting to know neighbors is so important. Neighborhood organizations can play a role in this. Some are holding healing sessions.
- Advice for victims of domestic violence?
 - Often victims are isolated and leaving is when it gets the most dangerous.
 - Domestic Abuse Project: 612-874-7063
 - A Violence Free Minnesota: 1-866-223-1111
 - Will reach out to Shunu for resources.
- A participant asked about dealing with aggressive law enforcement.
 - Give yourself a good cushion of space between yourself and public safety officers if you feel aggression or unsafe interacting with them at a rally or protest.

- As neighborhood organizations, how can we support protesters when it's not safe to be near police?
- How can neighborhood organizations support first responders?
 - Yes, they are suffering PTSD like many others in the community.
 - A participant mentioned that their neighborhood has a bottomless coffee tab for firefighters.
 - You can also support MFD by spreading the word about their recruitment program. April 19, applications open for Fire cadet.
- Feel free to email Casidy.Anderson@minneapolisismn.gov with further questions.

JIS update

- Prosecution rested in the Derek Chauvin trial and closing arguments are estimated to be on Monday and should last a day. Jury deliberation follows.
- Operation Safety Net moved early into Phase 3 (more National Guard and law enforcement presence) as a result of April 11 and 12 civil unrest. Originally planned to start Phase 3 during jury deliberation. It has no definitive end date, going until verdict and any potential civil unrest.
- There is little information about where they'll be stationed because they'll need to be mobilized to different locations based on activity.
- No curfew in the city of Minneapolis on 4/14, though Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center choose to do a curfew from 10 p.m.-6 a.m. and Champlin from 8 p.m.-6 a.m.
- Phase 4 is demobilization.

Reminder about who to call

- 911 for anything that requires immediate response from Police, Fire or EMS.
- 311 if non-emergency, broken traffic lights, etc.
- 612-673-5335 to report suspicious activity. Tip line in a new system to better handle to call volume.

Assessing business damages from April 11

Minneapolis businesses can report damages and losses to the City to collect information about the scope and severity of the damages. We will use this information to assess if the City can find additional resources. There is an online questionnaire in four different languages linked here:

- [English: Damage Evaluation - 4/11/2021](#)
- [Spanish: Evaluación de Daños - 4/11/2021](#)
- [Somali: Qiimeynta Waxyeellada - 4/11/2021](#)
- [Hmong: Ntsuam Xyuas Kev Puas Ntsoog - 4/11/2021](#)

Businesses that have experienced damage or loss should also reach out to their insurance companies. The MN Department of Commerce has a tip sheet for handing insurance claims in multiple languages. [View the tip sheet.](#)

Open questions and discussion from neighborhood representatives

- Will the National Guard remain stationed where they currently are on my block?
 - Perhaps, but they could be pulled away if something happens.
- Request to have a meeting to focus the reality of systemic racism and examples.
 - Not at this meeting specifically. We should make a space.
 - The City is beginning to set up a [truth and reconciliation process](#).
- What kinds of advocacy can neighborhoods do? What are other neighborhoods doing?
 - Will talk about best practices and rules regarding support of candidates, advocacy, elections at the next neighborhood organization meeting on April 27 and 28.
 - Some neighborhoods have done candidate forums.
- NCR is concerned about the complexity of the many proposed City Charter amendments that will be on the ballot. Looking for ways to educate the public and present the proposed amendments in

plain language.

- Participant mentions that election judges aren't allowed to help voters understand the ballot.
- Several participants are interested in non-partisan educational materials and videos.
- Has your neighborhood instituted walking patrols?
 - Yes, SSCO has done it for the past 30 years. Also started a weekly neighborhood "walk and talk" as a chance to meet each other in June 2020. Hoping to join it with community groups. They follow curfew if applicable. People were already out, so SSCO just organized them. It's been unsafe even without unrest. Businesses are concerned because of April 11. Many never took down plywood from May 2020. The tone in meetings has been preparing for the worst but hoping for the best.
 - Yes, Logan Park has a walking group but stays away from things that look like or sound like "patrol." The goal is to bring people together.
 - Yes, Jordan had one in before the pandemic and likely will again.
 - Yes, Audubon had a walking group until COVID hit.
 - Sort of, West Maka Ska has a tradition of "safety walks" that focused on traffic, pedestrian and bike safety, lighting, etc. Invited officials to join.
 - No, HPDLCA representative loves the walking group ideas and wants to learn how others organized these.
 - No, Armatage has no walking patrols but very inspired by the SSCO walk and talk program.
 - No, presence of police and military in Uptown makes concept of East Isles walking group scary.
- Let's continue these meetings when there's no crisis.
- NCR staff heard feedback that the curfew notice was too late on Tuesday, April 13 and brought that concern back to leadership but can't guarantee curfew notices will be earlier if they happen again. Watch out for the verdict on court website and note that could be a date that ends up with a curfew.
- Phillips had a shooting, 3 stabbings, 100 people in tents. There is big immediate trauma on top of the trial trauma.
 - Another participant asked how other organizations can help.
- Request to post slides from emergency planning presentation.

Ways to stay connected

Website

- Main trial information webpage: <https://www.minneapolis.gov/government/programs-initiatives/trial-support-safety/>
- The translated pages have been completed.
 - Spanish: [Apoyo y Seguridad durante el Juicio](#)
 - Somali: [Amaanka iyo Taageerada Dhageysiga Maxkamadda](#)
 - Hmong: [Xov Xwm thiab Kev Nyab Xeeb Txog Rooj Plaub](#)
 - Oromo: [Deggersa Qorannoo Yakkaa fi kan Nageenyaa](#)
- Trial updates can be found on the [courts website](#).

Social media

- Press conferences once a week, Thursday mornings at 10:30 via Facebook, though this week might be at 9:30 a.m.
- City social media
 - <https://twitter.com/cityminneapolis>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/cityofminneapolis/>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofminneapolis>

Radio

[The City's multi-lingual radio shows.](#)

- KMOJ 89.9 FM (English) - "Minneapolis 360" on [KMOJ](#) (Wednesdays from 1:30-2 p.m.), [KMOJ playlist](#)
- La Raza 95.7 FM (Spanish) - "Mi Ciudad" [La Raza 95.7 FM y 1400 AM](#) (Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m.), [La Raza playlist](#)
- KALY 101.7 FM (Somali) - "Magaaladayda Minneapolis" [KALY](#) (Thursdays, 3/11, 3/25, 4/8 and 4/22 from 2-3 p.m.) Playlist unavailable.
- WIXK AM1590 (Hmong) - "Kuv Lub Nroog Minneapolis" [WIXK](#) (Thursdays from 2-3 p.m.), [WIXK playlist](#).

Emails

- City newsletter on Wednesdays & Fridays. [Subscribe here](#).
- "City news kit" emails to organizations with mostly the same content as the City newsletter, but in a Word document and with recent social media posts that can be re-tweeted or re-shared if you so choose.

Operation Safety Net

- Website with information in four languages: <https://safetynet.mn.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
- Social media.
 - [Facebook](#)
 - [Twitter](#)
 - [Instagram](#)
 - [YouTube](#)
- Mondays at 2 p.m. press conferences watchable on Operation Safety Net social media and posted to website.

Thank you,

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