

## Wednesday, April 21, 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.

### 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, Brette Hjelle, Interim Director of Public Works attended this meeting.

### Trial resolution

Verdict came in on April 20. Derek Chauvin was found guilty on all counts.

### Brette Hjelle, Interim Director of Public Works

- Public Works has been working with law enforcement and Metro Transit on planning since January.
- Covers things like streets and sidewalks around the Government Center, police precincts and creating perimeters at their request.
- Using a perimeter minimizes the risk of escalation of situations.
- Public Works set up temporary sidewalks and tried to limit road closures. Set up barricades to keep traffic away from protesters.
- Gave updates through press conferences.
- Some barricades are starting to come down.
- Construction, trash collection, was ready to possibly adjust, but didn't end up having to. Staffing was increased.

### Questions

- Who paid for the barricades around Police Federation?
  - Likely the Police Federation paid since it's a private building. Public Works focused on public buildings.

### Joint Information System (JIS) update

- Wake held April 21 for Daunte Wright. Funeral and memorial is April 22 at Shiloh Baptist Temple at noon. Reverend Al Sharpton will give a eulogy.
- We can expect large crowds.
- The City is not involved with these events.
- Operation Safety Net (OSN) is now beginning phase four, demobilization. Barriers and infrastructure around government buildings will be taken down. The 3,000 National Guard members will be leaving. You will see fewer Guard members.

- You can see the OSN press conference for their response to questions about use of chemicals on crowds.
- There's no curfew currently, nor is one expected in Minneapolis.
- The City still commits to continue sharing information, including maintaining the increased schedule of the radio programs. See the "Ways to stay connected" section.

#### Questions from attendees

- Do we expect OSN to ramp up and proceed in the same manner (using four phases) in August with the next trial? When would that start? Will it be the same level of operations?
  - They plan to revisit phase one (planning) and prepare for the trial of the other three officers. Undetermined if they will have the same level of presence next time.

#### Small Business Team

- As of the morning of April 21, no new damages to businesses recorded.
- Tracking damages from April 11 through 13. About 140 businesses reported property damage or burglary. Lots of pharmacies, gas stations, tobacco shops and liquor stores. The City created a [map of damages](#).
- The [Small Business Team](#) has a form where the City is tracking damages. You can direct businesses to this form for tracking if they never reported their damages. They should reach out to their insurance company first. The MN Department of Commerce has [a tip sheet for handing insurance claims](#) in multiple languages.
  - [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](#)
- The Small Business Team can help answer questions about financial resources, outdoor seating, licensing, referral to Business Technical Assistance Program (BTAP) providers and general business partners.
  - Contact the Minneapolis Small Business Team by email at [SmallBusiness@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:SmallBusiness@minneapolismn.gov) or by leaving a voicemail at 612-673-2499.
- The City encourages businesses to have always have emergency preparation plans as a general good practice. See examples at [ready.gov](#).

#### Comments from other participants

- Some businesses' insurance rates have increased significantly and some have had trouble getting costs fully reimbursed. The [Department of Commerce insurance line](#) wants to know about it. The State might get involved, but there needs to be enough complaints.

#### Questions, comments and concerns from neighborhoods

- Last week, someone asked about resources for victims of domestic violence. One stop for assistance:
  - [dayoneservices.org](http://dayoneservices.org)
  - Call the Day One Hotline at 1-866-223-1111 or text 612-399-9995.
- What's happening to address racial justice and relationship building with the community in the Police Department? Is the Truth and Reconciliation process part of that?
  - Will try to discuss this topic at a future neighborhoods monthly meeting. We will seek more information from MPD and Race and Equity.
- Will the federal investigation impact the truth and reconciliation work and similar initiatives?
  - The Department of Justice is starting an investigation into practices at MPD. The State Department of Human Rights also has an ongoing investigation. We reached out to the Department of Human Rights requesting an update on their investigation, and they were interviewing community members.
- Is there any concern surrounding neighborhoods and safety when the sentencing comes out?

- No one has brought it up yet at the City. Sentencing would be around June. We might call this meeting together again before then and adjust from there.

### Future meetings

- What do representatives want to do with this meeting series now that the first trial is over? Should we ramp down and then start up again closer to the second trial? Did you find these meetings productive?
  - Most attendees would like to pause until next trial and said these meetings were helpful.
  - Some would like updates about sentencing and the next trial at the monthly neighborhood meeting in the interim.

### Ways to stay connected

#### Website

- Main trial information webpage: <https://www.minneapolismn.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. Schedule will likely change.
- 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. Schedule will likely change.

Thank you,

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