

Wednesday, April 7, 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

As testimony continues in the Derek Chauvin trial, many residents are experiencing retraumatization, especially our Black and Indigenous communities and people of color. [See mental health and trauma resources in the recent Minneapolis Connects newsletter here.](#)

Reminder about new MPD tip line

There is a new tip line as of April 1, 2021: 612-673-5335.

- Call to provide tips about suspicious activity that doesn't require an immediate Police, Fire or EMS response, such as vehicles driving without license plates, spotting something odd in an alley, etc.
- Has more staff capacity and better technology to intake, manage and act on tips.
- Businesses and property owners can call 612-673-2499 with questions about business operations during the trial and general information about regulations and resources.
- The old number will still accept calls, however, residents are encouraged to use the new tip line.

Questions and concerns about the MPD tip line

- How does it work when you call?
 - You leave a voicemail message.

General update

- Depending on what participants want and what conditions are like, NCR may pause or discontinue these meetings at some point.
- Next week the Minneapolis Fire Department will join us to give an emergency preparedness presentation.
- NCR invites neighborhood representatives to send requests for future guests to steven.gallagher@minneapolismn.gov.
 - Some people are still carrying trauma from civil unrest last summer, but the lack of violence since the start of the trial has assuaged some fears.
 - Solid Waste & Recycling could present about the litter and debris containers that neighborhoods can request.
 - Intergovernmental Relations could come talk about their efforts to secure recovery funds for Minneapolis.
 - It would be good to have someone talk about what the several proposed Charter amendments at a future monthly neighborhood meeting.

Recording

- What should we do with the recording of the presentations from last week?
 - Participants requested it be posted on the website with the notes.

Upcoming neighborhood or community events

- Last week participants asked for places where community members are supporting each other. NCR invites attendees to share any such resources.
 - [Philips West](#) has activities online or over the phone, including safety committee meetings.
 - The [Conflict Resolution Center](#) has been facilitating community circles on police violence.
 - [Armatage Neighborhood Association](#) is thinking about doing a socially distanced outdoor safety and equity meeting near a playground so people with children can attend.
 - The [Minnesota Peacebuilding Institute](#) has some pay-what-you-can virtual training such as [self-care for resilience](#) and [talking circles for building community trust and peace](#).
- **Please note that [COVID-19 case numbers are rising](#)**, and we're starting to stretch our medical system again. The City can provide free masks and hand sanitizer to distribute at any in-person gatherings, including protests. Reach out to Steve or request personal protective equipment (PPE) using [the Health Department's free PPE request form](#).

Thank you,

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