

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 citywide neighborhood organization meeting

Hello, neighborhood representatives.

Thank you for those who were able to join last night's meeting and for sharing your questions and concerns.

The purpose of these meetings is to share information from the City with neighborhood organizations during the trial of former MPD Officer Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd. NCR commits to capturing the questions, concerns and ideas brought forth from neighborhood organizations in these meetings and to seek out responses from the appropriate places within the City. NCR will send a follow up email with the information that was shared and the questions and comments shared. NCR will send the email to all 70 neighborhood organizations and NCR staff.

We acknowledge that people come with different perspectives and are experiencing the events in our City in some shared and some different ways. For BIPOC residents and communities, the trial and the historical and current pandemics have exacerbated inequities, furthering harm. We commit to try to create a meeting space where information can be provided, questions and ideas can be raised without furthering harm.

We thank the participants in the meeting last night who brought this into the meeting.

We decided not to record these meetings for representatives who cannot attend at the regular time based on feedback from some participants. If there are parts of presentations that it may be beneficial to record for future viewing, that will be discussed and agreed upon collectively before the meeting. Below is the information provided and discussed at last night's meeting.

The Joint Information System (JIS)

- Serves as a coordinated communication function.
- Manages the City's website.
- Coordinates with Operation Safety Net, including linking the [City's website](#) links to Operation Safety Net in the "[Security programs](#)" section.
- Has representatives from City, Police, State Dept. of Public Safety, Hennepin County (the trial is held in their building), court system, and others.
- Has four arms:
 - Information gathering: Collects relevant information.
 - Information products: Creates messages for the public, such as webpages, social media posts and newsletters.
 - Media relations: Organizes press conferences and handles requests from the media.
 - Community relations: Makes sure that translations and interpreters are available to the public and that information is reaching communities.

Where to find information

- Website: <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/trial-support-safety/>
- [City newsletter](#) on Wednesdays & Fridays. [Subscribe here](#).
- Press conferences once a week, Thursday mornings at 10:30 via Facebook
- City social media
 - <https://twitter.com/cityminneapolis>

- <https://www.facebook.com/cityofminneapolis/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofminneapolis>
- City's multi-lingual radio programs have increased the frequency of their schedule.
 - KMOJ 89.9 FM (English) - "Minneapolis 360" on [KMOJ](#) (Wednesdays from 1:30-2 p.m.)
 - La Raza 95.7 FM (Spanish) - "Mi Ciudad" [La Raza 95.7 FM y 1400 AM](#) (Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m.)
 - KALY 101.7 FM (Somali) - "Magaaladayda Minneapolis" [KALY](#) (Thursdays, 3/11, 3/25, 4/8 and 4/22 from 2-3 p.m.)
 - WIXK AM1590 (Hmong) - "Kuv Lub Nroog Minneapolis" [WIXK](#) (Thursdays from 2-3 p.m.)
- Emails to organizations.
 - The NCR newsletter is monthly but will likely increase in frequency.
 - "City news kit" emails with mostly the same content as the NCR 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:** Includes Hennepin County Sheriff, Metro Transit Police, Minneapolis Police, Ramsey County Sheriff, Saint Paul Police, Minnesota State Patrol, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and the Minnesota National Guard.
 - Website: <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.

Questions about uses of neighborhood NRP and CPP funding

- Many neighborhood organizations have submitted questions regarding allowable uses of CPP/NRP funding for community safety and community building activities. Questions have also included costs associated with first aid kits, fire extinguishers, street barricades, vests, flashlights, or plywood for boarding businesses.
- Steven Gallagher is compiling those questions and will create a FAQ.
- Send any questions you have about eligible purchases to Steven.Gallagher@minneapolismn.gov.
- NCR staff are available to support all neighborhood associations with both answering these questions as well as identifying which community priority the activities meet. Additionally, NCR staff are available to assist with moving a plan modification forward quickly.
- Before making any purchases, you can contact your neighborhood specialist to ensure your organization has available funds in funding strategies.

Community safety groups, block clubs

- Crime prevention specialists historically have done trainings or presentations about how to implement and activate a block club. If you have questions about the block club leader trainings, you can reach out to your local crime prevention specialist for more information.
- Link to find your crime prevention specialist:
<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/departments/police/crime-prevention-specialists/>
- Concerns from attendees:
 - The Third Precinct currently has vacant crime prevention specialist positions. In addition, the Midtown Safety Center no longer exists and provided resources for residents and communities. When will those positions be filled?
 - Neighborhood organizations would like to work with the block club leaders but currently cannot access that list of people. How can neighborhood organizations access block club leaders?
 - Neighborhood organizations asked how crime prevention specialists are working with residential building captains (like block club leaders, but for large rental properties).

- There was a request to bring at least one crime prevention specialist to future meetings to share their expertise.

Office of Violence Prevention funding opportunities (See attachments for overview)

You can view all open contract opportunities, including these in the [City's eSupplier portal](#). ([eSupplier how-to page](#).)

- Minneapolis street outreach (closed 3/11 at 5 p.m.)
- Community outreach and support during and after trials (3/17 3 p.m.)
- 2021 Office of Violence Prevention Fund (3/29 at 4:30 p.m.)
- Training for organizations doing violence prevention work ([Blueprint Approved Institute](#))

Other questions from neighborhood representatives

- What activities will be taking place to support protesters and promote healing? Can food be provided to protesters?
 - NCR staff will look into any food permits if needed.
- Is there a "tool kit" for neighborhoods and small businesses?
 - There are not toolkits but there is information available on the City's website in the following places:
 - Businesses: <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/trial-support-safety/business-property-safety/>
 - Residents: <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/trial-support-safety/resident-safety/>
- Are there resources to support the health and wellbeing of BIPOC residents? Seems that resources are mostly focused on protecting property and assuaging fears of civil unrest. Would like neighborhoods to communicate with each other about activities like listening sessions and healing.
 - Cultural wellness directory: <https://www.culturalwellnessdirectory.com/>
 - Some neighborhoods created a Slack group to connect about things like this. There are no City nor NCR staff in the group, but Steve or another neighborhood representative can help you find where to sign up.
 - If there are needs that City staff can assist with, such as exploring funding options or assisting with coordination of information across the neighborhood network, please let NCR staff know.
 - If you have any questions about funding, activation or other concerns, please email steven.gallagher@minneapolismn.gov.

Thank you,

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