

OLDE TOWNE EAST/MAIN STREET COMMUNITY SAFETY WORKING GROUP

At Olde Towne Block Watch Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 2010 @ 7:00

950 E. Main Street, 12th Precinct

STAKEHOLDER AND INTERESTED PARTY ATTENDANCE			
The Hon. Paul Herbert, Judge Muni Court		The Hon. Harland Hale, Judge, Enviro. Court	
The Hon. Ron O'Brien, FC Prosecutor		The Hon. Andrew Ginther	
Walter Distlezwieg, Chief of Police		The Hon. Richard Pfeiffer, City Attorney	
Mitchell Brown, Director, Public Safety		Lara Baker, Chief City Prosecutor	
George Speaks, Public Safety		Thomas Fischer, Commander, Zone 5	
Kim Jacobs, Deputy Chief of Police		Robert Meader, Lieutenant, Zone 5	
Terry Kalous, Liaison Officer		Kevin Conley, Lieutenant, Zone 5	X
Mike Moore, Olde Towne East Neig. Assn.	X	Howard Pettinger, Sergeant, B Company	
Phil Haynes, Old National Road Bus. Ass'n		Carla Fountaine, Childrens' Hospital	
Yuri Harrington, Salvation Army		Kathy Webb, Olde Towne East Block Watch	X
Matt Wovrosh, Columbus Compact Corp.		Pam McCarty, Central Community House	
Walter Penn, Franklin Park Area Ass'n	X	Courtney Rowland, Central Community House	
Heather Bowden, Olde Towne East	X	Michelle Santini, Fair Avenue Block Watch	
Bob Ward, Rev. First English Lutheran		Walter Chappellear, South of Main Block Watch	
Katy Harper, Columbus Compact Corp.		Jon Beard, Columbus Compact Corporation	
Stan Alverson, COTA Safety		Vicky Rogers, Homeowner	X
Belinda Taylor, COTA		Mike Woods, Commander, Zone 5 (future)	
Drew McCafferty, First English Lutheran Church		Jason Buehler, City Attorney's Office	
Kate Pishotti, Columbus City Council		Jodi Spurlock, City Attorney's Office	
		Other Block Watch Members (Anonymous)	X

MEETING MINUTES

- I. **Welcome, Introductions, Attendance.** At the September 9, 2010 Working Group meeting, stakeholders expressed a desire to attend this Block Watch Meeting. All were invited, and agendas sent pursuant to the 9/9/10 meeting notes. The block watch meeting was held as planned, however, only one representative of the City of Columbus or county showed up, which was expressed as a disappointment by community stakeholders in attendance, and concern for whether the public sector partners had a commitment to addressing these issues in a collaborative manner.
- II. **Follow Up Agenda Items from September 9th Meeting**
 - A. Follow up after 30 days on bootleg activity at 427 S. Champion Avenue: At the September 9th meeting, Commander Fischer asked for community follow-up assessment of activities to be taken over the past 30 days. Commander Fischer was not in attendance at this meeting for follow up discussion.
 - B. Follow up on COTA Transit Center/Bus Shelter issues: COTA was not in attendance at the meeting. However, Community members noted a significant increase in COTA security activity in this area and were grateful. The group had discussion on how we can continue to keep this area clear of illegal activity and continue to make this a safe area for the community and COTA riders.

- III. **Discussion: Developing Specific Approaches to following problem areas by Nov. 16th @ 4:00 mtg.**
- A. Longstanding open air drug markets (Rich & Champion, Champion & McAllister, Main & Lilley, Oak & Wilson). This issue was not addressed due to the absence of most City of Columbus representatives. It is expected that the City will bring specific proposals to the November 16th meeting.
- B. Rampant prostitution (Main: Kelton to Fairwood and S.18th and Bryden Road). This issue was not addressed due to the absence of most City of Columbus representatives. It is expected that the City will bring specific proposals to the November 16th meeting.
- IV. **Review of city code/legal environment.** This issue of the unenforceability of current city codes related to loitering in aid of drug sales, and any possible alternative approaches, was not addressed due to the absence of representatives of the City Attorney's Office.
- V. **Other:** Lieutenant Conley explained the new neighborhood group formed by CPD and that Howard Pettinger, Sergeant will be in charge of. Discussion and concerns were discussed from community members present regarding the activity at Champion and East Main and the groups of people now hanging out on Champion and Rich Street. Since no one from the city attorney's office showed for this meeting many questions are still unanswered. Community members are in fear from these groups and the activities. One block watch member is receiving threats from this group.
- VI. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 16th, 4:00, at 950 E. Main Street (12th Pct. Substation)

A. Proposed Agenda

1. De-Briefing on enforcement/prosecution activities since September 9, 2010 (CPD and COTA)
 - a) Bootleg at 427 S. Champion (CPD)
 - b) COTA NETC and Bus Shelter (COTA)
 - c) Other Related Activities (CPD)
2. Presentation on Specific Strategies to address Open Air Drug Markets at Champion/McAllister, Champion/Rich, Wilson/Oak, and Main/Lilley (CPD).
3. Follow up on Specific Strategies to address prostitution at Brydan/18th and Main (Kelton – Fairwood) (CPD)
4. Presentation of Legal Analysis re: loitering and other approaches (City Attorney's Office)