

# OLDE TOWNE EAST/MAIN STREET COMMUNITY SAFETY WORKING GROUP

**Tuesday, November 16, 2010 @ 4:00 – 5:30 PM**

**950 E. Main Street, 12<sup>th</sup> 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            | X | The Hon. Andrew Ginther                       |   |
| Walter Distlezweig, Chief of Police            |   | The Hon. Richard Pfeiffer, City Attorney      | X |
| Mitchell Brown, Director, Public Safety        |   | Lara Baker, Chief City Prosecutor             | X |
| George Speaks, Public Safety                   | X | Thomas Fischer, Commander, Zone 5             | X |
| Kim Jacobs, Deputy Chief of Police             | X | 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     | X |
| Heather Bowden, Olde Towne East                | X | Michelle Santini, Fair Avenue Block Watch     |   |
| Bob Ward, Rev. First English Lutheran          | X | Walter Chappellear, South of Main Block Watch | X |
| Katy Harper, Columbus Compact Corp.            | X | Jon Beard, Columbus Compact Corporation       | X |
| Stan Alverson, COTA Safety                     |   | Vicky Rogers, Homeowner                       | X |
| Belinda Taylor, COTA                           |   | Mike Woods, Commander, Zone 5 (future)        |   |
| Drew McCafferty, First English Lutheran Church | X | Jason Buehler, City Attorney's Office         |   |
| Kate Pishotti, Columbus City Council           | X | Jodi Spurlock, City Attorney's Office         |   |
|  |   | Theresa Lee, Homeowner                        | X |
|  |   | Veronica Lee, Homeowner                       | X |

## MEETING MINUTES

### 1. Welcome, Introductions, Attendance, Review of October Meeting Minutes

Ice Breaker caption contest discussed. Winner to be announced at end of meeting.

### 2. De-Briefings on Community Safety Activities over past 60 days

- a. General discussion about the markedly increased police presence and activity. All community members had noted a significant difference in activity and effort, and complimented CPD for its work over the past 60 days. Champion/McAllister bootleg is significantly improved since the raid, though some activity lingers at the bootleg. General sense that the issue has shifted to Cherry/Rich and Champion. CPD mentioned some benefit of keeping criminals uncomfortable in an unfamiliar place and moving. CPD also mentioned benefits of stopping cars, as they can be searched. T. Lee discussed recent shootings around Cherry Ave, near her house – all expressed concern. COTA bus shelter has been quiet due to COTA's posting of security for several weeks. Some residents believe the new shelter is bugged. V. Rogers suggested having COTA drivers call in to security those bus stops with people hanging in the shelter as they approach.
- b. CPD – G. Speaks reported out on law enforcement activities, including number of persons charged and arrested. G. Speaks mentioned that problematic 427 S. Champion

(bootleg) was raided. G. Speaks provided statistics from the Community Response Team led by Sgt. Pettengill from 10/6/10 to 10/30/10 as follows:

Felony Arrests -- 23 (plus 2 warrants pending)

Misdemeanor Arrests – 8 (plus 6 warrants pending)

CCW Arrests – 7

Guns Recovered – 8

DI's – 9

Patrol/Other Bureau Arrest Assists – 27

Traffic Citations – 19

Misdemeanor Citations – 11

Reports Taken – 5

FI Cards – 21

Cocaine Seized (grams) – 20,027

Heroin Seized (grams) – 1

Marijuana Seized (grams) -- 384.6

Other Drugs Seized -- 44 pills

Citizen contacts – 555

Stolen Cars Recovered – 1

Hot Spots Worked – 66

Response to dispatched runs – 32

Business Checks – 70

- c. Community wants to know names, charges, and mug shots of those arrested for follow up including rental/occupancy and tracking through the court system so community can make an impact statement. CPD is currently unable to track persons who are arrested through their computer system. G. Speaks to check with CPD IT staff on ability to do so. Short-term, CPD/City Attorney's Office will inform FC Prosecutor of arrests from the target area, and FC Prosecutor can inform Judge (Court Room 4-D) of people requested to be held and/or not recommended for drug court (in and out of jail).
  - d. OTENA – Report given on success of Local Liquor Option votes – residents voted overwhelmingly to make Pct. 4-D a dry community (no alcohol sales). Ratio of No Sales Vote was 3-4 to every 1 vote in support of alcohol sales. Permit holders have approximately 35 days to file an appeal and get on the next ballot where there are elections of persons (perhaps as late as November 2011). Any permit holder who files such an appeal (particular location) may continue selling alcohol until a second "no" vote at the subsequent election.
3. **Legal Issues Briefing:** L. Baker engaged in discussion about Loitering in Aid of Drug Offenses section of City Code. There was much discussion about various laws, and provisions within the laws of various communities. There was various conversation related to findings in different courts. There were differences in understanding about whether or not drugs had to be found/verified to successfully convict for Loitering in Aid of Drug Offenses. Courts have upheld laws based on the presence of a "guilty mind" which is evidenced by specific, discrete physical actions consistent with engaging in drug offenses. T. Lee provided examples of such laws in different jurisdictions. Courts have overturned such laws that were deemed unconstitutionally vague (not providing sufficient clarity about what activities are prohibited) or overbroad

(encroaching on constitutionally protected behavior). R. Pfeiffer willing to work on law if/as Council indicates. K. Pishotti indicated council has given early indications it would support working to strengthen Columbus's law, and will follow up. Community discussed urgent nature of action, given Champion/Cherry shootings and willing to help and support council.

4. **Ice Breaker Caption Winner:** Walter Chappelle, South of Main Blockwatch.

5. **Next Steps:**

- a. K. Pishotti to request council to initiate upgrading Drug Offenses Loitering law.
- b. G. Speaks to pursue list of arrestees (names) associated with statistics.
- c. G. Speaks to follow up on ability to identify arrestees through CPD (computerized) crime reporting
- d. CPD to continue to watch/address as needed, bootleg at Champion/McAllister
- e. CPD to maintain increased presence at Cherry/Champion
- f. **Next Meeting Date Proposed:** February 8, 2011, 4:00 – 5:30 at 12<sup>th</sup> Pct. Substation