

Ventura Village May Committee Agenda

Engagement:

- 1) Report from Equitable Engagement working group
 - Partners and budget balance
- 2) Ongoing engagement activities open to all residents with a social component:
 - Bi-monthly Franklin Avenue clean-up with breakfast (Sat or Sun)
 - Graffiti removal with breakfast (Sat or Sun)
 - Monthly movie night (in the park?) with snacks
 - 311 phone tree

Budget for food, maximum allowance is \$15 per person for engagement events that are open to all residents.
- 2) Ventura Village commitments to work with partner organizations – volunteer opportunities to implement MOUs.
- 3) Communications
 - Website
 - emails (too many?)
- 4) Policy to permanently not have July committee meetings and August board and general meetings.
- 5) Board training (in-house or consultant)

Crime:

- 1) On-going strategies to reduce crime (especially at Franklin and Chicago)
 - a) Temporary suspension of use of bus stops at Chicago and Franklin to gage impact on crime
 - b) Removal of benches at Peavey Park Thrones area
 - c) Citizen volunteers to help police book arrests
 - d) Meeting of all stakeholders to develop a comprehensive program that pools resources to change the perception and behavior of people at Chicago and Franklin
 - e) Geographic trespass
 - f) Deputizing private security officers to help police book arrests
 - g) Mental incompetency
- 2) CERT team activity at Chicago & Franklin
- 3) Block clubs
 - Use to sign-up new members
 - Organizing with Kali & Banyon
 - Events
- 4) Recent increase in burglary
- 5) People hanging out under Highway 55 Bridge over Franklin Avenue blocking sidewalk, posing traffic danger, and massive amounts of litter. (Acknowledge improvements at Franklin light rail station)
- 6) Street, alley, and other lighting options

Housing:

- 1) Minneapolis Solar Program (Minneapolis staff attendance not yet confirmed. We have asked Council Member Osman to help get staff to attend either May, June, or July meeting.)
- 2) Update on Dundry apartment building