



Capitol River
Council

CRC BOD, COMMITTEE, & WORKGROUP SCHEDULE & UPDATES

Reporting Month: May	Chair/s	Updates / Communications	Meeting Time
CRC Committee or Workgroup			
CRC Board of Directors	Jesse Grams	Refer to web site for minutes	Third Tuesday 5:15
CRC Officers	Jesse Grams	Agenda development for BOD and annual meeting	Second Friday 11:30
Development	John Ganey & Tiffany Brace		Second Tuesday 9-10:30
Finance	Will Travis		Varies. Contact Chair.
Fund Raising	Joe Baierl		Varies. Contact Chair.
Pedro Park WG	Julie Printz	Report necessary to move forward in process has slowed a bit due to short staffing but process moving forward. Friend of Pedro Park established!	Varies. Contact Chair.
Public Realm	Kari Khalil	<p>Presentation by Portland Loo manufacturer. Many questions answered. Very interesting option. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled to learn what Minneapolis is looking at doing and sharing information on the Portland Loo with City of St. Paul.</p> <p>We will also seek an update on the plans and progress on Lower Landing Park and from Visit St. Paul on the riverboats coming this summer. Julie updated on Pedro Park.</p>	First Thursday 5-6:30
Recruitment	Lee Knutson		Varies. Contact Chair
Skyway Governance	Jesse Grams	There was an overall drop in crimes against persons of 76% in the downtown area.	Fourth Friday 9-10:30

		<p>Aggravated assaults are down this month compared to last month.</p> <p>Simple assaults are up 8% compared to the same time last year. No evidence to suggest that individuals or groups of people are being targeted. Many seem to be domestic or acquaintance related.</p> <p>Property crimes are down 34% in a month to month comparison. Arson continues to drive a slight increase in property crimes compared to last year.</p> <p>The “return to office” police detail was successfully implemented over the last couple of weeks and engaged many downtown business and community partners with a focus on parking ramps and the skyway.</p> <p>The Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) was started this week focusing on area hot spots in downtown and the central district. This is in partnership with the Office of Neighborhood Safety under the direction of Brooke Blakey as well as 21 Days of Peace, the Community Ambassadors, and District Councils.</p> <p>New officers are continuing their field training and hopefully will be certified to solo patrol in mid to late June.</p> <p>Emma Burns from the Downtown Alliance reported some concerns regarding decreased police presence and private security in the skyway on weekends. Commander Bolduan stated that although there is a drop in the number of SPPD officers in the system on the weekend, central district officers are utilized for any priority service calls. Senior SPPD Commander Jesse Mollner stated that even though the weekend daytime shift has a smaller number of officers, the evening shift is fully staffed seven days a week. The goal is to fill the daytime vacancies with the new officers currently in training.</p> <p>Metro Transit has increased their presence at Central Station.</p> <p>There was concern expressed regarding multiple shelters planned for closure in the near future. Senior Commander Mollner reported ongoing discussions with Ramsey County and Catholic Charities.</p> <p>John Bandemer reports that activity around the Central Station and Vertical Tower is better. The negative behavior appears to have moved towards skybridge #44 to the Capitol City Ramp. Plans are in place for enforcement action at this site.</p> <p>However, with the increase in the workforce, negative activity has decreased.</p>	
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