

## 9/18/23 Livability Committee Meeting

Kari Kratbauer (Chair & Board), Bobbie Keller, Adam Olson, Harry Savage (Board); Cuyler Dinegan (Staff); David Ratner, Todd Otis, Mark Paller, Katy Vermeer, Keith Heiberg

### Safety Team Updates:

- **Safety Walks (David Ratner)**
  - Week 3-4, only skipped Super Sale Saturday
  - Mostly myself and Tim Fontaine (EBMSNA Board), pretty low turnout right now
  - Getting Block Captains to help organize, once system is in place
  - Subcommittee leaders could also attend
  - David will start tracking trash collected, things seen, etc - will send to Cuyler
  - Thang: I'd love to walk but Saturday mornings are tough - if we did another day/time I'd be happy to lead!
    - Kari: Maybe roll this into a Coffee Date, or invite CM Chughtai in somehow?
- **Block Captains ([guide](#) and [application](#))**
  - Kari: We've got 4 applications so far, have an expectations guide for Block Captains, and a map of block alignments
  - Todd: Contacted asking for lists - I can doorknock but phone would be good
    - Kari: We have ~25 interested in the Safety Team, email list I can share
    - Kari will reach out to email list with an introduction to Todd (Please also include Thang, Cuyler, and Lee on this list).
- **Security Comms**
  - No update from Thang
- **Buy Back Alternative - [Violence Interrupters](#)**
  - We've reached out to the Neighborhood Safety Dept, who works with different City-approved Violence Interrupter groups - more to come
  - Have positive feedback from collaborators who contract with them for downtown events and neighborhood patrols along in South Minneapolis / Lake St corridor

### Upcoming Events:

- [Weekly Safety Walks](#): Saturdays, meet 10am at St. Mary's north lot
- [Trolley Path Mulching](#): Sept. 24, 10–11:30am, meet at trailhead (34th & Irving)
  - Couple mounds of mulch along the Trolley Lake Path
  - Bring gloves, rakes, and wheelbarrows if you have'em
- [Ward 10 City Council Candidate Forum](#): Oct. 2, 7–8:30pm at Abyssinia Cultural Center (LynLake)
  - All candidates are invited, masks are encouraged
  - [Neighborhood Social](#) : Oct. 9, 5–7pm at Pinoli (across from Barbette on Lake St)
    - Happy hour prices, 1 BOGO ticket per attendee, EBMSNA provides apps
- Annual Meeting: Nov. 9 (Save the Date!)

### Other:

- **YWCA Uptown Closing**
  - EBMSNA, along with East Isles, South Uptown, and the Wedge, sent a letter of concern to Mayor and CMs Chughtai and Goodman (Ward 10 & 7) regarding the loss of this community center, hoping to meet about keeping it a community-focused space

- Ward 10 response:
  - *Along with the Ward 7 office, we met with the YWCA Mpls president, Shelley Carthen Watson, right after the news broke of its Uptown location's closure. She indicated there were parties interested in acquiring the building, including fitness organizations, but did not give names or a timeline. According to Shelley, the organizations their brokers spoke with were not interested in tearing down the existing building.*
  - *I talked with the Ward 7 office today and, like us, they have not received any updates from the YWCA since our meeting. We will follow up with YWCA leadership and relay your community's questions along with the concerns with the potential vacant parking ramp/building.*
  - *The YWCA has posted an [FAQ](#) on their website, which may be useful.*
- Bobbie: "Be nice if another fitness group moved in..."
- Mark: "Worst case scenario would be another parking ramp. Already dealing with transit center issues, ramp could be terrible right there..."
- Bobbie: Uptown Association could take it over? Offer free parking
- Keith: Uptown Theater could be interested?
- **Seven Points**
  - Ward 10:
    - *The development group's affordable housing project (1301 W Lake St) in partnership with Common Bond was approved for a TIF plan back in April. Our office has not received any updates from city staff or the development team since that time in regard to this aspect of the project.*
    - *As for the renovation of the Seven Points building itself, I've reached out to the principal city planner, Hilary Dvorak, to receive an update. I'll report back what I hear.*
  - Mark: Seems like they've lost financing, or they would've started by now
- **Recent Shootings near Lagoon Theater:**
  - [Ward 10 Newsletter](#): *We are in communication with the Fifth Precinct Police Inspector to find out any new information they learn about these incidents. MPD has informed us that the gun violence investigations unit is prioritizing this case. We are also working with Inspector Nelson to meet with the property management company for the apartment building where the first incident occurred.*
  - [Ward 7 Newsletter](#): *With Assistant Chief Blackwell leaving, I am proud to introduce our new 5th Precinct Inspector, Christie Nelson. Inspector Nelson has faithfully served with MPD for nearly 26 years. A graduate of the U of M, she joined MPD as a cadet in 1997. As an officer, she held patrol positions in the 3rd and 5th precincts, and has worked as a Sergeant in the 1st, 3rd and 4th precincts, and as a Lieutenant in the 2nd and 3rd precincts. As the new Inspector of the 5th Precinct, Inspector Nelson will oversee patrol and investigations in the area bounded by I-35W in the East, I-94 on the North, and the city limits on the West and South.*
- **[Urban Jungle Street Market](#) this past weekend**
  - Been happening monthly at Hennepin & 31st, Urban Jungle is activating this space with 50+ apparel/food vendors, bringing a decent crowd each time
- **No Update on Pavilion**
  - Nothing from Ward 10, Ward 7, or the Parks Board yet
  - Onsite vendor [Pimento Market](#) started an Instagram we're watching, nothing further