



Minneapolis Police Department 2008 Neighborhood Policing Plan *Nicollet Island / East Bank Neighborhood*

Introduction:

The Nicollet Island / East Bank Neighborhood is in the Minneapolis Police Department's Second Precinct.

Neighborhood Map:



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Overview:

The Nicollet Island/East Bank neighborhood comprises Nicollet Island on the Mississippi River just east of downtown and the portion of the eastern riverbank located between Central Avenue and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad line. The neighborhood is at the geographical and historical center of Minneapolis. Hennepin Avenue East and First Avenue Northeast are the two main roads that connect the island to the rest of Minneapolis. The island spans 47 acres, and all but two of the houses on the island date from 1864 to 1898. The island is part of the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Zone. Between 1980 and 2000, Nicollet Island/East Bank's population more than quadrupled, from 203 people to 828. In that same time period, Minneapolis' population grew at a far more modest rate. Between 1980 and 2000, Nicollet Island/East Bank saw substantial population growth in every age group. The largest increases were in the 25- to 44-year-old and 45- to 64-year-old categories. The 85-year-old and up category increased the smallest amount in the neighborhood by going from one person in 1980 to two people in 2000.

Crime Statistics 2007:

Nicollet Island and East Bank Neighborhood has realized a 29% increase in crime during 2007. The most significant increases show that 63% of the crime in the neighborhood was theft (95 incidents in 2007) and 24% of the crime in the neighborhood was burglary (37 incidents in 2007).

Focus for 2008:

- Theft
- Burglary of dwelling – Inspector Skomra has set this as a priority within the second precinct in addition to the neighborhood stating that it would be their focus in 2008.

Neighborhood Concerns for Planning 2008:

- The 2007 increases in theft and burglary are the main concerns.
- Although the problems have lessened, neighbors continue to be concerned about graffiti that is appearing in the neighborhood and other careless and disrespectful acts in the neighborhood.

2008 Policing Strategy:

The Minneapolis Police Department has two citywide goals: reduce crime and improve the relationship with the community it serves. In the Nicollet Island East Neighborhood, we will focus on the following crime reduction strategies:

- Continue to have the substation which is located in the neighborhood and beat officers who are working the Eastgate area of the neighborhood.
- The Precinct Officers will continue patrol in the neighborhood to address curfew and truancy.
- The police and neighbors will participate in the 3rd Ward CARE Task Force.
- The Crime Prevention Specialist will work with the neighborhood in defining issues at properties and assist in making appropriate referrals to Housing Inspections, Animal control, Licensing, Community Response Team and Directed Patrol, Child Protection, Adult Protection, mediation, and other city, county, and independent resources to solve problems.
- The Community Response Team will address problem properties as appropriate including locations where drugs are being sold.
- The Crime Prevention Specialist will offer block club training to organize the community, so neighbors know each other and watch out for each other. The Crime Prevention Specialist will encourage neighbors to hold a National Night Out Event, so neighbors become acquainted. The Crime Prevention Specialist will provide information to the community by working with block clubs and other groups in the community, distributing information, and sponsoring programs in the city such as the Rental Property Owners Workshop, Liquor Industry 'N the City, the Student Housing and Police Exchange, personal safety workshops, and more. Information about these programs, safety tips, crime alerts, and other material will be distributed to the community via the email alert network.

- The Crime Prevention Specialist will hold at least one workshop for Condos. The workshop will provide information on crime prevention and working with the police.

2008 Neighborhood Engagement:

While the Minneapolis Police Department has committed to a number of steps to improve policing service in Nicollet Island / East Bank Neighborhood, policing is a team sport and residents are a key part of that team. The collaboration with the MPD, the Nicollet Island / East Bank Residents have committed to the following:

1. Reporting problems in the community by calling 911, 311, and their crime prevention specialists to discuss the concerns and other resources available.
2. Participation in the 3rd Ward CARE Committee to work on issues which are multifaceted and have not been resolved by contacting the resources available.
3. Encourage residents to organize block clubs in the neighborhood and assist the Crime Prevention Specialist in Recruiting Block Club Leaders.
4. The neighborhood will assist in connecting youth to resources in the area.
5. Encourage the Condos in the neighborhood to participate in upcoming workshops.
6. Distribute crime alerts to community members when requested and encourage community members to complete community impact statements when appropriate.
7. The Neighborhood will have a representative to the Police and Community Council (PAC). This individual will attend the monthly meetings at the precinct and provide updates at the neighborhood meetings.

2008 Performance Measures:

We will use the following criteria to measure our success in the Nicollet Island/East Bank Neighborhood:

1. There will be a decrease in burglaries of at least 3%.
2. There will be a decrease in theft of at least 3%.
3. Have at least 2 people attend block club training.

NICOLLET ISLAND / EAST BANK 2007 NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN RESULTS

Neighborhood Concerns and Resolutions during 2007:

- There has been an increase in noise reported by neighbors along with a greater number of burglaries. – **Neighbors have not reported noise issues as frequently during 2007**
- Neighbors are concerned about graffiti that is appearing in the neighborhood and other careless and disrespectful acts in the neighborhood. – **Property damage reports appear to have decreased.**

2007 Policing Strategy:

- The Minneapolis Police Department has a substation which is located in the neighborhood and beat officers who are working the Eastgate area of the neighborhood. This year an evening beat was added to this area to address the issues in this area later in the day. – Ongoing
- The Crime Prevention Specialist will contact the various condos and housing associations in the neighborhood to develop a working relationship with the neighborhood residents. – The Crime Prevention Specialist in conjunction with the Downtown and 5th Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist held a workshop for Condo Owners and Boards.
- The Crime Prevention Specialist will work with the neighborhood to address properties where there are ongoing problems, and assist the community in making appropriate referrals to Housing Inspections, Animal Control, CRT, and other resources which are available to solve community issues. – Ongoing
- The Community Response Team will address problem properties as appropriate including locations where drugs are being sold. – Ongoing
- The Crime Prevention Specialist will distribute crime alerts when necessary. – Ongoing

2007 Neighborhood Engagement:

While the Minneapolis Police Department has committed to a number of steps to improve policing service in Nicollet Island / East Bank, policing is a team sport and residents need to be part of that team. The collaboration of MPD and Residents have committed to the following:

1. After the Crime Prevention Specialist contacts the condo associations, a representative from the condos will be encouraged to disseminate information on crime trends and crime prevention. – This work was started and the Crime Prevention Specialist is developing both a mailing list and an email list of condos.
2. Reporting problems in the community by calling 911, 311, and their crime prevention specialists to discuss the concerns and other resources available. – Ongoing
3. Participation in the 3rd Ward CARE Committee to work on issues which are multifaceted and have not been resolved by contacting the resources available. – Ongoing

2007 Performance Measures:

Measures of Success:

1. Five Individuals attend block club training. – Goal partially met, One person attended Block Club Training,
2. There will be an increase in the number of people using the city technology to obtain information on crime alerts, crime prevention, etc. – Unable to measure by neighborhood; but increases of interest and feedback were noted at community gatherings and meetings.
3. There will be a decrease in burglary and theft of at least 3% in the neighborhood. – Burglaries increased in the neighborhood from 23 to 37 incidents in 2007. Many factors may have contributed to this increase, including the huge increase in

housing. Burglary and theft remain top priorities for the MPD and Nicollet Island residents.

--- end of 2008 Plan; 2007 Results for the Nicollet Island / East Bank Neighborhood.