

Community Task Force Community Workshop #5

9:00-11:30 AM, Emerald City Bible Fellowship, 7728 Rainier Ave S

Saturday, May 10, 2014

Hotspot: Light Rail

Facilitators:

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Team's vision for addressing Place-Based Risk Factors at Light Rail hotspot:

- We need a 360° approach at the Light Rail hotspot so that police & community are working together to provide full participation & visibility regarding safety;
- In the future the data should reflect full reporting. Currently crime is under-reported, especially by non-English speakers (There needs to be available translated versions of incident report forms);
- Neighborhood Watch would be helpful – need to overcome cultural barriers (to mind your own business) and lack of awareness;
- There is a helpful information card to navigate using 911 in a language other than English;
- Can the City/SPD better inform and engage the community?
- Observation: We live in a world that is very diverse but one thing that we have in common is our hearts. If we all gathered to hold hands - - you don't need to speak when you love someone – it is unspoken. Shared vision: When I walk through the neighborhood & see someone from another culture & get a hug, it is a wonderful connection.
- The community should match intervention efforts in the form of financial investment or volunteer time;

Ideas:

- Community Ambassadors at LR Station handing out 911 information cards 2x/day for 1 month;
- Follow-up with community engagement during this time so neighbors can get to know each other;
- Youth festival or multiple youth festivals celebrating different cultures, collaborating with community organizations; SPD should participate and would be great if SPD representatives also reflected the diversity of the community. Can there be a Vietnamese community liaison or officer?
- “Light Rail 360° of Safety” celebration – campaign slogan;
- 911 cards should have 360° slogan on reverse;
- Our 360° of Safety counteracts the two biggest problems at Light Rail: suspicious activity & disturbances
- To help community members build their sense of safety it would be good to share information

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about how cases are resolved. Idea: Regularly (monthly) share information outcomes/disposition of crimes reported at Light Rail hotspot in neighborhood blogs & on site at the LR station & in the Vietnamese newspaper;

- Crime-tracker sign at Light Rail Station (only if this is sustainable or time limited). It would need to be framed in a positive way ex.) Safety 360° - It depends on you! Call 911 if you see something suspicious – It works!
- Regular visits from SPD at community events would be an opportunity to provide more information. Ex.) Detective Cookie has been a good advocate with community chaplains.