

**Community Safety Meeting**  
**HSCA**  
**Nov 30/17- 7:00pm**

**Attendees:** 14 people including Dale McAuley, Druh Farrell's office, Lisa Chong CPC, Karen Gallagher-Burt Executive Director HSCA, Ali McMillan Bridgeland Safety Committee ([planning@brccalgary.org](mailto:planning@brccalgary.org)).

**Invited guest:** Glenn Pedersen

**Opening:**

- District 3 has seen a 148% increase in break and enters when comparing Oct 2016 to Oct 2017. 2017 data suggest a 30% increase over 2016.
- West Hillhurst and Mt Pleasant have the most activities
- bike tools and sporting equipment seems to be the most common things stolen

**Concerns:**

- people physically accosting residents and dogs
- people entering yards
- McHugh Bluff overnighters and people in the trees near Prince's Island.
- traffic-short cutting - can we have traffic calming - speed bumps and speed reduction
- most intersections along 7<sup>th</sup> get plugged up at rush hour and there are close calls regularly.
- residents cleaning up camps not advised due to needles and potential toxic exposure to fentanyl.
- CPS does not have the resources to increase patrols in high our needs areas.
- should we get more cameras in the neighborhood - Glenn agrees that videos are very helpful.
- Need to be mindful of posting pictures of people associated with accusations of crime activities.
- public urination on 10St

**Strategies:**

- do a petition - Lisa can finalize signatures for traffic calming
- request a community wide speed limit of 40km
- suggestion to clear the brush along McHugh Bluff to prevent sleeping. **Action:** Kerri to email Ron Buchan re: 5a St and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave
- call 311 to report or email Glenn at [pol3009@calgarypolice.ca](mailto:pol3009@calgarypolice.ca). Glenn asked that when we send in our concerns that we attach a map.
- share concerns on Facebook : Sunnyside Up/ East Sunnyside Survivors
- Building Safer Communities Block Watch - Bridgeland Community Association safety committee has adopted this model. They have suggestions on how to get started.
- Federation of Calgary Communities Neighbor Cards - complete these to get to know your neighbors.
- Glenn encourages residents to lock doors to cars, garages, houses. Do not leave valuables in cars.
- reviewed *Who to call and when document*
- a key strategy is to try to prevent the crime from occurring in the first place. Numerous programs and community improvements are planned.
- Activate YYC grant suggested to help fund creative traffic calming strategies.
- talk to people - get to know people - it will help identify people that may be planning un-neighborly activities.
- consider partnering with the Drop in Center to do teaching in our community on working with vulnerable populations.

## To Do

- get Glenn's notes
- attach who to call and when.
- Kerri contact Fire Department re: needle disposal bins
- Karen to look into DIC vulnerable population training

## PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS

- Lock house and garage doors
- Lock car doors and do not leave any visible items in the car
- Install padlock on gates
- Install motion sensitive outdoor lighting
- Make it a habit to say "Hello" to everyone you pass by in the neighborhood, especially people you don't recognize
- Report all crimes
- Install bells on yard gates
- Aim for a community safety lead/task force

## UPDATES since Nov 2017

- Glenn Pedersen is retiring. Our new CPS representative is Sgt Dave McMath 403-428-6300 [dmcmath@calgarypolice.ca](mailto:dmcmath@calgarypolice.ca)
- Request made via 311 to Calgary Fire department for Needle disposal bin at the containR site (Kerri).