



### **LISC – MPD Community Safety Partnership Report, November 2013**

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) share a commitment to creating neighborhoods capable of sustaining civic life – places with quality affordable housing, active business districts, vibrant public spaces, connected neighbors, and other signals of social and economic well-being. Both organizations understand safety to be fundamental to this overarching goal. In support of that shared commitment, LISC and MPD support a *Safety Coordinator* to serve as a bridge between the organizations and a steward of new and strengthened community-police partnerships in Milwaukee neighborhoods. The Community Safety Coordinator will coordinate and support safety initiatives in select Milwaukee communities, working in partnership with City agencies and community organizations to integrate the varied resources and tools of law enforcement, community mobilization and economic development to make neighborhoods safer and more vital.

This report provides an update on the partnership between MPD and LISC to enhance community safety in Milwaukee’s neighborhoods.

#### ***Expand knowledge and use of CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) principles by police and community residents***

- LISC sponsored training by Greg Seville to four teams consisting of police officers, district attorneys and community developers in July & August 2013. During this training, participants learned the basic principles of CPTED and each team developed a plan for a specific project to be implemented in four different neighborhood locations. See below for more detail.
- LISC, in cooperation with the City Attorney’s Office, District Attorney’s Office and key MPD district staff, have partnered on the development of a standard template for CPTED surveys to be administered by MPD for new alcohol license applicants (per MCO 90-5-1.5). LISC, at the request of these partners, has also developed an informational brochure for applicants and the general public (see attached). LISC has secured a commitment from the City Clerk’s office to provide the brochure to new alcohol applicants at the time their application is successfully submitted, as well as placement on their portion of the city’s website. Copies have also been provided to MPD’s License Investigation Unit and are available for community partners, upon request.

#### ***Facilitate the implementation of specific SafeGrowth projects***

- LISC provided funding for the Washington Park SafeGrowth project, which aims to improve physical conditions on the 2100 block of N. 38<sup>th</sup> St., while strengthening neighborhood cohesion (see attached for project report). This project, if successful, can be used as a template for other neighborhood projects supported by Byrne Community Improvement Project (CIP) funds.
- LISC is working with Riverworks, HGNI, MPD and the City Attorney’s Office to implement portions of the Harambee SafeGrowth project (see attached). This work includes planning of community improvement projects as well as abatement efforts around a

problem located in the vicinity of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Keefe. This project will be highlighted during a tour of the Harambee neighborhood on November 20, 2013. The tour will include city officials, MPD command staff and members of the media.

- Although not participating in the Safegrowth training, another group of dedicated residents in the Lindsay Heights neighborhood have undertaken a neighborhood improvement project that relies heavily on CPTED principles (see attached for plan). LISC staff has provided project funding, guidance and technical assistance. In addition, per LISC staff's recommendation, this neighborhood project recently applied for and received Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation (NIDC) support. NIDC is an affiliated development arm of the city of Milwaukee. Additional partners in this neighborhood project include MPD District Three, Building Neighborhood Trust Officers, DA's Office, Safe & Sound, YMCA and other community stakeholders.

***Insure successful implementation of the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Grant (BCJI) program in the Washington Park neighborhood and support the implementation of the Building Neighborhood Capacity Program (BNCP) as appropriate***

- LISC participates in Byrne Grant planning meetings for the Washington Park neighborhood and is assisting in development of implementation strategies. The Byrne Grant team held a public meeting on Oct 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss focus group findings as well as roll-out of implementation strategies. Approximately 30 Washington Park stakeholders were in attendance.
- LISC assisted in the planning of a regional Byrne Grantees meeting held in Milwaukee October 1 & 2, 2013 which was hosted by National LISC's Community Safety Initiative staff and included representatives from Omaha, NE, Charleston, WVA, Detroit, MI and Dayton, OH. Feedback by local Byrne team members was very positive because of the ability to network with peers and share best practices. Portions of the conference were videotaped by MPD for future reference.
- LISC participated in the regional BNCP grantee meeting held October 23 & 24, 2013 and involved representatives from Fresno, CA, Memphis TN and Flint MI. At the request of Zilber Family Foundation, Byrne community partners and District 3 representatives will present and discuss their Washington Park SafeGrowth project at the next Community Safety Affinity Group scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013. This presentation will aid BNCP sites in possibly selecting strategies for their respective "Learn While Doing" community projects, to be completed through March 2014.

***Convene community partners to create results-oriented partnerships around shared public safety goals***

- LISC staff convened and hosted the first citywide Community Safety Affinity Group (CSAG) meeting September 30<sup>th</sup>. Feedback from group participants was overwhelming positive and the next meeting is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>. This group's purpose is to bring together community development and public safety practitioners to discuss best practices and common challenges as well as an opportunity for networking and general information sharing. The expressed goals of this group include:
  1. Provide easier/better access to crime data for use in planning neighborhood safety projects.
  2. Develop an event or a process for community partners to highlight or nominate MPD staff or efforts that significantly contribute to overall improvement of neighborhood quality of life.
  3. Improve communications between law enforcement in terms of updates on activity and follow-up of neighborhood concerns or complaints. The group discussed the possibility of a community mapping tool to aid in this effort, perhaps similar to the

ClearPath mapping system utilized by Chicago's PD (<https://portal.chicagopolice.org/portal/page/portal/ClearPath/Communities/Community%20Concerns>)

4. Holton Youth Family Center (HYFC) staff proposed the idea of notifying youth-serving agencies when MPD makes contact with youth who are stopped, arrested or field interviewed within respective agency service areas.
  5. Enhance MPD/community partnerships relative to licensed premise review and abatement.
- LISC met with the new Captains of MPD Districts 2, 3 & 5 to discuss LISC's emerging role in community safety and explored with them areas for possible collaboration.

***Promote the successful reintegration of ex-offenders into the community through the development and implementation of a police-based reentry strategy***

- LISC is supporting the efforts of Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) to provide community outreach and awareness of their community building workshop project (see attached for program description). Both BNCP sites have signed up staff and area residents for participation in this program.
- LISC, at the request of MPD, produced a reentry resources guide that provides examples of successful programs across the country (with a particular emphasis on law enforcement-led efforts and/or programs where LISC has been involved). The guide also lists local organizations involved in similar efforts.
- LISC is in discussion with the County's Delinquency and Court Services Division, in an effort to explore possible support for the Juvenile Mentorship program.

***Promote successful community safety practices to the general public***

- LISC generated an OpEd piece in the Journal Sentinel announcing the LISC/MPD partnership - <http://www.jsonline.com/news/opinion/milwaukee-development-model-works-ph9jhm203844021.html>
- The July/August CPTED training generated a news story in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel - <http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/safegrowth-initiative-targets-tavern-design-to-lift-neighborhood-safety-b9977780z1-220124351.html>
- The CPTED story was also referenced in a Journal Sentinel editorial - <http://www.jsonline.com/news/opinion/100-new-officers-will-help-but-more-is-needed-b9978927z1-220278601.html>
- Letter to the editor, dated September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, which corrects misstatements in a blog posting relative to the City's community safety strategy - <http://www.jsonline.com/news/opinion/your-views-b99104454z1-224950432.html>
- LISC Institute for Comprehensive Community Development feature on Washington Park safety efforts - <http://www.instituteccd.org/news/4681>