

Security Summit DTP/4th Ave Meeting Notes

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Opening Remarks

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DTP Connects

- 1- DTP is working with a Counselor on Wednesdays to connect individuals in need to the resources which can help. Challenges include- willingness of the individual, gaining trust, and ultimately having access to a resource. There is currently a shortage, so even someone willing might not get help immediately.
- 2- Gem show is increasing the transient population and we are seeing encampments expand and vehicles being used for sleeping.
- 3- Overall city problem. Mayor and Council have a study session regarding encampments on 2/8-
- 4- There is a group which meets to discuss encampments- currently ward 4 and 6 attend, along with TPD, other city related agencies and DTP
- 5- DTP maintenance staff, Merchants in DT and 4th Ave, residents feeling increasingly unsafe.
- 6- TPD to facilitate a de-escalation training for DTP maintenance and Merchants
- 7- DTP to explore use of pepper spray.
- 8- RTC remains source of concern “epicenter” of the challenges in downtown. Restrooms are locked and not maintained. TPD staggers their presence at RTC. There is a new security group under contract, and they are building staffing. Previous company left abruptly with no overlap for a transition. John Zukas from Sun Tran Security to be added to the Summit distribution list.

Residential

1. An effort for temporary speed tables on Broadway is under further review due to concerns about impact to TFD response.
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ID Scanners

1. Effort to bring Scanners to every bar in DT and 4th Ave. DTP is a potential host for the account to coordinate distribution and training.
2. Cost may be partly covered by City along with the businesses. Potentially other funding sources to be explored—RND or DTP?

Safety

1. Cameras being explored as options for safety. Possible new systems and possible coordination of existing cameras from Merchants. Will require more input from residences and businesses on willingness to support the increased surveillance.
2. Lighting being explored as options for safety. DTP and 4th Ave to help with a survey of needs.
3. Rideshare has mixed reviews. Drop off is more of a challenge to control because the passenger will say "stop here". Pick up is easier to coordinate in specific zones. AC Marriot was added as a pick up spot with Lyft and TPD working to get Uber to the same.
 - a. Better signage being explored- potentially A-Frames or a lighted signs signifying the "spot"
 - b. Issues behind HC on Toole--- seems to be mostly with drop off. This combined with speed and poor lighting needs to be addressed quickly

MISC

1. Both Transit and Parking have new security contracts with American Guard Services and Garda World. The previous contractor left without a transition, so both new companies are ramping up employment to service the new contract.
2. TPD expects 2 academy classes to graduate soon, putting more officers on the streets. Attrition for COVID protocols was not as bad as feared. Overall trend seems positive.
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Goals for 2022

1. Summit to work on-regular trainings
2. Co-Chairs to bring achievable goal set to March meeting
3. Bi monthly meetings—they are scheduled for monthly now, with the hopes of moving to bi-monthly. If nothing of interest or urgency, the off month meeting will be canceled.

Items for next meeting

1. ID Scanner next steps. DTP as potential Main Account for coordination purposes.
2. Forward movement on Camera and Lighting plans
3. De-escalation training scheduled.
4. Convo on RTC plans- specifically for restroom access.