

Safety Summit Meeting Notes

Fri July 29, 2022

Community Prevention Coalition of Pima County

- Alura Benally provided Information and insight on work being done regarding opiate/drug issues

Safety

- Edmund Marquez discussed Rio Nuevo's investment for one year of Special Duty Police in the downtown area. Also provided updated on a Valet Service to be launching soon
- Sgt Sachs discussed recent increase in outreach efforts at RTC and Armory Park. TPD has also moved to near zero tolerance stance and arresting those who continue to break the law. TPD has made approximately 50 arrests in the last 10 days. Many are first time misdemeanor possession charges. Treatment is offered. Repeat offenders risk a felony arrest. There is not as much support from Courts, but the effort is creating a noticeably improved RTC and Armory Park. There was a general concern as to where the crime will flow if the normal spots are shut down and TPD is patrolling in wider areas to prevent any reconstitution of an open-air drug market environment. The general sentiment of the responses was that the trends are encouraging.
- Ashton Dickey: Intro to KDI Protective Services

DTP Connects

- Still making weekly outreach with La Frontera. It is a slow process with only 1 community partner. The time it takes to build trust with the homeless community is significant

Residential

- Residents have been expressing concerns over the homeless, drug addiction and mental health issues. It appears these issues are moving in the right direction, but it will take a steady commitment to continue the trend. Diana updated the group on a Ward 6 meeting with Parks and Rec, neighbors and stakeholders. The agenda centered around community activation of the park. Remarks were made that this is already showing some progress.

Updates

- DTP board and Merch Council working on meeting every business owner in the Bid as part of the engagement committee. 2 attendees on the call were recently visited by the engagement team and told of the security summit
- New Security cards with update TPD info available on downtowntucson.org or by emailing Zach.
- Next meeting September 30th 2:00 PM- Zoom