

## **Crime/drug free rental ordinance workgroup meeting summary: May 15, 2019, 6:00 to 7:30 PM**

11 of 13 members in attendance

Absent: Bernadette Hornig, Amy Gonyea

Staff present: Chief Harcey, Michele Schnitker, Marney Olson, Ann Boettcher, Cathy Bennett, and Lieutenant Garland

Lt. Garland continued a review of the power point presentation which included statistical data related to implementation of the crime free ordinance. There was some discussion generated by a mapping of the violation calls and whether census demographic data could be overlaid with the call data. Staff will determine what information can be provided.

Concerns were raised regarding that the ordinance had a disparate impact on lower income renters and racial minorities.

It was brought up that it would be helpful to create a syllabus of future meeting topics. A draft outline of the future meetings topics will be reviewed at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Members indicated that it would be helpful to have a panel of neighboring cities that have crime free ordinances to compare to SLP's ordinance. Also discussed having a panel of experts including a landlord tenant 101 presentation.

Marc Berg stated that he had reviewed the case *Javinsky-Wenzek vs. City of St. Louis Park* in which a landlord legally challenged the landlord ordinance and wondered if that was something the group wanted to review. Marc stated that he would send a copy of the decision to Michele. Workgroup members wondered if there had been legal challenges to other similar ordinances.

Community engagement ideas/concerns included:

- A survey, the SLP housing team is conducting a survey of STEP clients through the month of June which might be an option.
- Parktacular – anonymous comment box?
- What about non-English speaking residents?
- Public listening sessions

Requests for additional information/data include:

Can we get demographic data to overlay on the map of violations?

Next meeting will be June 5<sup>th</sup>, information related to these requests will be provided at the Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 7:30 PM at City Hall in the Community Room.