

Crowdsourced Conversations #3: Community Safety

ICE BREAKER: Group members share their name/neighborhood/identifiers and what brought them to tonight's event.

SENSE OF BELONGING: The most common survey respondent definition of "community safety" was "the ability to move freely without fear." Does that resonate with you? What kind of circumstances creates the opportunity to move freely without fear?

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: By and large, survey respondents were satisfied with local police but there was also a great deal of support for having more police-alternatives, such as mental health or social workers who could respond to nonviolent calls. In a "dream scenario," how do you imagine the combination of such public services could be structured to make the Heights safer and more connected? What could residents do to advocate for such services?

ACTION: Let's imagine our group was going to do something to help promote safety in our community. Based on our discussion today, what action steps might be our starting point? (Examples from survey respondents: advocating for better lighting/sidewalks/traffic calming; advocating for fewer abandoned houses; advocating for police alternatives; planning a block party/neighborhood gathering)