



Linden Community Police Forum

Summary of Project Priorities for 2010

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A more comprehensive presentation on the survey results has been forward to Community associations in the Linden Precinct. Alternatively go to www.lindensaps.co.za



Background and Introduction

The identification of priority projects for the Linden Community Police Forum (CPF) and communities followed a consultative and inclusive process:

- At the January meeting, communities were asked for their priorities for 2010:
 - Priority projects for implementation by the CPF and Communities in the Linden Precinct, recognising that SAPS will continue focus on trio crimes*
- Ideas from communities were consolidated into 18 projects at the Feb meeting.
 - Existing CPF programs (Victim Support and Youth Desk) will still continue.
- Questionnaires were distributed in mid February to all community associations known to the Linden CPF.
- Completed questionnaires were received in late February and early March.
- Provisional results were shared at 9 March meeting.

By coordinating the efforts of multiple communities across the Precinct we stand a better chance of sustaining improvements. We avoid merely moving the problem to our neighbour, which may risk its return when we relax our focus.

*Trio crimes: Highjackings; armed robberies in homes; and armed robberies in businesses



Linden Precinct - Priority Community Projects for 2010

Seven Linden Precinct Priority Projects for 2010 were identified through a collaborative effort by 11 community associations and through discussion at two open community meetings:

1. **Vagrancy/Loitering/Homeless Containment.** Outcome: reduced number of homeless and vagrant people in Precinct. Implemented in a humane manner. Will also include better enforcement of security by-laws by JMPD.
2. **Street Patrols – Bobby on the Beat and/or Community Patrols.** Understanding that SAPS has limited resources, will investigate the use (in high priority zones) of Community Patrol and/or “Bobby on the Beat” concepts working in other cities/suburbs.
3. **SAPS / Security Company Collaboration.** Outcome: Better collaboration, action and intelligence sharing between the security companies and Linden SAPS.
4. **Street Committees and Community Associations.** Outcome: A higher proportion of engaged communities through organised community associations and street committees. CPF will also support existing associations and committees.
5. **Justice and Convictions.** Outcome: Increase the number of convictions by working with courts; implementing community sentencing; and more by-law convictions.
6. **Incident reporting and intelligence.** Outcome: A process and system for reporting non-case incidents and reporting to Linden SAPS. All cases must be reported to SAPS.
7. **General upgrades and support at the police station.** General support to the Station and the SAPS team including fixing the shade for SAPS parking; install LAN in parkhomes; access control in Detectives Branch; more frequent grass cutting etc. etc



Next Steps

The CPF Executive will:

- Communicate the results to communities in the Precinct
- Use the results of the survey to plan topics for Open meetings for 2010 / 2011
- Help facilitate and coordinate community projects and assist in sharing results and experiences across the Precinct
- Integrate the initiatives into the Precinct's Safety Plan and the Station's plans

The Resident and Community Associations will:

- Communicate the priorities and solicit wider input and support
- Find volunteers to support community initiatives that are priorities in your area
- Lead projects on behalf of the community and greater Linden Precinct

**The next CPF meeting will focus on developing a more detailed
COMMUNITY action plan to address Priority 1:**

Contain Vagrancy/Loitering/Homeless in the Precinct

Tuesday, 13 April 2010 at 6pm Linden SAPS; Boundary Road