

Centennial Community Improvement Association



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Safety Plan
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Executive Summary

The Centennial Neighbourhood Safety plan was developed by the community as a way to address the concerns and implement the ideas and solutions brought forward during several planning sessions. The process includes safety committee meetings, safety forums and the development of partnerships with existing neighbourhood initiatives and stakeholders such as the inter-agency network and Winnipeg Police Services.

The building of relationships is at the forefront of the safety plan and includes trust and networking with youth, individual residents, families and community agencies as well as the Winnipeg Police Service. Through those relationships the neighbourhood can instill a sense of pride and ownership in the community, promote beautification efforts and support local leadership. These relationships can also help identify safety concerns on a continual basis and at the same time illustrate the need to celebrate the successes of community improvement.

Safety is defined broadly and encompasses the needs of individual residents, agencies, families and youth. This plan acknowledges that there may be a difference in safety needs for youth and encourages youth to develop and promote their own safety forum, identify youth specific needs in regards to safety and supports the ongoing implementation of those youth strategies.

The safety plan also acknowledges the need to engage neighbourhood agencies and Winnipeg Police Services in a dialogue with the community to promote awareness, accessibility and a partnership in problem solving Centennial resident and family needs.

Vision for Neighbourhood Safety

The Centennial Neighbourhood Safety Committee will strive to improve the safety of our community by building positive relationships between all stakeholders who have a vested interest in the neighbourhood. The CCIA safety committee will encourage a central voice for members of the neighbourhood so our residents feel supported, have a way to come together on issues and can reach out to each other.

Members of our neighbourhood must feel a sense of ownership and responsibility in the neighbourhood and are therefore empowered to make positive change. The CCIA safety committee will also work to provide training and education on all aspects of neighbourhood safety to promote this empowerment.

Community Involvement in the Planning Process

There were three components of community involvement in the planning process including:

1. *Centennial Community Improvement Association – Safety Committee*

The C.C.I.A. Safety Committee has met on a bi-weekly and monthly basis from March 9, 2004 to February 21, 2006 to provide the leadership for planning and coordination of the neighbourhood safety plan development process.

2. *Neighbourhood Safety Forum*

A neighbourhood safety forum was held November 8, 2005 to provide an opportunity for residents to voice their ideas and concerns about safety issues in the neighbourhood. Approximately 50 residents attended the community consultation meeting.

3. *Partnering with existing neighbourhood initiatives*

The C.C.I.A. Safety Committee intends to create linkages and partnerships with the current Neighbourhood Zone Strategy and the Centennial Interagency Network.

Overview of Proposed Programs and Initiatives

1. The CCIA Safety committee will work to build positive relationships between all stakeholders in the neighbourhood. This will be achieved by:
 - 1.1. Developing and supporting “get to know your neighbour” initiatives**
 - 1.1.1. Host an annual Community BBQ
 - 1.2. Developing and supporting neighbourhood beautification initiatives**
 - 1.2.1. Host community clean up events
 - 1.3. Developing and supporting safety awareness initiatives**
 - 1.3.1. Host events that raise the awareness of safety issues and resources in the neighbourhood
 - 1.3.2. Host neighbourhood safety forums where residents identify issues and solutions to neighbourhood safety

2. The CCIA Safety committee will foster and support a strong sense of resident ownership and interest for the neighbourhood. This will be achieved by:
 - 2.1. Conducting outreach to area residents that draws people in**
 - 2.1.1. Host an annual fun/celebration event
 - 2.1.2. Host a series of neighbourhood safety audits
 - 2.1.3. Promote broad awareness of activities through a variety of mechanisms such as newspaper, website, posters, networks, etc
 - 2.1.4. Explore and highlight options and/or programs in the neighbourhood through the development of a resource guide
 - 2.2. Building and supporting neighbourhood leadership**
 - 2.2.1. Support and work together with the Neighbourhood Zone Captains
 - 2.2.2. Host an Honour Day that celebrates individuals and fosters pride
 - 2.2.3. Host a series of neighbourhood training and workshop sessions

3. The CCIA Safety committee will build trust and strong relationships with youth in the neighbourhood. This will be achieved by:
 - 3.1. Developing and supporting local youth leadership**
 - 3.1.1. Host a youth forum to generate youth ideas in the neighbourhood with the event being developed by a local youth forum planning committee.

3.2. Supporting positive opportunities and alternatives for local youth

- 3.2.1. Work with local youth leadership to design implementation strategies of what youth want as determined from the youth forum

4. The CCIA Safety committee will endeavor to build a positive working relationship with Winnipeg Police Services. This will be achieved by:

4.1. Development of a resident “Know your Rights” campaign

- 4.1.1. Develop a “know your rights” manual
- 4.1.2. Host “know your rights” training sessions
- 4.1.3. Provide regular updates on resources and information through the safety committee and neighbourhood forums
- 4.1.4. Support the University of Winnipeg and Human Rights Commission biased free policing research

4.2. Working with Winnipeg Police Service on a on-going basis to develop positive interactions between police and residents

- 4.2.1. Meet with appropriate representatives of WPS on a regular basis to foster on-going dialogue
- 4.2.2. Invite WPS to participate in community events
- 4.2.3. Initiate follow up on communication or requests made in meetings with WPS and the Centennial neighbourhood

4.3. Supporting and developing community expectations and definitions of community policing

- 4.3.1. Develop a strategy to broadly consult area residents on what they envision as community policing
- 4.3.2. Host a neighbourhood safety conference on the topic of community policing
- 4.3.3. Advocate for the establishment of a cross-neighbourhood network dealing with common WPS concerns

4.4. Endorse the creation of a police commission in Winnipeg that reflects and represents the City’s diverse populations and needs

- 4.4.1. Research police commissions and community policing
- 4.4.2. Petition officials and politicians to implement a commission in Winnipeg
- 4.4.3. Consult with residents and networks to create a common vision of a Winnipeg police commission
- 4.4.4. Maintain open dialogue with WPS, public officials and other stakeholders

5. The CCIA Safety committee will build positive networks with other organizations and neighbourhoods. This will be achieved by:

5.1. Linking and partnering with local services and stakeholders in addressing safety issues in the neighbourhood

- 5.1.1. Participate in Centennial Neighbourhood Interagency Network
- 5.1.2. work with local services and stakeholders to identify partnerships regarding new or existing initiatives

5.2. Linking and networking with other organizations and groups

- 5.2.1. Determine what has worked and not worked in other neighbourhoods with similar initiatives or concerns
- 5.2.2. Share resources and information with other neighbourhoods and groups
- 5.2.3. Partner and participate with other neighbourhoods and groups to provide a unified voice regarding identified common themes

6. The CCIA Safety committee will support the development of healthy families. This will be achieved by:

6.1. Providing a resource base for families that is positive and holistic.

- 6.1.1. Develop a list of supports, services and agencies that promote healing and healthy families
- 6.1.2. Initiate, train, and develop family group conference strategies

6.2 Initiating partnerships and educational opportunities that are family-centered.

- 6.2.1. Develop a network of “family” stakeholders including CFS, AFM, and representatives from agencies frequently used or encountered by Centennial families.
- 6.2.2. Create a community strategy for family healing from grief, suicide and the effects of colonization or immigration.