LHENA / MPD Partnership Goals

1)    Block Leaders: We would like to help MPD get to 100% block leader participation (knowing that 100% is unattainable). Maintaining block leaders is a strategic goal for MPD and also an underutilized source for LHENA outreach.

* Crime prevention specialist will send a list of blocks that need leaders and LHENA can focus outreach on these neighborhoods, or simply ask around to see if anyone knows anyone who lives on those blocks.
* Incentives for block leader participation: the primary incentive from MPD block leader participation is inclusion in the crime alert listserv. The safety committee will request funding from the association for a block leader appreciation package that would include things like loud walk whistles and window locks.
* Block leader liaison: LHENA will solicit a volunteer from among the MPD block leader list who will serve as a neighborhood-based communication channel and help us create block clubs and increase participation in National Night Out.
* LHENA will host a block leader training and recruitment social where folks can learn how to get more information from the city's online services for crime alerts, go over the uses of 311, and meet officers assigned the neighborhood and/or our precinct inspector as available.

2) Security checks: MPD offers home security checks in order to prevent crime. Empowering residents to lower their risks for crime fits directly within the safety committee's mission.

* LHENA will work to make people aware of this service and encourage blocks to form block clubs where they can request alley safety checks and more tailored security reviews for renters.
* Crime prevention specialist will work to adapt the home security check model to make it more relevant for the high number of renters in our neighborhood.

3) Communicate crime data: MPD gathers data and sends crime alerts to various neighborhood lists. Keeping residents informed about crime events and trends is important for the community life of the neighborhood.

* The safety committee will solicit monthly crime stats from the Crime Prevention Specialist for committee members, Association Board members, and for posting on social media. Comparison with the previous the year(s) numbers helps contextualize.

4) Strengthen MPD / neighborhood relations: Improving community relations is a goal for MPD. Fostering a cooperative relationship with productive channels for feedback and participation is a goal for LHENA’s safety committee.

* LHENA will highlight officers and civilian staff on our website, and host quarterly meet and greets with officers and the prevention specialist.
* LHENA will encourage block leader participation and help make residents aware of MPD services (such as safety checks and crime alert udpates).
* LHENA will participate in community policing projects as they become available (such as partnering with MPD to simulate officer implicit bias training among neighborhood residents).

5) Sexual Assault: One of the safety committee’s goals is to address sexual assault in our neighborhood, which has a number of bars and late night venues.

* LHENA will collaborate will local businesses to create a sexual assault prevention program.
* MPD will give feedback on the program and assist as needed.