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Safe Community Task Force Forms Subcommittees

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Dubuque’s Safe Community Task Force has held two meetings since its members were appointed by the Dubuque City Council on Oct. 5, 2009.

The 25-member group met on Thursday, Oct. 15, and Tuesday, Oct. 27, and discussed what they hoped to accomplish and created four subcommittees: 1) neighborhood engagement/social capital, 2) enforcement, 3) management of physical environment, and 4) research and facts. Four to five task force members will serve on each subcommittee and additional volunteers are being sought.

The purpose of the neighborhood engagement/social capital subcommittee involves several issues: identification of neighborhood leaders; correction of any misperceptions that may exist; including young people; and fostering understanding of new and existing cultures.

The enforcement subcommittee will explore several issues including: curfew, code enforcement, gang activity, reference checks, police presence, and trespassing.

The management of physical environment subcommittee plans to review issues including: zoning, promotion of home ownership, neighborhood appearances, incentives to public service, redevelopment incentives, and neighborhood beautification.

The research and facts subcommittee is tasked with gathering information on several issues including: current programming, accurate crime statistics, researching any myths that may exist, addressing stereotypes, and historical research.

Residents interested in volunteering on a subcommittee of the safe community task force should contact City of Dubuque Management Intern Phyllis Russell at 589-4110 or prussell@cityofdubuque.org. The task force’s next two meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. on **Monday, Nov. 9**, in the Majestic Room of the Five Flags Center and **Monday, Nov. 30**, in the Carnegie-Stout Public Library Auditorium.

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