



Minnehaha Senior Living



On April 26, 2024, Office of Community Safety (OCS) staff hosted an event at the Minnehaha Senior Living facility in South Minneapolis for the older adult community. City staff provided a presentation and engaged in conversation about social services and resources to help the city decide what should be in the Lake Street Community Safety Center and the South Minneapolis Community Safety Center. Nine adults attended the event, including:

- Individuals who live at the facility
- Individuals who visited the facility
- Minnehaha Senior Care Facility staff
- All individuals identified themselves as White

Individuals were asked what services were most important to them for the Lake Street County Safety Center and the South Minneapolis Community Safety Center.

Top ranked social services:

- Mental health
 - Volunteers to help individuals with mental health needs
- Unsheltered homeless resources
 - Places for unsheltered individuals to sleep
- Employment support
 - Help finding a part-time job
- Mentoring program

Top ranked other uses and resources:

- Legal Services
- Toy/tool library
- Graffiti clean-up
- Preschool
- Space for people to meet and hangout

Other comments of note:

- Do not duplicate services. No need to reinvent the wheel.
- Engage with new immigrants and refugees. Safety can be culturally driven.
- Navigating systems can be daunting. Make it easier for the customer.
- Food is a good way for people to connect.
- Foster trust and building of relationships with everyone including different generations.
- Hours of the centers should align with community needs.
- Services listed (themes from prior engagement about safety) don't directly tie to safety.