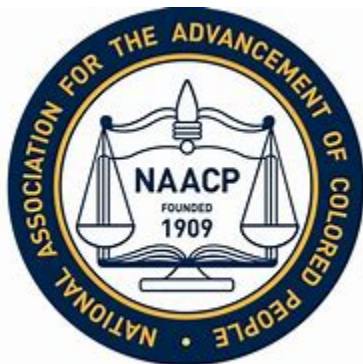




Conversation with African American community members



On May 8, 2024, Office of Community Safety (OCS) staff co-facilitated an event with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The event was held at Sabathani Community Center. 17 people joined the conversation. Most identified as African American.

After a presentation about the concept of community safety and community safety centers, participants engaged in voting activities and conversation about what social services and resources are important in a community safety center.

The following social services received the most votes:

- Homeless resources
 - Free tampons/pads in restrooms
 - 24/7 warming spaces
 - Drop in center
 - Case management services
 - Drop in center
 - Beds
 - Sustainable housing resources
- Youth
 - Entrepreneurial workshops
 - Minneapolis Youth Council and leadership opportunities
 - Resources for youth programs
 - Healing circles
 - Basic life skills training
 - employment
- Affordable housing
 - Downpayment resources
 - Dignified community housing
 - Intergenerational housing
 - Direction for affordable housing
- Addiction services
 - Culturally specific drug and alcohol counselors and case management
 - Free services to “conquer” addiction
 - Walk in services
- Mental health
 - Free services/therapy onsite
 - Mental health staff should be people of color
 - Include affirming messages for community to take
 - Healing circles

The top other building uses and resources were:

- Legal services
 - free
- Community meals
- Community meeting space
- Medical services
 - Health fairs

- Medicaid/Medicare resources and assistance
 - Address diabetes
- Childcare for people utilizing services in the center
 - Based on comments, it was unclear if people were actually supporting childcare only while people were using the community safety center or if they wanted childcare in general

Participants also had other suggestions:

- Resources for childcare that are free and/or sliding scale fee
- Summer youth activities
- Services for people who are formerly incarcerated and justice involved
- Driver's license and I-9 assistance
- Resources geared toward Black women
- The building and surrounding area must be well-lit
- Rename the 3rd precinct to any other number
 - "The City should have a renaming ceremony for everyone to attend so we can all acknowledge the past of this precinct and look forward to a new, better future."