

Presented below are the findings and recommendations from the Safe-City Commission (SCC). The proposal is broken into two parts: *Policy & Programming*. The top right box indicates the commission's vote on each item. The last page outlines members of the Safe-City Commission.

Policy

		(YES / NO)
1.	Curfew	17 / 3
<p>The current model needs to be adjusted in order to be compliant with current state statutes (with support from the NL Law Director). In addition, discussion should continue on how to make it enforceable as well as flexible (weekends, etc.) based on research showing that 'one-size fits all' models are unsuccessful.</p> <p><i>POC TO TAKE FOR ACTION: Law Director &amp; Chief of Police's Designee</i></p>		
2.	Intervention Center	18 / 2
<p>A youth intervention center should be identified along with what hours are needed for staffing and who would be able to staff it. A 'mission' for the center and potential staffing structures should also be considered. (Consider newly appointed NLPD Chaplain, Social Services Coordinator, SRO or Community Resource Officer, etc.). Mental illness cases will be referred to the Emergency Mobile Site.</p> <p><i>POC TO TAKE FOR ACTION: Boys &amp; Girls Club Representative &amp; SCC Chairman Designee</i></p>		
3.	Police / community engagement.	16 / 4
<p>Focus groups identified that NL youth have a negative perception of the NLPD. This stems from the youth perception that they cannot walk in groups larger than two without being profiled. It is recommended that discussion between community members and the NLPD be opened up on how to improve relations.</p> <p><i>POC TO TAKE FOR ACTION: Chief of Police Designee</i></p>		
4.	'Zero Tolerance' policy	19 / 1
<p>Zero tolerance policies have come under scrutiny on how effective they truly are. Research has shown that suspension, expulsion and arrests greatly reduce the probability of graduation. NLSD's zero tolerance policy should be examined to see if it is effective. In addition, the city needs to examine how to work with students that have serious academic or behavioral issues. The city &amp; school district may need to examine the policies towards violent youth behavior.</p> <p><i>POC TO TAKE FOR ACTION: New London Board of Education.</i></p>		

5.	Communications – Perception / Expectations / OST Director	19 / 1
<p>In order to combat the perpetual negative perception through New London’s media, an effort should be initiated by all interested parties to balance it with positive news. A workshop on press releases and related forms of communication has been offered up to start the process. It has been identified that media from the city out to residents should be inclusive and printed in Spanish as well. It may be beneficial to support the creation of a part-time paid intern position who deals specifically with coordinating communication from the city to the community while also working with the community’s organizations. Lastly, an overwhelming opinion has noted that New London has great programs but no one knows about them which as deals with the issue surrounding communication.</p> <p>A focus should also be placed on educating the community on what the city’s expectations are. At the same time, the city must clearly and collaboratively develop what those expectations are. The goal is for home expectations to mirror community expectations. This is a specific task to be coordinated by the communications intern. Police &amp; Youth PSA Project should also be highlighted for discussion.</p> <p>It was also noted that the city does not have a coordinated community service plan which could be used for youth offenders. Dialogue should also be opened up with the NLSD to see if community service could be a substitute for action taken as a result of ‘zero tolerance’.</p> <p>In order manage the issues surrounding communications, expectations, and community service, the SCC is recommending an Out of School Time (OST) Director be created. The OST Director would serve as the liaison between all the city’s youth organizations and city government, in addition to the items listed above. This position could potentially be under NLYA (\$15K)</p> <p><i>POC TO TAKE FOR ACTION: SCC Chairman &amp; NL Youth Affairs Designee</i></p>		

6.	Surveillance cameras in high need areas (both downtown & surrounding)	19 / 1
<p>Recent criminal activity has been documented on business cameras which should prompt an investment by the city and additional property owners for cameras in key locations. Crime activity data from the NLPD could be analyzed to identify where cameras would be most effective. Additional lighting in troubled areas has also been identified as an issue and should be discussed. Identify a downtown business person to head committee and solicit property owners to install surveillance cameras. Uncovered areas have been identified by the NLPD.</p> <p><i>POC TO TAKE FOR ACTION: SCC Chairman Designee</i></p>		

7.	SEAT Routes	17 / 3
<p>Focus groups identified that SEAT bus routes and/or times are not conducive to routes mainly traveled by NL’s youth. It is recommended that city leadership approach SEAT with input from community members &amp; youth who frequently use public transportation to improve routes. Discussion should also be focused on ways to offer Free/Reduced travel for youth with an ID.</p> <p><i>POC TO TAKE FOR ACTION: City Council Designee</i></p>		

**Programming**

8.	Support of Programming (Current & New)	18 / 2
<p>There are a handful of programs that have shown sustained promise in helping New London's youth remain engaged, specifically: New London Youth Affairs (Martin Center), the Writers Block, and CAMP Rotary. As such, city funding for these programs should be considered. In addition, it may be beneficial for the city to develop a grant award for programs with clear evaluation measures. This shows a city commitment to programs making a considerable impact.</p> <p>In addition, there are a handful of new programs introduced for consideration - Anthony Nolan's evening program, Juan Roman's Bible Study, Safe-Walk Ambassadors, and the Youth PSA Project. With all these programs that are requesting resources, discussion should open up about their recruitment strategies to ensure resources are maximized.</p> <p>The SCC commission is requesting city support of \$35K for the items listed above                  (\$25,000): New London Youth Affairs, Writers Block, CAMP Rotary, and new programming.                  (\$10,000): Safe-Walk Ambassadors</p> <p><i>POC TO TAKE FOR ACTION: NL Youth Affairs Designee &amp; Curtis Goodwin</i></p>		

9.	I-BEST Job Training Program (Integrated Basic Skills Education and Job Skills Training)	20 / 0
<p>This program would target at risk youth enrolled in New London Adult Education classes who are seeking a High School Diploma, Adult Basic Education, or English Literacy. Components of I-BEST include education &amp; training, work readiness skills, and career exploration. Cost per student is approximately \$1,200. The uniqueness of the I-BEST Program is that upon High School completion, students will be ready to join the workforce with a marketable skill.</p> <p>The SCC is requesting \$24,000 from the city in order to serve 20 students. In addition, 62% of money invested is matched by the state.</p> <p><i>POC TO TAKE FOR ACTION: Maria Pukas</i></p>		

10.	Boys & Girls Club of SECT	20 / 0
<p>With support on the national level, the Boys &amp; Girls Club is an excellent resource that can help improve the options for OST programming. The Boys &amp; Girls Club should be engaged by city leadership to encourage their increased commitment to New London.</p> <p><i>POC TO TAKE FOR ACTION: City Councilor Mike Buscetto</i></p>		

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