

**Charter**  
Safety and Livability Committee  
Downtown Neighborhood Association  
September 30, 2020

The Safety and Livability Committee, under the auspices of the Downtown Neighborhood Association (DNA), will identify and be an advocate for solutions for community concerns that include, but are not limited to:

- aggressive behavior,
- trespassing and sidewalk camping,
- public illegal drug sale and use,
- accumulation of trash/garbage,
- graffiti,
- bicycle, skateboard, and e-scooter sidewalk use,
- unleashed dogs,
- feces (canine and human)
- sidewalk obstructions such as tree roots and trash, and
- traffic violations endangering pedestrians.

Overall, the objectives of the Committee are to increase community involvement in improving safety and livability and to develop strategies and coordination for projects and programs.

The Committee recognizes the importance of outreach to the downtown community, as well as engaging the stakeholders of the Downtown Neighborhood Association (DNA) community and working with other Neighborhood Associations, Neighbors West Northwest (of the Office of Community and Civic Life), organizations seeking alternatives to houseless/homelessness and other established Coalitions to provide input, define actions and plans, to help effect change in city policy, budgeting, and enforcement in order to make the Downtown Neighborhood safer and more inviting for all – residents, students, the elderly, people with disabilities, tourists, shoppers, and business owners.

Committee members will conduct research, meet with city and county officials, organize projects unique to the Downtown Neighborhood and those applicable to other areas, and prepare correspondence for consideration by the DNA Board of Directors, prepare presentations and testify on these issues.

The Committee will report its work to the DNA and, as needed, request guidance and support in finding liaison opportunities, publicizing its findings, and soliciting changes and solutions from those entities identified as potential partners, such as the Portland City Council, the Portland Police Bureau, and other city bureaus.