

STAFF REPORT

Date: November 15, 2017

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Sabra Newby, City Manager

Subject: J.6. Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, update and potential direction to staff on the proposed Motel Improvement Team (MIT).

From: Jason Soto, Police Chief

Summary: In an effort to improve neighborhood disorder issues and the quality of life for those living in and around Reno area motels, the Reno Police Department is establishing the Motel Improvement Team (MIT). The City Council presentation will outline the concept of operation for the establishment of the team.

Background: The Motel Improvement Team concept was loosely developed from the former Motel Interdiction Team that was disbanded as a result of the economic downturn. In its new configuration, the MIT will narrowly focus on a Community Oriented Policing and Problem-Solving approach to improve the environment in and around Reno motels.

Discussion: The mission of the Motel Improvement Team is to change the environment in and around each motel in order to create a safe, thriving, healthy and law-abiding neighborhood through a joint partnership with Code Enforcement, other City of Reno Departments and social services agencies in the region. The team will be oriented around the goals of reducing criminal activity and calls for service at motels, establishing relationships with motel owners and managers, addressing unfit living conditions and the creation of a crime free motel program.

Financial Implications: Ongoing funding of the resources approved in the Fiscal Year (FY) 17/18 budget.

Legal Implications: None at this time.

Recommendation: Staff recommends acceptance of the staff report.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

- MIT Presentation (1) RPD (PDF)