Residents of Minneapolis' Southside on Thursday voiced their concerns about rising crime in the area and frustration with the city's response.

Complaints come after the city approved a plan on July 24 to move $1.1 million in funding from the police department to the Minneapolis Office of Violence Prevention. Minneapolis protesters called for police reform or a complete defunding of the police department after George Floyd, a Black man, died in police custody on May 25.

"They got for this initiative — this violence prevention initiative. They got $1.1 million to prevent violence or whatever. Well, excuse me, but I haven't seen any prevention of violence," Central neighborhood resident Karen Forbes told KARE11 News.
The Minneapolis Public Health & Safety Committee on Thursday also released the beginning stages of a community safety plan that aims to find alternatives to police and policing activity through proposals such as mental health co-responder teams, domestic violence outreach and a violence prevention fund.

"We were hoping that they would listen to us," Forbes said in reference to a group of residents who reached out to the committee during the meeting to share their ideas for a plan to suppress crime in the area, but the discussion did not allow public comments.

Residents in the Central and Bancroft neighborhoods of MPLS say their proposals to curb crime and the ability to voice their concerns went unheard in Thursday’s Public Safety Committee meeting. The @CityMinneapolis explains why, tonight on @kare11 News at 10.

Community members will have the opportunity to make public comments on Oct. 8, the Committee told KARE11 in a statement.