

North Precinct Advisory Council - Notes from December 2015 meeting community input regarding public safety and crime in neighborhoods.

In your neighborhood . . .

1. What are the general safety concerns?
 - Speeding cars
 - Uncontrolled student parties attract problems (University Park, Roosevelt)
 - Car camping, theft drug use (Fremont Ballard)
 - At night: unlit areas attract illegal activity (Sandel Park)
 - Burglaries
 - Prostitution
 - Mental illness, homelessness (Ballard)
 - Lack of police presence (Ballard)
 - Used needles in public parks
 - Cars parked longer than legal limit
 - Mail theft
 - Speeding on residential streets
 - Transient activity, drugs (1311 N 79th Street)

2. What are the public safety needs that can be addressed by social services?
 - Mental health services among homeless (Ballard)
 - Road to housing – safe place for car campers and case management
 - Facilities for public urination (Ballard)
 - Collaboration among city agencies, specifically SDOT
 - Resources to help women in sex industry

3. What are your concerns about drugs?
 - Lots of needles laying around (NW Greenlake/Aurora)
 - Vandalism by people under the influence
 - Temporary port-a-potty (Ballard)
 - Public heroin use, discarded needs, overdoses (Ballard)
 - Ready drug market with students, harder drugs now that pot is legal (U-District)
 - Unsafe environment for kids (Ballard Commons)
 - No police response
 - Drug selling from cars by pocket park (Pinehurst)
 - Used needles in local parks

4. What are your concerns about pedestrian/bike/traffic safety?
 - Between 90th & 92nd and 3rd Ave NW – multiple vehicle accidents. Lack of response to issues by SDOT (Sandal Park)

- Darkly dressed people walking at night.
- 15th Ave NE – cars blocking vision at ped crossings. More flashing lights at crosswalks.
- Sidewalks in Pinehurst
- Speeding & crosswalk enforcement on 5th NE between 115th & 125th.
- Dangerous 5-way intersections on Pinehurst Way by the new school.
- Speeding through residential streets due to road diet by Pinehurst School choking traffic.
- 3rd & 135th Place – No room (ditches), no sidewalks
- No sidewalks in Broadview, speeding cars
- Ballard – Leary Way & 20th Ave NW – 5 corner problematic crosswalk
- Ballard – Leary Way – 5 corner difficult pedestrian walk
- No sidewalks (NW Seattle)
- No sidewalks to and from Sandel Park
- Cars parked close to corners make for difficult street crossing/turning for cars (NW U-District)
- Speeding cars on 11th Ave NE

5. In 2016, what should NPAC monitor and/or advocate about?

- More police officers hired
- Homelessness
- Increased budget for more bike and foot cops
- More police presence
- More arrests of bad actors
- Funding for more social services
- RV camping
- Hygiene center for those with no other place to clean up
- Protect CPT-North Precinct officers from being allocated all over the city
- Look into interventions to address truly affordable, stable housing, mental health needs.
- Routine counseling referrals for serious crime victims

6. What works for preventing crime?

- Good exterior yard maintenance
- Non-shaded windows looking on to the streets
- Police presence
- No soliciting signs
- Calling 211 for social services
- Porch lights, locking mailboxes
- Block Watch emails reminding people to be aware, to maintain secure premises, to call 911 with suspicions, attend block watch meetings, and find out who is the block watch captain.
- Parking enforcement
- Bike patrols

- Street lighting
- Emphasis patrols

Suggested speakers/topics

- Emergency preparedness, HUB locations, and police plans for response
- Fire department
- Expert on ending homelessness, early intervention to prevent losing home
- Trainer from SPD/Burien Academy
- Public Health on disposal of needles
- SDOT/City Light/BPU on litter on their right of way
- John Fox, Housing Displacement Coalition
- 911 speaker followed by SPD officer talking about responding to crime scene
- WAMI – Washington Alliance – Mental Illness
- Chief O’Toole re: vision for community policing
- Parks Department for policies for overgrown areas
- More diverse set of speakers
- TED Talks

Neighborhood profiles during NPAC meetings

- Jan: Inga
- Feb: Andrea Perr
- March
- April: Steve, LCNA
- May: Linda, Central Ballard