



SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

Expanding Communication between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2012

Recorded by Nancy Rauhauser

The monthly NPAC Meeting began at 7:00 p.m., with Ruedi Risler presiding.

Topics covered:

I. Historical Sign Project: Officer Mike Severance

- a. Officer Severance was invited to speak briefly about his project to put up a memorial sign at each location where a police officer or firefighter was killed in the line of duty. Other memorials exist, but not at the locations.
- b. Signs are blue, 12" x 18" and will attach on a street pole below the street name.
- c. Thirteen officers and six firefighters were killed in the North Precinct. See attached list.
- d. Signs and their maintenance will be funded through private contributions.
- e. NPAC voted to send a letter of support, which Ruedi Risler will write.
- f. Community groups are encouraged to send in comments/support letters to Michael.Severance@Seattle.Gov.

II. Special Presentation Speaker: Sgt. Dianne Newsom (for David Gordon, who was ill)

- a. NP Community Police Team and City Attorney's Office is using Seattle's Chronic Nuisance Property ordinance (CNP) to help abate problems at Orion Motel on Aurora since compliance was not obtained from initial contacts. Three other problem motels nearby did not fit the criteria for CNP.
- b. Criteria for using CNP legal proceedings includes a business having three or more nuisance activities in the last 60 days or seven in the last twelve month.
- c. Owner seems willing to comply now; has gotten a new manager and is being more hands-on.
- d. Next steps: meet with owner to sign compliance letter with promise to fix problems in 6 or 12 months. If noncompliance continues, more legal actions will come.
- e. Goal is to help a business succeed, but if efforts at compliance fail, CNP ordinance allows the city to revoke the business license, invoke fines, or seize the property.

III. Precinct Update: Lt. Leslie Cordner, 3rd Watch Commander

- a. Lt. Cordner has been on SPD 23 years, and at NP in her current position for 3 months. She also lives in the NP.

b. Reviewed some arrests in the last month including a U District robbery/assault; U District pellet gun incident; Meadowbrook occupied residence burglary; Eckstein Middle School breakin to steal musical instruments.

IV. Crime Prevention Report: Terrie Johnston

- a. Burglaries continue at about the same frequency in the NP. Jewelry is popular. It's hard for police to get jewelry back to owners. Electronics are popular, too. Keep an inventory of serial numbers, and good descriptions.
- b. See attached flyer about Report It, an online citizen property inventory system, or go to reportit.leadsonline.com. Attachment also includes a Smart911 card, a KC service where you can create a safety profile that is accessible by 911 operators; also see Smart911.com.
- c. Car prowls are way down, though SPD knows this crime is underreported. (ed. note: it's a good idea to report all crimes so SPD knows what's going on in the neighborhoods.)
- d. Some of findings from the last month: screens taken off unlocked windows; keys found under rocks and flower pots; bricks and rocks used to break windows; front doors kicked in.
- e. Tis the season for UPS deliveries. Crooks follow trucks and pick up packages. Take a package from your neighbor's porch if you see one and let them know you have it.

V. City Attorney's Office: Jana Jorgensen

- a. Jana has been working on the Orion Motel nuisance project, meeting with the owners, drafting letters, etc.
- b. Also mentioned dealing with a hole in Ballard that homeless people had dug to deposit human waste.

VI. King County Prosecutor's Office: Amanda Froh

- a. Though smoking marijuana becomes legal tonight, selling and growing it remains illegal.
- b. KC Prosecutor Dan Satterberg is pushing for stronger sentencing ranges for illegal gun possession by juveniles. Juvenile gun crimes have increased dramatically in the state.
- c. Currently takes 5 convictions to get 15 week sentence at Department of Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration; new law would call for 1st offence to get mandatory 10 day sentence and 15-36 week sentence on 2nd conviction.
- d. Wants to send a strong message that juvenile gun offences can have serious consequences later (as in 20-30 year prison terms) once they are on one's record.
- e. Efforts on juvenile crime deterrence are working - juvenile court is less used, and is being reduced from 4 judges to 3.

VII. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent

- a. Jeff and partner sent to jail a man in Ballard who beat up his girlfriend.
- b. In Lynnwood, caught a meth user/dealer in violation of his probation two days before his probation ended.

VIII. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom

- a. Sock drive collection update - 1427 socks, 75 hats, 41 scarves, 175 gloves. Plus, University Masonic Temple is buying \$600 worth of socks, and Dianne has \$50 to spend on socks. Deadline for delivering socks to NP building is December 12th.
- b. Former NPAC Secretary Bill Doell's memorial service will be held Sunday, January 6th (first anniversary of his passing) at 1:00 p.m. at University Masonic Lodge, 4338 University Way NE. All are invited. Bill always collected hundreds of socks for the sock drive.
- c. Dianne conducted a raffle, and two lucky winners took home prizes.

IX. Liquor Control Board: Judy Lewis - no report

X. Committee Reports

- a. Issues: Doug Thiel - no report
- b. Membership: Dick Hillmann—please give Dick any roster changes.

XI. Old Business - none

XII. New Business - none

XIII. Next Month's Agenda

- a. Bomb Squad

XIV. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.