



SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

Expanding Communication between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2015

Recorded by Nancy Rauhauser

The monthly NPAC meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Inga Manskopf presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Social and poster session

- a. Instead of a guest speaker, we had a social with holiday treats.
- b. At the same time, everyone was invited to put public safety concerns on posters sprinkled around the room, such as ‘Where are the hotspots for crime?’ and ‘What are the pedestrian/bike/traffic safety problems?’ The council and the Captain will look closely at the responses.
- c. In addition, one poster was for suggestions for future guest speaker topics.

2. Precinct Update: Captain Sean O’Donnell

- a. At the beginning of the meeting, numerous neighbors from N 79th St near Bagley Elementary School explained that they were here because of concerns about burglaries, arson and a particular ‘crime house.’ The Captain and Sgt. Newsom promised to meet with them right after the meeting.
- b. 1311 N 79th St house - Major Crimes Task Force found residents were stealing packages off porches. SWAT got search warrant and found stolen property in the home. The investigation continues.
- c. SPD Chief Operating Officer Mike Wagers, brought onto Chief O’Toole’s transition team, is resigning after 15 months. SPD attorney Brian Maxey will be stepping into Wagers’ job. Seattle assistant city attorney Rebecca Boatright will take Maxey’s old job.
- d. The Captain is reinstating the North Precinct Advisory Council Target Form (attached). It can be used to submit issues and concerns. SPD will review and respond to the concerns.
- e. Last month North Precinct provided support to the Apple Cup football game. At some fraternities and sororities burning mattresses is an annual event. NP also helped at the Black Lives Matter demonstration downtown.
- f. In mid-November police from across the city were called to help with an unplanned UW Black Lives Matter demonstration of about 500 people that occupied an intersection on NE 45th St.

- g. Crime trends for the last 28 days overall are holding steady. For persons crimes, there is still no discernible pattern for the aggravated assaults, except that some cluster around bar closing time. SPD is investigating - looking at all the reports - to see if there are any connections between the people. Property crimes are down 10%, though there was an uptick in residential burglaries in mid-Ballard (65th-85th west of 15th) and in the south part of U District (7th-15th).
 - h. Many crimes are in secured parking garages, where a car follows another car in and multiple cars are burglarized.
 - i. The Crime Prevention Coordinator position that has been vacant since April has been filled by an SPD employee after the background check of the first candidate took 5 months and in the meantime that candidate accepted another job. She will have a learning curve and a backlog when she begins.
 - j. A couple Council members from U District mentioned that businesses are happy with the reduction of drug dealing there since the SPD project made numerous arrests.
3. City Attorney's Office: Brendan Brophy
- a. Office has a newsletter that can be found here:
<http://www.seattle.gov/cityattorney/news/newsletters>
 - b. Craig Sims, Chief of the Criminal Division, has resigned. A new chief is expected to be in place in February.
4. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office: no report
5. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent
- a. Had been looking for a guy since January whose rap sheet included assault, arson and firearms. Someone provided a tip that he was at a problem house at Interlake and 85th. Took him into custody.
6. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
- a. Sock drive update:
 - i. 2415 pairs of socks
 - ii. 15 hats
 - iii. 16 scarves
 - iv. 21 pairs of gloves
 - v. (6 coats and one blanket)
 - b. Handout this month is Crime Prevention Tips for the Holiday Season (attached).
 - c. Conducted the annual raffle and handed out gifts to the lucky winners.
 - d. Dianne reminded us to talk through the door to strangers, and even pretend to call out to someone in the house ('Bob, are you expecting someone?') to show you aren't home alone.
7. Liquor and Cannabis Board: Paul Vanderwulp

- a. Has been working with the Joint Enforcement Team, going out to bars at closing time.
 - b. LCB is checking on licensing of marijuana businesses.
 - c. On July 16, 2016 the new laws take effect. Medical marijuana stores will have to be licensed like the recreational ones, with the same stringent background checks. By that date LCB and the medical marijuana stores will be well aware of who is licensed so the transition period should be short. Unlicensed stores will close. The license limit on retailers will be lifted, and there will be some changes to where marijuana businesses can be located.
 - d. Responding to a question, there is no legislation on vape stores at this time, though there is lobbying for controls for them like for cigarettes.
8. Member Organization Profile - none
9. Committee Reports
- a. Membership: Michael Cuadra - please give Michael any roster changes.
 - b. Focus Groups
 - i. Social Services - preparing letter for city council and mayor asking direction regarding response to the homelessness crisis, to get clear direction of what to expect from police.
 - ii. Discussion of how to deal with needles. When in a park, call Parks Maintenance Request Line at 206-684-7250. Maintenance staff works 6:30am- 3:00pm; will alter route to pick up needles if a call comes in. After hours and on weekends, contact the Park Duty Officer Pager, 206-982-4583. On city property outside of parks, contact the SPU Illegal Dumping Hotline, 206-684-7587. If you want to pick them up yourself, using a grabber and sharps container is best. A pop bottle container is a less good alternative. Cap it and **don't** put it in the garbage. For how to dispose, see <http://www.seattle.gov/util/myservices/garbage/specialorhazardousitems/specialitems/needlessyringesandothersharps/> (note - the next day I was talking to the Northgate Community Center manager, who said we can bring properly contained needles there to dispose of, so perhaps other community centers would also accept them.)
 - c. Issues: Curtis Gehrke - none
10. Old Business
- a. The Council ratified a bylaws change that adds section 6.4 regarding keeping the Executive Board in the loop prior to committees sending advocacy letters.
11. New Business

- a. New parking permits for these meetings will be given to us when North Seattle College prepares the 2016 room rental contract. Per a Council member's suggestion, I've asked Tami to see if NSC will alter the permits to allow parking in the garage and the visitor lots, which are closer to our room.

12. Announcements

- a. Mary's Place, 130th & Stone Way, emergency family shelter temporarily housed where the new North Precinct building will be, is opening on a 24/7 basis by mid-December. Twenty non-profits will be providing services by mid-January, and all four floors will be opened.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.