

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
November 5, 2008

Recorded by William Murray

The monthly North Precinct Advisory Council meeting for November began at 7:04 p.m., with Jack Heavner, presiding.

I. Special Presentation Speaker: Seattle City Councilmember Nick Licata.

Councilmember Licata spoke about the ongoing City budget and the current economic forecast which could look as bad as the downturn of the 1970s. Seattle's revenue from Real Estate Excise Tax, projected at \$50 million, has now been forecast at \$30 million. Despite budgetary woes Councilmember Licata reiterated the Council's commitment to add an additional 20 officers per year for the next five years. Councilmember Licata discussed the Mercer Project's cost estimates, which have climbed from \$119 million in 2007 to \$200 million in 2008, and the design which is not yet completed. Councilmember Licata is proposing a less expensive plan.

The possibility of additional sites for a Seattle Municipal Jail was discussed. Several sites had serious engineering challenges such as flooding and liquefaction. A downtown site was mentioned which is preferred for its close proximity to courtrooms.

II. Precinct Update: Captain Mike Washburn/Lieutenant Robin Clark/Sergeant Diane Newsom.

Captain Washburn stated that October had been a very busy month for the North Precinct officers. On October 12th, Officers Leslie and McCoy assisted Lynnwood Police at an apartment on 35th Northeast where they were confronted by a 38-year old man with a shotgun. Additional units were called and the man was arrested for felony assault.

On October 16th, North officers assisted the Washington State Patrol in a vicious domestic violence stabbing on Interstate 5 northbound lanes. Seattle Fire transported the victim to the hospital where she later died.

On October 18th, officers responded to a call of shots fired on Northeast 123rd and found a victim shot in the head and neck. The suspected gunman was later witnessed at a nearby grocery store with blood on his hands and talking on his cell phone that he had

shot someone. The suspect in a white Buick was tracked to an Aurora motel and taken into custody, along with a female accomplice.

On October 25th, a man staged a bicycle accident at 3:00 a.m. on the University Street Bridge and then attacked a woman who had stopped to help.

On October 29th at approximately 10:30 p.m. an alert loss prevention officer at a south Everett Wal-Mart store spotted the suspect wanted in connection with a robbery and sexual assault of a woman in the Wallingford neighborhood. The employee called the Everett Police Department who responded and took the man into custody.

<http://spdblotter.seattle.gov/>.

On October 30th, two female Nathan Hale students reported death threats which could have possibly been gang related. The threats were taken very seriously after a recent gang related death at Lake Ballinger and were thoroughly investigated by North officers.

III. Crime Prevention Report: Neil Hansen.

Neil Hansen reported that two burglaries in the Ballard neighborhood had taken place at homes with unlocked doors. Homeowners should always secure their doors.

IV. Committee Reports: Dick Hillmann.

Please give Dick any roster changes.

V. Next Month's Agenda:

Guest Speaker King County Prosecutor Dan Satterberg; voting for one year term of NPAC officers. Jack requested members to contribute canned food and warm socks and hats for officers to distribute.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.