

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2009

Recorded by William Murray

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

Special Presentation Speaker: Michael McGinn and Harry Bailey for Joe Mallahan.

Mayoral candidate Michael McGinn spoke to the North Precinct Advisory Council at October's meeting. McGinn is a Greenwood resident and past Community Council President and expressed his support for the neighborhood policing plan, hiring additional officers and an increased focus on youth violence and gun crimes. McGinn recounted being robbed at gunpoint on 86th near Aurora after commuting home on Metro 358 and the response by Seattle Police officers who recorded his stolen knapsack. McGinn encouraged NPAC members to read his public safety statement on his website which outlines a comprehensive approach to public safety, including: enforcement as in full prosecution for those involved in gun crimes; engagement with active participants in neighborhoods on public safety issues and prevention by applying the full resources of the City and community to give those at risk alternative pathways to education and jobs. <http://mcginnformayor.com/issues/public-safety/> McGinn agreed to touring the North Precinct to learn about the present condition and officers' needs for a new North Precinct.

Harry Bailey, a retired Assistant Chief with the Seattle Police Department and a Mallahan for Mayor campaign volunteer, spoke with NPAC members. Bailey mentioned that Joe Mallahan has been endorsed by Seattle Fire Fighters Local 27 and the Seattle Police Officers Guild, and that he is impressed with Joe's commitment to public safety and plans to engage the community to deter crime. Bailey agreed the North Precinct is in need of replacement and that he would ask Joe Mallahan to tour the North Precinct. The following is an excerpt from the Mallahan for Mayor website: "The solution to improving public safety should include more than law enforcement, courts and jails. We need to increase the reach of public health interventions with at-risk new moms, school readiness, and after-school programs for our children, and job training, substance abuse counseling, and housing placement for adults vulnerable to committing desperate acts of violence. Rather than viewing a gang member as a case file in the police department, we should see them as a person in need of support and outreach – and provide them with every opportunity to regain their identity, their self-confidence, and their realization of their own potential."

<http://joemallahan.com/Issues/Crime>

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. (There were no reports at the October 7, 2009 meeting.)