

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2008

Recorded by William Murray

The monthly North Precinct Advisory Council meeting for June began at 7:03 p.m., with Jack Heavner, presiding.

Topics Covered:

Jack Heavner discussed the proposed Seattle Municipal Jail siting at Aurora Avenue North. A general vote was taken on the proposed Seattle Municipal Jail at Aurora. Those opposed were unanimous and a motion was presented to write a letter from NPAC and seconded by Dick Hillmann regarding the proposed North Aurora site. The motion was passed. George Holzapfel volunteered to craft the letter. Community Court Pre-Trial Diversion Program was discussed and Jack Heavner urged community groups to propose projects in their communities for pre-trial diversion candidates.

Precinct Update: Acting Captain Clay Monson/Sergeant Newsom

On May 3rd in the 9500 block of 4th, officers found a man deceased in a travel trailer parked in the backyard of a home. Two visitors were seen leaving with belongings the day before. The death was ruled an overdose by the Medical Examiner.

SPD Homicide had an exceptional clearance rate of 98.5% in 2007, 23 of 24 cases solved. 2007 homicide cases are down from 30 in 2006. There has been a surge in youth violence resulting in six gang related shooting deaths in 2008. On May 10th in the University District's 4300 block fires were set resulting in arson charges. On May 12th a female Craig's list buyer was robbed at her Sand Point Way home. Mountlake Terrace Police arrested three men in connection with the home invasion robbery. On May 12th a suspicious vehicle struck vehicles on the 11700 block of 35th Northeast. Responding Fire units found a young man slumped in the car. Drug recognition experts were called in and a can of air was found. Cans of air such as electronic sprays contain chemicals which cause loss of consciousness when huffed by users.

On May 25th a victim identified a rape suspect who was brought into custody with the help of neighbors and an interpreter. On May 26th there were attempted burglaries in the 12200 block of Greenwood North. Suspects were later apprehended for the

burglaries. Detectives also arrested six burglars who operated in the Ballard area. Seattle Police detectives working with Pasadena, California officers facilitated a homicide arrest of a street person on University Avenue. The murder had occurred in Pasadena, California. A domestic dispute caused a SWAT and Fire Department callout on 4th Northwest due to spilled gasoline. No one's life was in immediate danger, however an arrest was made on domestic violence charges.

Horse units and two officers on Bike Patrols will be working local parks this summer and special emphasis on teen drinking and campfires at local beaches will be pursued.

Crime Prevention Report: Diane Horswill

Diane reports home burglaries are finding easy entry to buildings and to secure windows and doors in warmer weather. Register for Night Out on www.seattle.gov/police/nightout online or the North Precinct Internet site.

City Attorney's Office: Ed McKenna

Ed discussed the Sunset Hills neighborhood's newest lounge restaurant and the many e-mails from concerned citizens. The restaurant will be a Brick Oven Pizzeria on 64th and 32nd and mitigation for neighborhood impacts is under development. The fourth Aurora motel in three months was closed due to State Health Code violations and very decrepit conditions. The emergency closures allowed relocation funds for the tenant assistance provided by the City of Seattle. Due to King County's budget shortfall the King County Prosecutor's Office may raise filing standards which could add to Seattle Municipal Court's caseload.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Dick Hillmann - please give Dick any roster changes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:33 p.m.