



SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

Expanding Communication between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2015

Recorded by Nancy Rauhauser

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

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation Speaker: Brendan Brophy, City Attorney's Office's North Precinct Liaison, on nuisance properties
 - a. Whereas in commonsense terms, 'nuisance' means annoyances such as loud noises, junk in a yard, etc. the Chronic Nuisance Properties Ordinance is different. It is spelled out in the Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 10.09. You can see it here: https://www.municode.com/library/wa/seattle/codes/municipal_code?nodeId=TIT10HESA_CH10.09CHNUPR
 - b. "Chronic nuisance property" means:
 - i. property on which three or more nuisance activities have occurred during any sixty-day period or seven or more nuisance activities have occurred during any twelve-month period, or
 - ii. a property which, upon a request for execution of a search warrant, has been the subject of a determination by a court two or more times within a twelve-month period that probable cause exists that illegal possession, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance or related offenses has occurred on the property.
 - c. Nuisance activities include things such as: assault, harassment, permitting use of drugs, prostitution, etc. The activities must be tied to the property, not just nearby.
 - d. The ordinance was crafted and enacted by now-Judge Ed McKenna and the Seattle City Council to better deal with properties such as problem motels on Aurora and chronically troublesome night clubs.
 - e. To start the process, the city (such as an SPD Community Police Team officer) researches crime reports to see if the property fits the criteria. They look for more than the minimum criteria in order to make a stronger case in court. This is why it's important for citizens to call 911 - so criminal activity gets on the record.
 - f. The report is presented up the chain of command. SPD's Chief makes the declaration of Chronic Nuisance Property.

- to learn all he can about the precinct, including going to community meetings.
- b. Five acting-sergeants in the North Precinct have been selected for full sergeant positions. This is good for the precinct.
 - c. NP officers have been loaned out for some recent events:
 - i. May Day demonstrations downtown (Lt. Arata had a significant planning and operations role).
 - ii. Demonstration against research animals at University of Washington. This was peaceful, and bike team only had to escort.
 - iii. Downtown Westlake demonstration.
 - d. The homicide at 4200 block of 12th Ave NE, where a body wrapped in a sleeping bag was dumped, was not random; the victim and killer knew each other. Active investigation continues.
 - e. Police are sending around photos of a serial armed robber, who is targeting small businesses, like coffee stands and sandwich shops. See blotter post: <http://spdblotter.seattle.gov/2015/05/06/detectives-seeking-leads-on-armed-robber-targeting-sandwich-shops-and-coffee-stands/>
 - f. There's been another spate of car thefts from car dealerships. Suspects were arrested after a chase.
 - g. Burglars stole small electronics at a couple businesses in Ballard and Ravenna. Business surveillance videos and TV tips led to arrests.
 - h. A couple home invasions (113th & Riviera and 80th & Lake City Way) where one was caught and the other is under investigation.
 - i. Shots fired from car in Haller Lake area (135th & Roosevelt). Black Audi was found in Stone Ave N parking lot; no suspects, but car was impounded. Same car was involved in shots fired in Rainier Beach.
 - j. In answer to question, North Precinct is a bit short-handed right now, about nine, but all shifts are staffed with at least the mandated minimum, though sometimes that means calling in officers for overtime work. The police academy is graduating about five officers a month. SPD is about 200 officers short. We are approaching the busy time of the year, when there are festivals, events, officer vacations, etc.
4. Crime Prevention Report: vacant position - no report
 5. City Attorney's Office: Brendan Brophy - no report
 6. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office: Emily Peterson
 - a. Juvenile Court is working on a new approach to juvenile family violence. SPD has a mandatory arrest policy. 40% of families decline pressing juvenile domestic violence charges because they don't want their kids to have a criminal record.
 - b. Family Intervention and Restorative Services will be an alternative - kids can be sent there to address the kid's immediate needs and for respite care - for a cooling off period - before going to detention. A social worker is on staff to assess the

kid's needs. The center staff would work to reunite juveniles with their families. This program is awaiting approval by King County Council.

7. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent - no report
8. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
 - a. The precinct picnic will be July 11 near Ballard Commons, during Ballard Seafoodfest. Dianne will bring a map of the location next month. If you or your business has something to donate for the raffle, please contact Dianne.
 - b. Police now have a trespass program that helps them deal with vacant houses. If the landlord agrees, the program allows police to enforce no trespassing on the property without contacting the owner.
 - c. Nextdoor is a hyper-local private social media site for sharing information with neighbors. In October, SPD started using it to post geographically relevant info, surveys, and more. Though SPD posts, it cannot read the community members' posts. If you want SPD to know about something, let them know directly. See PI article at:
<http://blog.seattlepi.com/seattle911/2014/10/15/seattle-pd-move-in-nextdoor/>
9. Liquor Control Board: Paul Vanderwulp
 - a. Paul is our new LCB rep for the north region.
10. Member Organization Profile: Haller Lake, Melinda Jacobson; see <http://hallerlake.info/>
 - a. Boundaries are Aurora Ave to 15th Ave NE, and Northgate Way to 145th Street.
 - b. Named by Theodore Haller, a local real estate owner and developer. He platted the Haller Lake Tracts in 1905. Though they were large lots then, each has been subdivided into five lots now. The lake used to be called Calm Down a Little by the local tribe. It has only two public access points. There are no sidewalks.
 - c. Haller Lake is home to Ingraham High School, Lakeside School, North Acres Park and off-leash area, and Washelli Cemetery.
 - d. Back in 1922 the community club was formed. Most residences were summer homes and cabins. Dues were 50 cents a year. The club meets the 1st Thursday of the month, and a newsletter comes out nine times a year. Crime report is sent once a month on the community blog on Nextdoor.
 - e. Looking forward to the new North Precinct building being built in the neighborhood.
 - f. Appreciative of SPD's work on the Burke house clean-up.
11. Committee Reports
 - a. Issues: Curtis Gehrke
 - b. Membership: Inga Manskopf - please give Inga any roster changes.
12. Old Business - none

13. New Business

- a. Will Murray, from GAIN, the Highlands community, presented the NP Community Police Team a community appreciation award for its work getting the nuisance Burke house cleaned up and for the Orion Motel sting. He also gave CPT 50 pairs of socks to start off this year's sock drive.
- b. Annual nomination process for council officers was begun this month. Final nominations and elections will be in June. The Board made the following nominations (please know that these positions need not be uncontested - you may nominate others in June):
 - i. President: Inga Manskopf
 - ii. Vice President: Pete Hanning (incumbent)
 - iii. Secretary: Nancy Rauhauser (incumbent)
 - iv. Treasurer: Katy Dwyer (incumbent)
- c. The board will also be making some at-large board member and committee chair appointments and will ask for Council ratification.

14. Next Month's Agenda, June 3

- a. A panel on the sex offender program
- b. Council officer elections

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.