



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2016

Recorded by Nancy Rauhauser

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

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation Speakers were Seattle City Councilmembers representing the North Precinct:
 - a. District 5 - Debora Juarez
 - i. Office hours on her website: <http://www.seattle.gov/council/juarez>
 - ii. Had a good Find It Fix It walk in Aurora/Licton Springs with the Mayor
 - iii. New North Precinct (NP) police station - will be serving 280,000-300,000 Seattleites. NP has three times more residents than the other districts, which have 90,000 each, and comprises 40% of Seattle's land mass. The old building was built in 1984 for 184 officers and now it is used by 285. The building will serve well the goals of the DOJ consent decree and the MOU - its design shows a strong commitment to community relationships, bias-free policing, public education, transparency and community trust. For example there is a public lobby, public meeting room, public plaza and sidewalks. The final design is not determined yet; it is still in the discussion and planning stage.
 - b. District 4 - Emilio Garza for Rob Johnson
 - i. Office hours on his website: <http://www.seattle.gov/council/johnson>
 - ii. Public safety and transportation - safer communities through the chain of planning affordable housing, land use, safer streets, public space activation (reinventing public spaces to be welcoming places for community to congregate), etc. The less SPD has to deal with transportation safety, the more it can deal with other problems, like property crime.
 - c. District 6 - Mike O'Brien
 - i. Office hours on his website: <http://www.seattle.gov/council/obrien>
 - ii. Policing and homelessness - Adding affordable housing is the long-term goal, but the immediate crisis of the number of homeless in Seattle is a challenge, including how to police around that. Desire is NOT to criminalize poverty and homelessness. O'Brien commends SPD's work to date connecting people with resources to bring them out of poverty. The less SPD needs to police around the homeless, the more resources it can

put on other problems, such as the NP's current high rate of property crime.

iii. Property crime - is up in NP. In the last few months it has trended down slightly, but is still significantly higher than historical norms. SPD is pulling in extra resources on it, and targeting people doing multiple crimes to get them off the street.

d. Question and answer period

i. New tall buildings? Some neighborhoods are ready for upzoning to taller buildings, some aren't. Neighborhood feedback is/will be sought. In U District, HALA proposes 30(ish) story building height zoning change. Students are having a hard time finding affordable housing.

ii. Building housing for homeless? City Council is working on it, but it's not as simple as just building buildings; need mixed income neighborhoods, etc. The housing levy being voted on in August includes low income housing.

iii. Housing first strategy (give homeless a place to live THEN help them with their social/mental/medical issues)? 200 units have already been built, and 900 more can be built if the August levy passes. It costs \$250,000 for each unit, but it is the most cost effective solution. We need 2000 more, though.

iv. Strategic plan for allocating SPD budget across the precincts? There are multiple ways to look at need, such as 1) SPD resources per capita, or 2) number of crimes in a precinct, etc. SPD tries to prioritize resources to high crime areas.

v. Where will newly hired SPD officers be stationed, and are 200 enough given our population growth? About 30% of the 200 hires will go to NP. Budget constraints affect the ability to hire more officers to keep up with growth.

vi. How will SPD keep on top of the problems in Ballard? Drug use on 45th is a lot better now, but Ballard Commons has a drug selling problem. Some of the officers currently added to that beat will be permanent. Some of the special resources borrowed from other units will eventually go away, as will some of the overtime work. SPD hopes that the remaining resources will continue to show improvements in Ballard.

vii. City's 10 year work on homeless - which strategies are working? More investment in drug problem is needed. More mental health beds for people in crisis, and more community resources to keep people out of crisis are needed. We need housing first investments. Need to do more than just shoo people out of illegal camping spots - need to tell them where they can go legally.

viii. How can community help the homeless issue? Support food banks, shelters and meal preparation. Talk to street people - that helps increase their ties to the community.

2. Precinct Update: Captain Sean O'Donnell/Lt. David Sweeney
 - a. Property crime is a current focus since it is so high, though trending down slightly in 2016. In May, twelve of the NP micro policing neighborhoods are a little up and four are down.
 - b. The RV safe lot is closing in August (owner is starting work on the property). Plan to get people services, but there is not yet a plan for having a new location.
 - c. NP has been working summer events like the U District street fair, and upcoming Ballard Seafood Fest.
 - d. There will be an end of school emphasis in mid-June to patrol parks where kids go to celebrate.
3. Crime Prevention Report: Mary Amberg
 - a. Mary had her baby and is off work for a while. A congratulations card was circulated for signatures.
4. City Attorney's Office: Brendan Brophy
 - a. He will be involved in summer special events.
5. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office:
 - a. Some criminal laws are being changed to increase the penalties, such as for felony DUI.
 - b. There are four new laws on cybercrime.
 - c. New laws about body cameras the data collected, redaction, etc.
 - d. Now police can search supervised offenders with reasonable cause instead of probable cause.
6. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent
 - a. Followed two people stealing packages off porches to a home on Linden. Called SPD, who arrested them.
 - b. Female drug dealer was back on the DOC list. She was creating problems in the apartment building she lived in. Jeff went to talk to her, she ran into her place. Had to force entry; arrested for drug dealing.
7. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
 - a. Handout reminder of the NP picnic July 9 11 am - 4 pm at Ballard Seafood Fest 5701 22nd Ave NW. If your organization wants a table there, call Dianne in the next week at (206) 684-0794.
 - b. Night Out is Tuesday August 2nd. You can register your event at <http://www.seattle.gov/police/nightout/>
8. WA Liquor & Cannabis Board: Paul Vanderwulp
 - a. Partnering with SPD and UW to patrol end of school parties.
 - b. Inspecting a lot of businesses that have new liquor licenses.
 - c. Tobacco unit has been split into a separate unit, so the liquor and marijuana unit can concentrate on the new marijuana controls.

- d. July 1 new laws go into effect including that medical marijuana will be regulated by LCB as mandated by Department of Health.
- e. LCB is fully staffed in the north area.

9. Committee Reports

- a. Membership: Michael Cuadra - please give Michael any roster changes. At July's meeting we plan to have a different sign-in system. Regular members will be on one sheet so they can just check their name off a list. Visitors will have another sign-in sheet where they may also enter their email if they want future agendas and minutes.
- b. Focus Groups - Social Services met to discuss the idea of having safe injection sites for addicts.

10. Business, Old and New

- a. Election of NPAC officers was held with these results:
 - i. President - Inga Manskopf (incumbent)
 - ii. Vice President - Steve Dougherty
 - iii. Secretary - Nancy Rauhauser (incumbent)
 - iv. Treasurer - Katy Dwyer (incumbent)
- b. At-large board members who were nominated by the board were ratified by the council as follows:
 - i. Doug Thiel (incumbent)
 - ii. Pete Rogerson (incumbent)
 - iii. Pete Hanning
 - iv. Linda Weedman
- c. Appointments for committee chairs were ratified by the council:
 - i. Issues - Curtis Gehrke (incumbent)
 - ii. Membership - Michael Cuadro (incumbent)
- d. Ruedi Risler was thanked for his years of service on the executive board including the position of president.
- e. Karmen Schuur, SPD intern announced her departure. The council wished her well. She will be replaced by Jessica.

11. Next Month's Agenda

- a. We are asking Parks Superintendent Jesús Aguirre to be our guest speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.