



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

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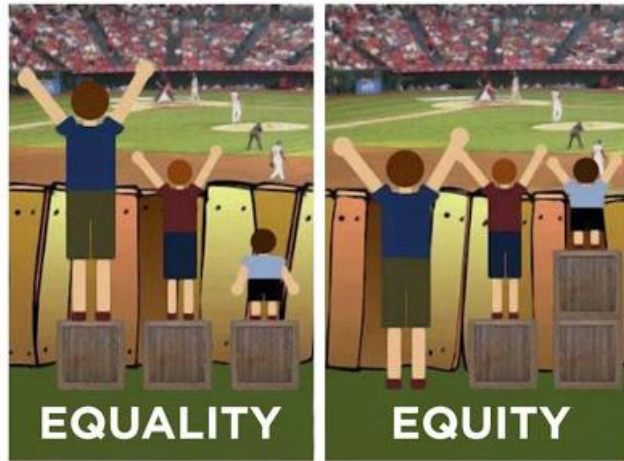
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The monthly NPAC meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Inga Manskopf presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation Speaker: Elliott Bronstein, Seattle Office for Civil Rights; 206-684-4507, elliott.bronstein@seattle.gov, website: <http://www.seattle.gov/rsji>
 - a. NPAC invited Elliott to speak about the Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI) because the City has put the new North Precinct building planning on hold, and during reevaluation, to apply the RSJI Racial Equity Toolkit. We wanted to know what that is.
 - b. RSJI is a citywide effort to end institutionalized racism and race-based disparities in City government, promote inclusion and full participation of all residents, and partner with community groups and other groups to achieve racial equity. Mayor Nickels created it twelve years ago.
 - c. It is different than diversity; the City has already achieved pretty good diversity in city government. It's more about acknowledging and eliminating built in institutional biases.
 - d. We have made progress in addressing individual discrimination, but the effects of institutional racism still shape public policies and create race-based inequity across our community.
 - e. For RSJI, it was decided to focus on race, as opposed to gender, sexual orientation, etc., because by many measures (such as income and poverty, criminal justice, health, education), people of color are doing the **most** poorly compared to whites.
 - f. Seattle's institutional biases have been apparent for decades, such as the real estate redlining that restricted people of color from certain neighborhoods, especially the North End. We are not to blame for what happened in the past, but we are responsible for eliminating racism today.
 - g. Community groups have fought for years for racial equity. After WWII there was a movement to end housing segregation that culminated in the 1963 open housing ordinance, but the banks pressed to have it ratified by citizen vote and that failed by 67%. School busing began in 1965.
 - h. Seattle thinks of itself as progressive and big labor friendly, so it's hard to also see the institutional racialism.

- i. There is a difference between equality and equity. Equality is where everyone is given the same thing; equity is where everyone is given what they need, as



illustrated here:

- j. The City is incorporating this question into the process of making decisions: *How will this impact communities of color?* To find out, city departments will work with community-based organizations.
 - k. The Racial Equity Toolkit is designed to assist departments to analyze the racial equity impact of policies, programs, initiatives and budget issues. It lays out a process and questions to ask. It calls on departments to listen to voices of communities of color, analyze issue for benefit or burden, advance opportunities or minimize harm, track impact over time, and report back. See handout. It is hoped that in 20 years institutional racism will be gone and the toolkit won't be needed.
 - l. After the meeting, via email, Inga asked Elliott to describe how the Toolkit will be used for the North Precinct building. He said as a guideline it can be used in different ways in each circumstance. Until scoping has been done for this project, he can't predict what it will look like.
 - m. How can we build racial equity?
 - i. Understand how we perpetuate it
 - ii. Understand our power
 - iii. Listen and be accountable to communities of color
 - iv. Implement policies and practices that have racial equity outcomes
 - v. Ensure racial diversity in membership; develop existing and emerging leaders
2. Precinct Update: Captain Sean O'Donnell
 - a. Handed out September's operations dashboard showing month and YTD crime statistics. See handout. The dashboard is one element used to gauge crime and apply police resources. North Precinct's trends match city-wide trends, overall slightly down.
 - b. Person crimes are 3% up. No homicides, which are down 33% this year. Zero shots fired in the last two weeks. Three rapes for 4% increase, so doing a crime analysis on causes and relationships of the people to see if SPD can help reduce

incidents. Robberies had significant increase this month of 8%. Multiple robberies are done by the same person, so catching one can stop many crimes.

- c. Property crimes have stabilized from the highs at the start of the year. Major Crime Task Force is working on it. Property crimes in general are strongly tied to narcotics.
 - d. Nine of eleven of our patrol districts have reduced residential burglaries. Hot spots are U1, U2, B3 (around U District and Fremont), so working these areas. Very very few residential burglaries include assault; burglars don't want people to be home. Lots of car prowls in Fremont.
 - e. Besides the three new officers, two more are starting in October.
 - f. Note: the day after this meeting, Captain O'Donnell announced that Chief O'Toole has instructed him to divide the North Precinct into two precincts. For now they will be co-located in the existing precinct building. Captain O'Donnell will remain as one of the commanders. It's in the planning stages so more information will be shared as things unfold. See attached email announcement.
3. Crime Prevention Report: Mary Amberg - no report
 4. City Attorney's Office: Brendan Brophy - no report
 5. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office: Danika Adams
 - a. The office has worked on and completed a number of homicide trials.
 - b. King County budget is in crisis, money to do felony prosecutions is a concern.
 6. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent
 - a. A burglar who was released from prison but failed to report, on WA most wanted list, was arrested near North Seattle College, tested positive for heroin and put back in prison for 2 more years.
 - b. An informer said a man living with his girlfriend and her two young daughters was a sex offender of young girls. Found him and took him into custody.
 7. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
 - a. 911 is getting a lot of calls about clowns. Do not call 911 unless they are doing something illegal or are threatening someone. 911 needs to have operators free to take serious crime calls!
 - b. Sock drive: Please bring socks, gloves, scarves, hats to North Precinct building 10049 College Way N. We have donated 939 pairs of socks so far.
 - c. National take back drugs day is October 22. Take unwanted pills to the North Precinct from 10 am to 2 pm. 10049 College Way N. See attached flyer.
 - d. Please encourage friends and neighbors to take Seattle U's public safety survey at PublicSafetySurvey.org. See attached flyer.
 - e. Some months back many neighbors near a drug house on 79th St came to NPAC to ask for help. A partnership with numerous City departments resulted in full resolution of the problem. The neighbors are having a celebratory block party.

8. WA Liquor & Cannabis Board: Paul Vanderwulp
 - a. North area is still short three officers.
 - b. Public safety is still the big focus.

9. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership: Michael Cuadra - please give Michael any roster changes.

 - b. Focus Groups

 - c. Issues: Member Elizabeth McCoury urges us to read the proposed homeless encampment ordinance and let the mayor and city council members know what you think. Friday, October 14th at 9:30 am, City Council will be discussing it, in case you want to attend.
<http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/Council/Issues/Sustainable-Solution-for-Unsheltered-Residents-Ordinance-FINAL.pdf>

10. Business, Old and New
 - a. Going forward there will be no regular NPAC July meeting. The Executive Board is contemplating whether to just have a board meeting that month, or have a member meeting without SPD staff.

11. Next Month's Agenda
 - a. Brad Finegood, King County Behavioral Health and Recovery Division, on King County opioid task force's report and recommendations

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.