

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2010

Recorded by William Murray

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

I. Special Presentation Speaker: Carl Marquardt, Office of the Mayor.

Carl Marquardt serves as the lead counsel for the Office of Mayor and described the current budget situation for the City of Seattle as "grim." The projection for 2010 mid-year cuts is currently \$15-\$18 million. Projections for 2011 are a \$50-\$60 million shortfall, which accounts for five percent of the City of Seattle's \$900 million annual budget. The assumption for following years is much the same. Mr. Marquardt discussed the goals of the Neighborhood Policing Plan as seven minute response times and more time for proactive policing. Mr. Marquardt also discussed the need for a new North Precinct that is on the Capital Improvement project list without funding. A possibility for a public safety levy to fund a new North Precinct and other public safety projects was also discussed. Mayor Mike McGinn will be touring the North Precinct facility to learn of the needs for a new North Precinct.

II. Precinct Update: Captain Robin Clark/Lieutenant Ken Hicks/Sergeant Diane Newsom.

Captain Clark announced Seattle Police arrested a 17-year old suspect who is charged with auto theft and residential burglaries. Occupied residential burglaries have occurred in View Ridge, Magnolia and other North Seattle neighborhoods. Burglars have been visiting homes late at night and shaking doors to find unlocked doors and gain entry to homes. Community members were reminded to lock doors and windows and report any late night disturbances in their neighborhoods.

On April 4th, at approximately 4:41 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle collision near Northwest 54th Street and Northwest Market Street. Preliminary investigation indicates that a red 1986 Pontiac Firebird with four occupants was traveling westbound on Northwest Market at a high rate of speed. Near the intersection with Northwest 54th Street, the Firebird left the roadway, crossed the sidewalk and collided with a steel pole (part of a restaurant sign). Seattle Fire Department medics were called to the scene.

The driver of the car, along with two of the other vehicle occupants, all adult males in their 20's, died as a result of the collision. One female occupant was transported to Harborview. <http://spdblotter.seattle.gov/2010/04/04/fatality-collision-in-north-seattle/>

Starting late in the evening of April 5th and into the early morning hours of April 6th, the Seattle Police Department Communications Center began receiving 911 calls of large groups of people in the streets from 15th Avenue Northeast to 17th Avenue Northeast on Northeast 47th Street. Officers arrived and discovered that there was a power outage in the neighborhood and could hear numerous fireworks being set off. Officers discovered a large bonfire on 17th Street Northeast on the south side of Northeast 47th Street accompanied by a very large crowd of numerous on-lookers. Additional officers responded to the scene, including units from the University of Washington Police Department. Seattle Fire Department responded and staged nearby.

<http://spdblotter.seattle.gov/2010/04/06/street-bonfire-and-disturbance-in-u-district/>

III. Crime Prevention Report: Diane Horswill/Neil Hansen.

Diane Horswill reported that out of all residential burglaries in the Northeast Seattle, half are non-forced entry, meaning burglars are finding unlocked doors and windows. Neil Hansen reported that graffiti continues to be a problem in North Seattle and a tag measuring 15' x 40' was recently found near Green Lake. Community members can call the Graffiti Report Line at 206.684.7587 to report graffiti for removal on public property, or graffiti that has not been removed from private property.

<http://2.seattle.gov/util/forms/graffiti/graffitiForm.asp>

IV. City Attorney's Office: Ed McKenna.

Ed McKenna, working with the Washington State Liquor Control Board, performed a "confidence test" and found four retail outlets selling alcohol to minors. Northeast Seattle's underage drinking rate is higher than the City, County, and State of Washington averages, according to the 2006 Healthy Youth Survey. Underage drinking resources: <http://www.preventionworkinseattle.org/Links.aspx?id=1>

V. King County Prosecutor's Office.

Terry Carlstrom and Maurice Claussen attended NPAC and discussed the repeat Burglary Initiative and use of a comsat model to track hot spots for residential burglaries.

VI. Meeting Adjourned at 8:33 p.m.