



SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

Expanding Communication between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2014

Recorded by Nancy Rauhauser

The monthly NPAC Meeting began at 7:02 p.m. with Ruedi Risler presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation Speaker Assistant Chief Nick Metz, who was stepping in for Interim Chief Harry Bailey, was detained and couldn't make it to the meeting.
2. Precinct Update: Capt. David Emerick/Lt. Lesley Cordner
 - a. The Captain introduced Commander Greg Sackman of the 2nd watch. 2nd watch has about 75 officers and supervisory officers, including a bike team. Greg, like all North Precinct (NP), values community outreach. He has a special interest in Native American and SE Asian communities. We asked Greg to encourage those communities to send a representative to NPAC meetings.
 - b. Lt. Cordner cited NP crime statistics, including these year-to-date ones:
 - i. Aggravated assault down 25%
 - ii. Non-aggravated assault down 1%
 - iii. Domestic violence assault down double digits
 - iv. Non-residential burglary down 5%
 - v. Residential burglary down 11%
 - vi. Robbery down 34%
 - vii. Car prowling down double digits
 - viii. Car theft **UP** 33% (average is 145 per month)
 - c. Remember, if you see something suspicious, call 911. Citizen vigilance helps police quite a bit. If a 911 dispatcher isn't helpful, you can say that Sgt. Newsom of NP told you to call 911 to dispatch a car. There followed a discussion on outreach to schools as a way to educate citizens about using 911. And it was suggested we try to encourage schools to send reps to NPAC.
 - d. NP new building update - There is a KC Superior Court hearing May 9 on public use of at least one of the parcels comprising the 4.1 acre site. It's hoped the owner will sell, but the city can take (buy) the property if needed. May 15 the project team will present to Seattle Design Commission the project and the building concept. Pre-design continues, taking comments on the impact on surrounding community of some co-location ideas such as low income housing, or SPD resources such as a firing range. The old precinct building will be disposed of using the normal process for city property.

- e. Captain's survey - We received a handout that compiles all the neighborhood feedback we sent him on people's public safety concerns (fears), plus a second handout containing the UW ASUW survey results. **Please review because next month our meeting will focus on discussing the results.** If you weren't at the meeting, please email spd.npac@gmail.com for copies.
 - f. There is a continuing - and increasing - focus on U District crime and outdoor drug dealing. In 2013 \$1M of officer overtime was spent on the U District. A three month program to address it even more aggressively is being launched. There was a short discussion on how to reach out to and engage the highly transient student population in the U District.
 - g. Here's a great tip: remember to thank the SPD officer when he/she has been helpful. Such recognition is a huge motivator. You can do this in person at the moment, or through the SPD web site:
<http://www.seattle.gov/police/recognition/thankyou.htm>.
3. Crime Prevention Report: Elizabeth Scott
- a. The Captain introduced our new Crime Prevention Coordinator. She was previously an administrator for Bomb Squad and Police Officers' Guild. This job is a great fit for her passions: people and law enforcement. She is learning the ropes and will begin her monthly verbal reports soon.
4. City Attorney's Office: Brendan Brophy
- a. The first prostitute to go through the community court program has finished. There are 14-16 others in the works (cases filed).
 - b. Marijuana
 - i. The first license for marijuana produce/process has been granted. It's a windowless warehouse in the West Precinct that should be pretty low profile.
 - ii. Liquor Control Board will process the retail license lottery May 21-5 to come up with a list of qualified petitioners based on distance restrictions, etc. Twenty one licenses will be granted; the list will be posted May 2. Retail outlets should be running by July.
 - iii. If you see marijuana being sold on the street, or if someone tries to sell it to you, call 911; it's a felony. Call even if you think the transaction will be over or the seller gone; it helps SPD keep good statistics.
 - iv. Trespass - reminder that if someone doesn't leave your property when you ask. It is an offense and you can call 911. There are two programs, Seattle Trespass Program and Parks Trespass Warning Program that also address trespass, but they do NOT alter our ability to deal with trespass through 911. For information about those programs, see http://www.seattle.gov/law/precinct_liaisons/seattletrespass.htm
 - c. Orion Motel nuisance issue - the compliance agreement period has ended, but SPD is still watching the property. Crime seems to be down there. The only 911 calls counted against the property are those for incidents actually on the property, not by Orion residents nearby, etc.

5. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office - Deputy Prosecutor - no report
6. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent - no report
7. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
 - a. Handouts this month are:
 - i. 2014 North Precinct public Safety Numbers (attached)
 - ii. North Precinct Community Police Team (attached). Also attached is an updated NP CPT assignment map.
 - b. Sgt. Newsom introduced CPT Officer Kipp Strong, whose territory is Lincoln Sector. He's been on SPD 21 years, mostly in the NP. He is working with DPD to seal up vacant buildings in Lake City. He is also interested in keeping contact with local high schools. Kipp urges us to call 911 for emergent issues. But you can call Kipp if you have questions or concerns about anything in his area.
 - c. Citizen activism helps the city be a livable place. Don't hesitate to contact city services, such as for street light repairs, graffiti, etc. If you don't know which department to call, call the help line, 206-684-CITY (206-684-2489). Or go online to <http://www.seattle.gov/services/>.
8. Liquor Control Board: position vacant - no report
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Issues: Doug Thiel - no issues
 - b. Membership: Inga Manskopf - please give Inga any roster changes.
 - i. Inga is developing a NPAC blog. If you'd like to have your community council or association website linked from it, please give her the web address.
10. Member Organization Profile - Aurora Merchant's Association, Curt Gehrke
 - a. It was formed in 1986 as a response to the prostitution problem along Aurora that was threatening businesses. There are about 500 businesses along Aurora between Greenlake and NE 145th St. The Association works closely with SPD on issues, and has donated equipment to SPD over the years, such as bicycles, rifles, and video cameras. The board meets every 2nd Tuesday, and there is one general meeting a year.
 - b. Next month Katy Dwyer will profile Broadview Community Council.
11. Old Business - none
12. New Business
 - a. A motion was made to thank NPAC administrators for supporting the organization - and bringing coffee and cookies. Thank you!
 - b. Mention was made of the Neighborhood Summit being held Saturday April 5 at Seattle Center. It is free - tell the city how it can engage your community on issues of concern. To learn more about it and get a free ticket to it, see:

<http://www.seattle.gov/sns2014>

13. Next Month's agenda

- a. There will be no guest speaker in May. Instead, we'll discuss with the Captain the results of his neighborhood fears survey. We will also discuss with new Crime Prevention Coordinator Elizabeth Scott how she can help our communities.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.