

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2010

Recorded by William Murray

The monthly North Precinct Advisory Council meeting for August began at 7:05 p.m., with Curtis Gehrke, presiding.

I. Special Presentation Speaker: Councilmember Sally Bagshaw.

Councilmember Bagshaw is the Vice Chair of Public Safety & Education and Chair of Parks Department & Waterfront Committees. Councilmember Bagshaw announced the Safety Committee is endorsing John Diaz for Chief. The Aggressive Solicitation and Notice Ordinance, which was vetoed by the Mayor was discussed, including five parts of the program which would have focused on civil action and providing social services. Councilmember Bagshaw lives downtown and recently walked around Belltown from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. with patrol officers and mentioned Belltown is quieter with additional officers such as the Bike Squad and an eight officer task force.

Councilmember Bagshaw discussed the importance of the Crime Prevention Coordinator positions, mentioning Dianne Horswill's efforts in teaching women's safety. She has discussed with Chief Diaz the need to keep the Crime Prevention Coordinators and Victim Advocates positions in the 2011 budget, and find ways to fund them.

Big capital projects such as a new North Precinct was discussed and Councilmember Bagshaw has toured North Precinct at midnight last year mentioning that the Precinct is very crowded. The Mayor's list of capitol projects is growing, yet we don't know where North is on the capitol projects list. Councilmember Bagshaw conducted an informal survey on graffiti mentioning that 95 percent of taggers are males 20-34 years of age. The Safety Committee is focusing on graffiti with a photo database to help identify and locate tags. The notorious property at 50th and Roosevelt was discussed and businesses have left the neighborhood because of the abandoned property.

II. Precinct Update: Captain Robin Clark.

On July 19th at approximately 4:30 p.m., a male suspect armed with a handgun entered a business in the 500 block of Northeast Northgate Way. The suspect grabbed cash and

fled the scene. The suspect was described as a white male wearing sunglasses and a baseball cap over a blond wig. The suspect was apprehended in Portland, Oregon.
<http://spdblotter.seattle.gov/2010/07/20/robbery-suspect-at-large-7/>

On a very busy July weekend at Carkeek Park a finding of possible human skeletal remains was reported. The remains turned out to be non-human. During two weeks in July, North Precinct officers arrested 15 burglars, including one female burglar charged with seven residential burglaries. The burglary rate for North Seattle is now at a two year low thanks to a team effort of SPD and King County Prosecutor's Repeat Burglary Initiative, although, residents are once again reminded to lock doors and windows and report anything out of the ordinary by promptly dialing 911.

You can now file the following crime reports at:
<http://www.seattle.gov/police/report/default.htm>

Property Destruction, Car Prowls, Auto Accessories, Theft of Property (under \$500.00), and Identity Theft. Only certain crimes are available for online reporting, as they usually do not require an in-person police response. If your crime type is not listed as an option for online reporting, you will need to call the non-emergency number **206.625.5011** to report the crime.

Community Police Team Officer Kip Strong attended the NPAC meeting and is a 17-year veteran of SPD. He covers the Maple Leaf neighborhood. Officer Strong can be reached by e-mail at kip.strong@seattle.gov.

III. Crime Prevention Report: Diane Horswill.

Diane Horswill discussed last year's Night Out with attendance increasing tremendously, especially in Ballard, and that this year's Night Out could very well be the last Night Out celebration if the Crime Prevention Coordinator positions are cut.

North End burglaries are down due in part to the fact that people are locking doors. There have been recent burglaries where ladders were used to enter second story windows, so residents were asked to secure ladders on their property with a chain and padlock.

IV. City Attorney's Office: Ed McKenna.

Ed McKenna discussed concerns with Crime Prevention Coordinator positions being cut, which could affect City Attorney's workload. Ed discussed graffiti, mentioning \$1.9 million are spent on graffiti eradication. Ed credited Maurice Claussen of the King County Prosecutor's Office RBI program with direct results in reducing burglaries in North Seattle.

V. Committee Reports.

- a. Issues: Doug Thiel reported on efforts to schedule a construction date for a new North Precinct and his efforts working with City Council.
- b. NPAC Elections: Curtis Gehrke was elected as President, Ruedi Risler as Vice President, and Bill Doell as Secretary.
- c. Membership: Dick Hillman – Please give Dick any roster changes.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.