

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2010

Recorded by William Murray

The monthly North Precinct Advisory Council meeting for February began at 7:04 p.m., with Jack Heavner, presiding.

I. Special Presentation Speaker: City Attorney Peter Holmes.

Seattle City Attorney Peter Holmes was NPAC's guest speaker and mentioned that he resides in Rainier Beach, having called Seattle home for 25 years. He has two children attending college. House burglaries and car prowls have occurred at the Holmes' residence so he relates to Seattleites' concerns regarding public safety. In the past week, Mr. Holmes attended the City Budget Conference, the Maple Leaf Community Council meeting and is committed to an open City Law Department, stating, "You have to hold us accountable." Seattle's City Law Department has 91 attorneys divided between the Civil Division which represents the City in lawsuits and the Criminal Division which prosecutes traffic infractions, misdemeanors, and gross misdemeanors in Seattle Municipal Court. Mr. Holmes also advises City officials regarding programs, policies, projects and legislation.

Mr. Holmes is seeking to have a positive impact on street level crimes by connecting prosecutors with social services and diversion programs such as Community Court which is a collaboration between Seattle Municipal Court, Seattle City Attorney, and the Associated Council for the Accused. Eligible candidates are assigned community service hours and linked with social services providing help with homelessness, unemployment, education, mental health, and chemical dependency. Mr. Holmes is committed to providing the City of Seattle and its people with the highest caliber legal advice to help protect the health, safety, welfare, and civil rights of all. He can be contacted at peter.holmes@seattle.gov.

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

On January 8th, at approximately 4:47 p.m., officers responded to a bank robbery in progress in the 800 block of Northeast Northgate Way. The suspect fled the scene in a vehicle. Responding officers set up containment and shortly thereafter officers stopped the suspect in traffic and took him into custody without further incident. SPD Blotter.

On January 18th, at about 6:48 p.m., North Precinct bicycle officers were flagged down by two women who stated that they were victims of an assault/robbery at North 92nd Street and Aurora Avenue North. The women stated that three females had confronted them, and then one of the suspects pepper-sprayed the victims, while the others assaulted and grabbed the purses of the women and fled northbound on Aurora. Officers quickly located the three suspects, two adult and one juvenile females at North 95th and Aurora North. The suspects were positively identified and arrested. SPD Blotter.

On January 21st, First and Third Watch officers responded to a burglary alarm at Roosevelt High School, catching a crowbar-packing 18-year old male student. The student had targeted his own Latin classroom during the burglary attempt. SPD Blotter.

On January 30th, in the 900 block of Leary Way, a man entered a convenience store and began acting strangely by pouring a frozen drink over his head. Customers fled the store after observing a weapon on the man's belt. SWAT officers arrived with negotiators who contained the area and three hours later the man exited the store with an airsoft (pistol replica) on his belt and was taken for a mental health evaluation.

Sergeant Newsom introduced Community Police Team Officer Larry Jackson who is a 20-year SPD veteran starting at the North Precinct 14 years ago. Officer Jackson covers the Ballard, Fremont and Wallingford areas and can be contacted at lawrence.jackson@seattle.gov.

III. City Attorney's Office: Ed McKenna.

Ed McKenna reported that Peter Holmes is open to community input and has been tremendously accessible to staff and Seattle citizens. Along with Precinct liaison duties, Ed has been assigned as a Graffiti Abatement Attorney working on civil matters regarding the graffiti abatement process.

IV. King County Deputy Prosecutor.

King County Deputy Prosecutor Danika Adams briefed NPAC on a North End robbery case from last September. Three defendants pleaded guilty and are looking at serious sentences. Danika discussed plans for a crisis diversion center where policy, doctors, and family can take individuals who are having a crisis, but aren't breaking the law or are having a medical crisis.

V. Washington State Department of Corrections.

DOC Officer Jeff Seargent announced that Governor Gregoire has reinstated 50 DOC officer positions since the six tragic deaths of Law Enforcement Officers Timothy Brenton, Sergeant Mark Renninger, Officers Ronald Owens, Tina Griswold, Greg Richards and Deputy Kent

Mundell.

VI. Old Business.

Jack Heavner encouraged NPAC members to go online to the Sex Offender Registry at http://www.sheriffalerts.com/cap_main.php?office=54473 where you can search for newly registered sex offenders in your neighborhoods.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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