

## NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

#### MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2010

Recorded by William Murray

The monthly North Precinct Advisory Council meeting for June began at 7:05 p.m., with Jack Heavner, presiding.

#### I. Special Presentation Speaker: Councilmember Mike O'Brien.

Councilmember O'Brien, who has been on the job for five months, rode his bicycle to the NPAC meeting from his home in Fremont where he resides with his wife and two sons. Councilmember O'Brien discussed his recent vote against the aggressive pan-handling ordinance, his activism with the Sierra Club and the importance of public safety and quality public schools in keeping urban areas viable communities. Councilmember O'Brien mentioned there were presently 560 patrol officers and he'd like to see 600, although midyear budget cuts were forcing a SPD hiring freeze and that \$50-\$60 million in budget cuts will be needed for fiscal year 2011. Councilmember O'Brien also discussed the need for a new North Precinct and agreed to take a North Precinct building tour.

#### II. Precinct Update: Lieutenant Hicks/Sergeant Newsom.

Lieutenant Hicks reported North Seattle residential burglaries had tapered off and they have several juvenile suspects in custody. Arsons in the University District had also tapered off after an alleged arsonist had left town. A Third Watch officer had followed up on the arsons and created a database of possible arson suspects.

Sergeant Newsom reported there will be tables a community flier board for the July 10<sup>th</sup> Picnic at North Precinct. CPT Officer Rob Howard attended NPAC and discussed his assigned duties as a liaison to the Seattle Housing Authority properties in North Seattle. There are four liaison officers citywide that cover 200 scattered sites and nine high-rise apartments. The liaison positions are federally funded and deal with issues such as drug use, mental illness, and criminal investigations.

Police were called to 113<sup>th</sup> and Meridian – not far from the North Precinct – at about 5:00 p.m. on May 6<sup>th</sup> after receiving reports of gunfire. At the scene, police found a man lying in the street, clutching his left arm. The man, who was shot in the arm and

backside, told police he was walking through the neighborhood when another man came up to him and said, "You owe me money. I'm 'bout to shoot you! Pay up!" The victim then heard three shots, and the suspect fled. While medics were treating the victim, they discovered he was clutching a baggie containing small amounts of suspected methamphetamine and crack cocaine.

<http://www.seattlecrime.com/2010/05/06/shooting-at-113th-meridian>.

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

Neil Hansen reported that crime rates for residential burglaries do go up in the summer as much as 40% and that most are through unlocked doors and windows. Neil asked neighbors to be alert and call him for home security tips.

IV. City Attorney's Office: Ed McKenna.

Ed McKenna discussed a case against Hugh Cicely, who has been described as the most prolific landlord in Seattle due to the nature of his properties and that a large judgment against Mr. Cicely has been lowered to \$70,000 and the City will appeal.

V. Liquor Control Board: Judy Lewis.

Judy Lewis attended the University District Street Fair with another Liquor inspector and issued several violations for open containers of alcohol. New State regulations limit retail establishments to four alcohol advertising signs totaling 1600 square inches.

VI. Committee Reports.

- a. Issues: Doug Thiel – Nominations for NPAC President, Vice President and Secretary were held and Curtis Gehrke was nominated for President, Ruedi Risler for Vice President, and Bill Doel for Secretary. Jack Heavner also opened the floor to other nominations.
- b. Membership: Dick Hillman – Please give Dick any roster changes.

VII. Next Month's Agenda: NPAC Board Elections.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.