

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2011

Recorded by Bill Doell

The monthly North Precinct Advisory Council meeting for June began at 7:00 p.m., with Curtis Gehrke, presiding.

I. Special Presentation Speaker: Councilmember Sally Clark.

Councilmember Sally Clark is Chair of Buildings and Environment and also Human Services. She is also a member of the Public Safety Committee.

The City is not expecting layoffs midyear, although double digit drops are forecast during the current recessions. The 2012 budget goes to the City Council in September.

It is important that all Crime Prevention Programs be measured for their effectiveness. As of July 1, 2011, the City will be using a "boot" for cars with four or more unpaid tickets. This will greatly impact low-income people living in cars.

The Roosevelt Development is under review by the City. Proposed demolition of old Sisley houses to be replaced by six to eight story apartments is not what the neighbors want. This will be close to the new light rail station on 12th Avenue Northeast. Department of Housing and Development is fee based so there are questions about who is working for whom.

Medical marijuana is illegal nationally and the State is looking at legislation regarding this. The Mayor and Council are working on specifics for approval, with State approval.

Councilmember Clark stressed the importance of Community Patrol Officers to all communities as their jobs are being reviewed. Possibility of combining CPT with the Department of Neighborhoods.

II. Precinct Update: Sergeant Diane Newsom.

There is a new Criminal Trespass law. "No Trespass" signs are now void. The new law states "Conditions of Entry: This property is reserved for the use of our patrons and

customers only. All violations of the Seattle Municipal Code and Revised Code of Washington are prohibited. No entry after business hours without permission of the owner.

“Violations of any of these conditions may subject the violator to arrest and prosecution for Criminal Trespass, pursuant to SMC 12A, 00.040; RCW 9A.52070/RCW 9A.52.80.”

This is not effective for apartment buildings, condos, or motels. It covers businesses open to the public.

A car whose owner died while texting is being displayed at schools.

Results of survey taken recently regarding top crimes and greatest worry:

	<u>Top Crime</u>	<u>Greatest Worry</u>
North Aurora	Burglary/Theft 42% Graffiti/Vandalism 39% Prostitution 32%	Burglary/Theft 40% Prostitution 20% Car Prowls 20% Disturbances 20%
Lake City	Burglary/Theft 67% Transients 56% Assaults 33%	Burglary/Theft 50%
University District	Graffiti/Violence 50% Burglary/Theft 50% Drug Use 50%	Burglary/Theft 44% Drugs 33% Graffiti 2%

III. City Attorney’s Office: Jim Kenny.

New trespass program in effect. Change due to lawsuits. Food carts and trucks under review. Proposal to treat felons as protected class!!!

IV. Liquor Control Board: Judy Lewis.

New fax ID cards from China with mostly out-of-state addresses (using metric numbers).

V. Jeff Sergeant.

Officers obtained a tape from a pimp working girls from jail.

VI. Committee Reports.

Issues: Doug Thiel. A new committee chaired by Doug will work on a new site for the North Precinct. There will be a Town Hall meeting June 14, 2011 at Bitter Lake Community Center with the Department of Neighborhoods at 5:30 p.m.

Membership: Dick Hallmann – please give Dick any roster changes.

VII. King County Prosecuting Attorney Sean O'Donnell.

Special Assault Unit formed for child prostitution and adults. New punishment for “johns” (was one to three months) now 21 to 27 months term in Department of Corrections as regular sex offenders. For pimps (was 21 to 27 months), now 93 to 123 months. SPD being undercover officers, pimps getting eight to nine years in prison.

VIII. Old Business.

Pete Hanning reported \$12,000 raised for the Seattle Police Foundation and Seattle Police Bagpipe Band by the Red Door Tavern in Fremont.

Next month PICNIC July 9, 2011 at the Precinct from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Remember to bring donated gifts for door prizes. Food, fun, families, and a tour of the Precinct.

IX. August Meeting: 911 Call Center Manager.

X. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.