

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2011

Recorded by Bill Doell

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

I. Special Presentation Speakers: Captain Dan Oliver, Commander of Major Crimes.

Major Crimes was founded at the North Precinct and consists of officers from other precincts not separately funded. Car thefts were a special problem in 2004 with 1200 reported. Since the new emphasis last year car thefts dropped to 300.

However, many car thieves moved on to burglary and I.D. theft.

Working with the DEA, Major Crimes has recovered 2307 kilos of cocaine, recovered 150 passports and is working on a school fraud case. They rescued 30 young girls from prostitution last year, a 50 percent recovery rate, more than in the 39 largest U.S. cities. The prostitution ring is operating in Portland, Las Vegas, San Diego, Reno, and San Francisco. The results in Seattle have been better than those in other cities.

Captain Oliver is retiring this year and will be missed by all who have worked with him.

Diane Horswill is also retiring from the North Precinct after 36 years in law enforcement. She has been actively involved as Community Police Officer, taught self defense and served the North Precinct as a Crime Prevention Officer. Her leaving is a loss to all who know her and have worked with her.

II. Precinct Update: Captain Robin Clark/Lieutenant Ken Hicks/Sergeant Dianne Newsom.

Lieutenant Hicks reported an increase in car prowls and burglaries in Ballard.

There are numerous resources being spent on the robberies in the University District. There are several individuals involved.

Auto theft is down due to police work and the informing public.

There are now three Crime Prevention Officers citywide! Sergeant Newsom introduced Officer Kipp Strong, Community Police Team in Lincoln Sector.

III. City Attorney's Office: Ed McKenna.

Jim Kenney, Officer Liaison West Precinct, reported the office is working on a Night Life Initiative, Mobile Food Carts, Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, and 24-hour liquor service.

IV. Liquor Control Board: Judy Lewis.

No marijuana in liquor storesyet.

V. Jeff Seargent.

He reported continued emphasis on the 4000 block of Aurora Avenue North.

VI. Committee Reports.

1. Issues: Doug Thiel.
2. Membership: Please give Dick Hillmann any roster changes.

VII. Old Business.

None.

VIII. New Business.

Concern was raised over the seven foot deep storm retention pond being built at North 107th and Midvale near a school with no additional lighting or fencing!!!

IX. Next Month's Agenda.

Mimi Walsh, Strategic Advisor, Policy and Planning for Seattle Police Department will be our guest speaker.

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