

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2010

Recorded by William Murray

The monthly North Precinct Advisory Council meeting for May began at 7:03 p.m., with Jack Heavner, presiding.

I. Special Presentation Speaker: Deputy Prosecutor Hugo Torres.

The Juvenile Section King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office prosecutes crimes that fall within the jurisdiction of Juvenile Court and in accordance with the intentions of the Juvenile Justice Act: RCW 13.40.010. The Juvenile Court process includes: Truancy, At-Risk Youth ("ARY"), Children in Need of Services ("CHINS"), Dependency, Detention, and much more.

Offender cases are those cases where a juvenile is accused of committing an offense. An offense is behavior that is a crime if done by an adult. Offenses may be misdemeanors (least serious), gross misdemeanors, or felonies (most serious). Based on reports provided by the law enforcement agencies looking into the case, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office may recommend an offender case for "Diversion" or may file an "information" accusing a youth of committing an offense. If an information is filed, the juvenile must go to court.

Services available to juvenile offenders include diversion, probation, juvenile detention, juvenile drug court, juvenile treatment court, mentoring and advocacy teams.

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/JuvenileCourt.aspx>.

Mr. Torres discussed a recent case involving a youth who assaulted a Metro transit operator on a bus in SeaTac. The youth received a one year sentence in the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration Facility ("JRA"). Deputy Prosecutor Dan Clark also spoke at NPAC about his role at the Regional Justice Center in Kent handling juvenile cases that are handled as adult cases due to the violent nature of the crimes such as first degree assault with a weapon where the victim is hospitalized. Mr. Clark's group saw 60 such cases last year and they are on track to reach 80 cases this year.

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

Captain Clark announced that inquiries from Broadview and Loyal Heights neighbors regarding a suspicious man on a red bicycle near school grounds has resulted in the person being trespassed from school grounds. CPT and the crisis intervention team are involved in this case.

On May 3rd, at approximately 12:40 p.m., Seattle Police responded to a call of two deceased persons inside a motel room in the 8600 block of Aurora Avenue North. Officers arrived with the Fire Department and have confirmed that an adult male and adult female were deceased inside one of the rooms. Homicide detectives on the scene stated that the incident appears to be a murder/suicide. Detectives believe the man killed the woman and then took his own life. SPD Blotter.

On May 4th, at 2:00 p.m., Wedgewood neighbors reported a suspicious vehicle parked at a residence in the 7200 block of 22nd Northeast. Officers responded and pursued the vehicle down University Way to arrest two residential burglars and recover a safe and jewelry.

Sergeant Newsom reported that tables for community groups and a board for posting community events will be available at the Picnic at the Precinct on July 10th, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

North Precinct Community Police Team member, Officer Travis Testerman, who is an 18-year SPD veteran with ten years patrolling, attended the NPAC meeting. Officer Testerman's area is the Green Lake neighborhood.

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

Night Out 2010 is August 3, 2010. Night Out is a fun event to meet your neighbors, and organize your neighborhood against crime. This year we are "**Celebrating Crime Free Neighborhoods.**" The link to registration: <http://eventactions.com/ea.aspx?ea=Rsvp>.

IV. City Attorney's Office: Ed McKenna.

Ed McKenna reported on a good resolution on the Inman Motels case where 180 counts on City tax issues were filed. The parties were able to reach a resolution with the Inman's forfeiting use of two motels and will end all residential use in 180 days. The properties can be leased to a nonprofit, low income, or emergency shelter.

V. King County Prosecutor's Office: Dan Clark.

Dan Clark reported that Kevin Swalwel, aka Greenwood Arsonist, has been charged with 11 counts of arson and is facing a 30-year sentence. A September 2009 Green Lake robbery case is with a senior prosecutor who has added additional charges for using stolen credit cards.

VI. Liquor Control Board: Judy Lewis.

Judy Lewis discussed new alcohol advertising sign regulations. Alcohol enforcement will focus on the University District Street Fair. Community members were reminded it is illegal to carry open alcohol containers in public.

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