

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2010

Recorded by Bill Doell

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

I. Special Presentation Speaker: Ainsley Close and Derek Farmer from the Mayor's Office.

The Night Life Plan was discussed. The proposed 8-point plan is:

1. Code Compliance Enforcement – Officers to enforce violations;
2. Flexible Liquor Service Hours – Staggered hours based on responsible service;
3. Noise Ordinance Enforcement – Part of Code Compliance, 80 decibels too much;
4. Security Training Requirements – Security personnel to be trained. Program offered by Seattle Police Department;
5. Precinct Community Outreach – Schedule regular meetings with businesses and community groups;
6. Professional Development – Help nightlife establishments learn best practices to minimize conflicts and problems;
7. Late-Night Transportation – Work with taxis, METRO, Taxi Commission, jitneys and other forms of transportation to keep customers and others safe; and
8. Target Public Nuisances – Ordinance to allow SPD greater ability to manage patrons of late night establishments contributing to disorderly conduct and disturbances.

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

- a. Juvenile burglar and associates now in jail; arrested in Mukilteo.
- b. An armed robbery by the Zoo took cigarettes and miscellaneous items.
- c. There were shots fired by individuals in Ballard.
- d. Eleven cases filed for burglaries. 115 burglaries involved 95 individual cases this year.

- e. With fewer detectives now available, patrol officers may collect fingerprints, DNA and other data onsite to speed up processing of cases.
- f. Awards Banquet for Sergeant Newsom to be presented award for Community Ambassador.
- g. Neil Hansen, Crime Prevention Coordinator, was presented an award for 34 years service.

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

- a. Many communities have been traumatized by recent burglaries often due to open garage doors, windows, and home doors.
- b. Remember to mark all appliances and electronics with your name and keep serial numbers in your records.
- c. Overall decrease in burglaries and car prowls.
- d. Most thefts happen during the day.
- e. Many thieves are using cars for TVs and large items. If you see a strange car, write down the license number in case of theft.

IV. City Attorney's Office: Ed McKenna.

- a. Tuere L. Sala, Community Court Prosecutor, explained the purpose of Community Court. They connect the defendants to helpful organizations so they don't return to Court.
- b. Sixty percent of the chronic offenders do not reoffend.
- c. Community service is working and is partnered with Americor.
- d. They have worked in neighborhoods like Lake City, University District, Meadowbrook, and University Congregational Church.
- e. Defendants have contributed over 50,000 hours so far.

V. Liquor Control Board: Judy Lewis.

- a. October Fest had 4000 people each night in Fremont.
- b. A new business had a party for employees and construction workers before being licensed. They were warned this was not allowed.

VI. Jeff Seargant - No Report.

VII. Committee Reports.

- a. Doug Thiel reported that Ed McKenna's campaign opponent judge ranked 47 out of 47 judges in rating by attorneys and judges. Untrue statements also have been made publically.
- b. Any roster changes should be given to Dick Hillmann.

- c. George Holzapfel reported that SPD is not hiring the 154 officers promised. Many detectives and others are being reassigned to patrol duties. Seven Crime Prevention Coordinators will be let go, four to be reassigned. In the Victim Advocates Program, two will leave.
- d. Now towed cars will have to pay tickets as well as towing charges before being released.

VIII. Old Business.

- a. Lisa is taking Tami's place while she is on vacation (honeymoon).
- b. 808 pairs of socks were received for the homeless. The goal is 6000 pairs. Donations can be dropped at the North Precinct, c/o Sergeant Newsom.

IX. New Business.

- a. October 26th is budget meeting in the Mayor's Office.

X. Next month's Agenda - U.S. Attorney General's Office

XI. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.