

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2011

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: Councilmember Bruce Harrell.

Bruce Harrell said that 54 percent of the City budget was for public safety. Due to the recession natural gas prices were down with a loss of \$100 million in revenue. They have cut \$137 million in capital improvement and \$100 million in reserves.

We have the lowest electrical rate in the country and are rated AAA now.

\$60 million has been saved in revised programs and debt control. Excess City Light property has been sold. He is using technology to save money.

Question, are we training our children for jobs? There needs to be more special programs to get computers to students by partnering with businesses. Can we use corporate money to help officers with technology?

We need more resources for police officers, such as cameras. Fifty percent of complaints against officers with cameras were dismissed! We now have 250 patrol cars with cameras. The individual cameras for officers cost \$500.00 each. There are over 1100 Police Departments now with cameras. The City spent \$1.5 million on the John Williams shooting. The City is not insured. Mr. Harrell would like to see officers assigned to neighborhoods where they have special training in the neighborhood's language, culture, and knowledge of the area. Core services must be protected and funded! There are 409,000 King County residents with criminal records.

Mr. Harrell believes the City Attorney liaison position is very important to the community. SPD Mounted Patrol has been privately funded by \$125,000.00 gift and the Seattle Police Guild. The money from the sale of City property goes into the General Fund.

II. Precinct Update: Captain Robin Clark, Lieutenant Ken Hicks, and Sergeant Diane Newsom.

Jeff Sergeant and Chris McNulty have been nominated by Captain Clark for North Precinct Officer of the Year. In 2011 they collected the most stolen property in Seattle working with the U.S. Marshal's office.

There have been several incidents of indecent exposure by a white male, 22-29 years of age, fair, slim, goatee, wearing black pants and shirt, and driving a gold 4-door Camry or Lincoln with A as the first letter of the license plate. He was seen at the Pinehurst playground and Lakeside soccer field.

There has been improvement in auto thefts and burglaries, but people are still leaving their doors and windows open!!! There have been many arrests of burglars as officers are taking DNA samples, fingerprints, etc. at the scene.

There were several bank robberies in September. Chase Bank was robbed and felons took a cab and were arrested by officers. The sergeant also got two others. Seattle is in the top ten cities in the country for bank robberies.

SPD is meeting with UW Police and fraternities to curb disturbances and loud parties in the District. SPD is working with Treasury and F.B.I. regarding large amounts of cash passing through banks by drug dealers.

III. Crime Prevention Report - Terri Johnston.

Terri Johnston reminded everyone not to leave open doors and windows. She gives personal safety talks to groups, block watches, neighbors. If you see people in backyards that don't belong to them, call 911.

IV. King County Prosecutor's Office.

They have lost 36 attorneys, but foresee no cuts next year.

When one burglar was arrested, it cleared up 40 home burglaries that he was responsible for. Many high school kids are involved in noon-time robberies.

V. Old Business.

Next month is SOCKS for the Homeless. Our goal is 5001 pairs.

VI. Next Month's Agenda.

Our speaker will be the manager of Seattle's 911 Center.

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