

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 7, 2011

Recorded by Bill Doell

The monthly North Precinct Advisory Council meeting for September began at 7:30 p.m., with Curtis Gehrke, presiding.

I. Special Presentation Speaker: Councilmember Tom Rasmussen.

Transportation in Seattle is becoming very difficult to fund with less taxes coming into the City due to less business sales. The \$20.00 license fee for Metro and City of Seattle will keep 600,000 hours from being cut. The State is looking at new sources for transit funding. Metro pays more to Seattle than any other community percentage-wise for transit, roads, pedestrians and bicycles. Vehicle license fees can charge up to \$100.00 per vehicle, can toll roads, and can raise sales tax or property taxes.

A committee is studying this as people want reliable bus service and most dollars will go to this. The proposed \$60.00 vehicle license fee will bring in \$50,000,000. There are now fewer bus stops, but stops in strategic locations. The use of electric trolley buses is quiet, efficient, powerful, non-polluting and can be extended.

There will be a new streetcar line from Union to Broadway. This is being built instead of a deep station at Swedish Hospital.

People want more sidewalks, wheelchair access and bicycle routes.

The State is putting the burden of funding on cities.

Taxi rules need to be changed as now Bellevue taxis coming into Seattle may not take a fare back to Bellevue (or to other cities).

Bridging the Gap has paid for the new 15th Avenue Northeast Bridge and the Northeast 45th Street Viaduct.

Auto license fees are regressive as you pay the same for an older car as for a new one. Tolls must be properly set so that people use toll roads and not go through neighborhoods to avoid paying the fees.

A neutral audit is underway to keep City paying more for contractor services than private contractors would charge. There must be more accountability of SDOT. They must be more adaptable to meet the needs of the neighborhoods.

Bike fees and licenses are suggested as there is no bike identification or listings.

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

Captain Clark thanked everyone for the terrific turnout for the July picnic. Also Night Out had over 728 registered events. The other four precincts had less than half the North Precinct's events in TOTAL.

III. Liquor Control Board: Judy Lewis.

Over 20 fake I.D. cards were taken at the Fremont Fair (made in China).

IV. Terri Johnston.

Terri Johnston reminded us to stop our mail and newspapers when we are out of town. Also a burning front porch light at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon on an 80-degree day is a clue that no one is home!!!

V. Committee Reports.

- a. Issues: Doug Thiel. Next month's speaker is Councilmember Bruce Harrell.
- b. Over Long Parking. Parking forever on residential streets needs to be addressed with new ordinance.
- c. Membership: Dick Hallmann – please give Dick any roster changes.

VI. New Business.

Think about SOCKS for the homeless, only two months to go!!

VII. Next Month's Agenda.

Councilmember Bruce Harrell will be our speaker.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.