

## NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2008

Recorded by William Murray

The monthly North Precinct Advisory Council meeting for March began at 7:04 p.m., with Jack Heavner, presiding. The following topics were covered:

## I. Special Presentation Speaker: Council Member Bruce Harrell

Councilmember Harrell has spent 30 years as an attorney and community volunteer. In 2007, he was elected to the City Council emerging from a field of five candidates who ran for the open seat vacated by Councilmember Peter Steinbrueck. He chairs the Energy and Technology Committee, serves as Vice Chair of the Public Safety, Human Services and Education Committee and serves as a member of the Housing and Economic Development Committee. Councilmember Harrell professed his support for Public Safety Budget items and also support for police officer salary increases. Councilmember Harrell is a father of three and believes in mentoring teens in the community and holding communities responsible for teens' misbehavior. Councilmember Harrell looks at City government as a billion dollar corporation and would like to increase transparency and use technology to increase efficiencies and save tax payer dollars.

## II. Precinct Update: Captain Mike Washburn/Lieutenant Monson/

Sergeant Newsom

Captain Washburn reported that on February 11<sup>th</sup> a bank robber on Brooklyn Avenue in the University District was immediately apprehended by the North Anti-Crime Team. The North ACT team also apprehended narcotic dealers in the 3800 block of Aurora after a buy bust of nine ounces of crack cocaine. Three persons were arrested after agreeing to a search of their premise netted 87 grams of cocaine, marijuana a handgun and \$1400.00 cash. Also on February 11<sup>th</sup>, a man carrying a cash register gained entry to a home in Ballard and called a cab for a ride. The cab driver refused the cash register carrying fare and called the police who apprehended the man.

On February 15<sup>th</sup>, there was a non-injury shooting in the 13300 block of Meridian and the shooter has been identified. On February 17<sup>th</sup>, a young shoplifter was pepper-sprayed by another shopper in a convenience store on 97<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Northwest. The stunned shoplifter left the store and wandered into the roadway where he was struck by a vehicle breaking his

leg.

On February 21 at midnight a homicide victim was dropped at 103<sup>rd</sup> and Greenwood Avenue North with a single stab wound to the chest. On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, two groups of teens were arguing in a North Seattle Mall and upon exiting the mall one teen shot another in the leg. The Community Police Team attempted gang intervention with the same group of teens weeks prior to the shooting. CPT Officers held a Public Safety meeting at the Northgate Community Center on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Topics included gang violence.

On the morning of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, a man was found deceased alongside a vehicle on 17<sup>th</sup> Northwest near 48<sup>th</sup> Street. The man was an occupant of a nearby vehicle and had been in an altercation with another vehicle occupant and suffered head injuries from a steel pipe. Officers questioned witnesses and arrested a transient who was involved in the altercation and lived in his vehicle on 17<sup>th</sup> Northwest.

Lieutenant Monson reported on the outstanding work of the North Precinct detectives who apprehended a house burglar. The house burglar had 38 known burglaries, nine of which were in the North Precinct. The burglar would also steal license plates for a similar model car he had stolen and use the vehicle for burglaries. The house burglar was sentenced to five to seven years.

Officer Gary McNulty and Tony Dinsco of the Department of Corrections Neighborhood Crime Initiative Team have been working Lake City Way and Aurora Avenue North. Eight persons had been contacted and arrested by the DOC NCI Team for drug possession and parole violations in a four day period.

### III. Crime Prevention Report

Diane Horswill reported several burglaries related to items visible through residence's windows. The most popular items for thefts have been laptop computers and small electronics such as an i-pod. Diane also reported on a scam used at a Brier gas station where a phony ATM card reader was setup and skimmed card numbers from unsuspecting motorists.

### IV. City Attorney's Office

Ed McKenna introduced Amanda Froh Deputy Prosecuting Attorney from the King County Prosecutor's Office and discussed the reinstated Stay Out of Drug Areas Order (SODA). The City Attorney's Office has been working closely with King County Prosecutors on the community prosecution effort program and identity theft initiatives. Community Groups such as GAIN were credited with helping reinstate SODA orders which will greatly help communities bordering the Aurora corridor. A King County Prosecutor's Office liaison will attend monthly NPAC meetings.

### V. Committee Reports

Give any phone number updates to Dick Hillmann.

VI. Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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