



SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

Expanding Communication between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2014

Recorded by MJ Davidson

The monthly NPAC Meeting began at 7:05 p.m. with Ruedi Risler presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation Speaker: Lisa Daugaard, Co-Chair of the Community Police Commission
 - a. After the federal investigation, the City of Seattle signed a settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice to reform SPD practices. The City of Seattle established the Community Police Commission (CPC) in March 2013 to provide community input on the proposed reforms. CPC is a civilian commission with a mandate to develop reform recommendations and represent community interests and perspectives.
 - b. The CPC website is: <http://www.seattle.gov/community-police-commission>. On it there is a lot of information, and many recommendations and reports.
 - c. Most police commissions have formal oversight, like NY city and San Francisco; Seattle's CPC does not. The CPC gives Seattle a local approach, and will hopefully emerge from DOJ oversight with better outcomes than other cities.
 - d. The CPC sees itself as a brokerage for conversation with the community, like a clearinghouse and/or a finder of common ground, AND they have a strong relation with the police AND adequate relations with DOJ and the Monitor.
 - e. The CPC's group membership is wide ranging, racially diverse and committed to finding common ground. When someone resigns from the CPC, the demographic they represent must continue to be represented by the replacement.
 - f. The reforms must be understood and supported by Officers. Therefore, the community must be clear about what is wanted from the police. However, there is much ambiguity.
 - g. Regarding the Use of Force Policy: This was a very tense situation for the CPC. They found the policy difficult to teach so they partnered with Sue Rahr at the WA State Police Academy and others, and proposed an Alternative Policy which the Monitor and Judge did not accept.
 - h. Officers' legitimate concerns must be addressed.
 - i. It's unacceptable for officers to be placed between prosecutors who won't file charges and the community who asks for enforcement.
 - j. Re: where conversation happens about prosecution - Downtown business and

social service organizations sat down and had conversation about downtown. Common ground was found that it's objectionable for people to be miserable in public; that mental health and public health issues need to be separated from law enforcement; use LEAD as a model; hoping for more officer participation. Recommends that focus groups be used and involve officers PRIOR to implementation of new policies.

- k. Re: continuity in the CPC - members have three year terms. CPC will continue as long as DOJ is involved. The CPC is proposing that the CPC becomes permanent because they find common ground/consensus between police and their critics.
 - l. Re: outreach in the North End - The other co-chair of the CPC is from the NE. Have focused on marginalized groups mostly from the South and Southwest, not necessarily from the NE. This is, however, the first Advisory Council the CPC has addressed. And it is attending other North End meetings.
 - m. Re: CPC budget - The CPC's budget is tiny and comes from General Funds. Proposed \$400,000 for 2014 for three staff, and have hired consultants from time to time. The CPC feels the budget is not luxurious and is fairly effective.
2. Precinct Update: 3rd Watch Commander Lieutenant Rivera
- a. Third Watch is: 7:00pm - 3:30am (1st: 3:30am - 11:30 am; 2nd: 11:30am - 3:30pm)
 - b. Crime is still down, especially aggravated crimes. Auto thefts are still persistent.
 - c. Golden Gardens: SPD is responding with K9 units, but it's awfully dark. They need lighting. There are juveniles going around robbing and beating up people; SPD responds quickly and yet it's dark and so spread out.
 - d. Aurora: it's quieter.
3. Crime Prevention Report: Elizabeth Scott
- a. August's Night Out had 826 North End parties, and 257 want to start block watches! 1500 parties citywide. 3,000 people were contacted by the police at the parties.
 - b. Smart 911.com is new to King County and she passed out a flyer. Go to the web site: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/E911/Smart911.aspx>. 75% of 911 calls are now from cell phones; smart 911.com allows for quicker responses; please consider registering.
4. City Attorney's Office: Brendan Brophy
- a. No marijuana update.
 - b. Vacant buildings/problem properties -- it's a loooooong process. Gave an example of Aqua Dive on Lake City Way which is vacant and unsafe; owner is cooperating with DPD which is trying to get the building torn down.
 - c. The Burke house on 137th is complicated; have started eviction. There will be a hearing on 9/5/2014. An example of complications: owner dies, bankruptcy, foreclosure.

5. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office - Deputy Prosecutor
 - a. Had a story from the East Precinct regarding a difficult inquest for an officer-involved shooting on Capitol Hill. The officer returned fire. This happened at the same time the Ferguson, MO shooting was the media focus, and he wanted to THANK the police for their hard work. NPAC gave a round of applause.
6. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent
 - a. Reported on a burglary with a stolen computer that was recovered by tracking a DOC offender.
7. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
 - a. There is a new phone scam: the IRS is watching you! She's hoping they have it shut down.
 - b. This month's handout: Cyber Safety Principles.
 - c. Remember: SOX! Our goal is more than 6,000 pairs prior to the December meeting (6000 was last year's total).
8. Liquor Control Board - no report
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Issues: Curtis Gehrke
 - b. Membership: Inga Manskopf - please give Inga any roster changes.
10. Member Organization Profile - Pete Hanning reported on Fremont
 - a. Boundaries: Ship canal and Lake Union to Stoneway up to 50th and W to 8th avenue NW. Aurora runs through it.
 - b. They take pride in their quiriness! Motto is "Center of the Universe" They light the Lenin statue for the holidays instead of a tree, and have Trolloleen.
 - c. Have a Community Council and a Chamber of Commerce, and have attracted tech companies like Google, Adobe, etc, along with their single family homes, apts. and condos and night life.
 - d. Want people to always feel safe; they work well with their Community Police Team.
 - e. Issues: Aurora, Burke Gillman Trail, and troubles at the 2 am bar closings on Fri and Sat nights.
11. Old Business - none
12. New Business - none
13. Next Month's agenda
 - a. New Police Chief Kathleen O'Toole will be the speaker.
 - b. Meadowbrook will be the member organization profile.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.