



SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

Expanding Communication between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2015

Recorded by Steve Dougherty

The monthly NPAC Meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Ruedi Risler presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation: Assistant Chief Carmen Best
 - a. Presented an award by Cowen Park Neighborhood Association to Office Mike Lanz and Captain Dave Emerick for their exemplary response to problems in Cowen Park.
 - b. Q & A
 - i. SPD has hired a professional firm to study the need for more officers in Seattle. Boston has 900 more officers and Austin 300 for roughly the same size and population. Looking at revamping hiring and training for new officers.
 - ii. As Chief chooses her team, Assistant Chiefs will change. Captains and Lieutenants will keep their positions.
2. Precinct Update: Capt. David Emerick/Lt. Jim Arata
 - a. New 3rd watch commander is Rodney Strozier. He has worked patrol and CPT and has a lot of experience dealing with the community.
 - b. Crime stats: Auto thefts and prowls are down. Domestic violence is down. Residential burglaries are down 8%, non-residential burglaries down 28%. Vehicle thefts down 28% in first 2 months of year. Street robberies and assaults are up and this will be the focus. Five robbery arrests were made in 30 days.
 - c. Find-it-Fix-it walk in the U-District had 100 people and looked at sit-lie (prohibiting sitting or lying on city sidewalks) as a “by complaint” issue. Letters to SPD in support of sit-lie are helpful because SPD takes these to King County and the Seattle Prosecutor. Send letter to the North Precinct Captain.
 - d. Fusion Ultra Lounge: Working with liquor board to remove license.
 - e. Micro neighborhood policing plan: Got a Greenwood house with fire arms and an illegal pot grow. One man at the house was a 14 time felon.
 - f. Traffic emphasis will be in U-District and North Aurora. Chief wants “satisfaction based, not statistics based” here.
 - g. Noise ordinance is taken very seriously by SPD. Two times in one night, and homeowner can be arrested.

3. Crime Prevention Report: Elizabeth Scott - no report
4. City Attorney's Office: Brendan Brophy - no report
5. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office - Deputy Prosecutor
 - a. 2015 State of the County speech will be put on the website: www.kingcounty.gov/
6. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent
 - a. Worked with CPT officer Kipp Strong to arrest a sex offender on probation living at a house in Lake City.
7. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
 - a. CPT case managers from downtown emergency shelters are doing ride-alongs with CPT officers to see what the needs are in the North Precinct.
8. Liquor Control Board: Susan Blaker
 - a. Officer Chris Herrera is the nightlife liaison to Liquor Control Board.
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Issues: Curtis Gehrke
 - b. Membership: Inga Manskopf - please give Inga any roster changes.
10. Member Organization Profile - University Park (Ruedi Risler).
 - a. University Park is a turn-of-the-twentieth-century single-family addition to the University District, ranging from 16th Avenue NE in the west to 21st Avenue NE in the east, and from NE 50th Street in the south to Ravenna Park in the north. Just north of UW Greek Row.
 - b. NE 55th is right down the flight path to SeaTac.
 - c. Problems: UW students and their landlords. In 2003 helped get noise ordinance passed. In 2006, with UW, created North of 45th Working Group. Created off-campus code of conduct, crime prevention team and rental registration and inspection law. Illegal duplexes still a problem.
 - d. Website:<http://www.murkworks.net/~upcc/>
11. Old Business - none
12. New Business - none
13. Next Month's Agenda
 - a. Guest speaker will be Seattle City Attorney Pete Holmes

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.