



## SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

*Expanding Communication between the Police and Community*

### MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2015

Recorded by Nancy Rauhauser

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

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation Speakers: Iris Peterson, Dept of Corrections (DOC) Special Assault Unit, and SPD Detective Tony Stevenson, Sexual Assault Detail
  - a. There are three levels of sex offender that describe the level of risk to the public
    - i. Level 1 - lowest level of risk, usually not predatory, often victim was family or friend, most went through treatment program, and likely first offence.
    - ii. Level 2 - moderate risk to community, often had more than one victim, may have lifestyle issues (drugs, criminal history, etc.) that may influence their potential to reoffend.
    - iii. Level 3 - high risk to reoffend in the community. Most have prior sex crime convictions and other criminal convictions, some have predatory characteristics, may have used violence in their crime, may have refused sex offender treatment programs.
  - b. Court sentences offender. Offender serves sentence. Parole Board (now called Community Custody) supervises after release from jail. Offender must comply with conditions court set, such as not drinking, registering address, GPS ankle monitor, etc.
  - c. Community Corrections Officers have various roles as needed: cop, therapist, counselor. Helps get housing, treatment. Makes house calls to check on offender's living situation, any issues. Parole is not further punishment, it is to help transition the person back into society.
  - d. After community custody period has ended, the conditions are dropped, but sex offenders must continue to register for another period, depending on the level of crime.
  - e. "Swift and Certain" program instituted 2 years ago - any violation within DOC's jurisdiction results in arrest and 1-3 day jail. After 5th violation, arrest and up to 30 days in jail.
  - f. Sex offenders must register their home address with the KC Sheriff within 3 days of coming to Washington. Hotels are allowed to be registered as a residence.
  - g. Sex offenders are not allowed to be homeless. They need to be in a shelter, not in their car or on the street.

- h. Goal is to be integrated back into the community without problems, hold a steady job, stable housing, etc. This lowers greatly their risk of reoffending. 95% of them are law-abiding and don't want trouble.
  - i. Notifying public of sex offender living in the neighborhood is tricky - don't want neighbors to overreact with alarm and hound the sex offenders out of the neighborhood.
    - i. Level 1 sex offenders are low risk and do not need notification.
    - ii. Level 2 offenders are on the King County sex offender website: <http://www.icrimewatch.net/index.php?AgencyID=54473>
    - iii. Level 3 offenders are also on the KC website, above, and the KC Sheriff notifies SPD, then SPD's Crime Prevention Coordinator sends out info to block watch captains.
  - j. SPD checks up on sex offenders. For level 3, an in-person check every 90 days. For level 2, an in-person check every 6 months, and level 1, in-person check when arrives, then a phone call once a year.
  - k. Registered sex offender numbers:
    - i. Washington - 21,000
    - ii. King County - 3,500
    - iii. Seattle - 1,200
    - iv. North Precinct - 260 level 1; 50 level 2; 45 level 3
  - l. Community tips - be alert; report suspicious activities to 911; check the sexual offender website; teach children about safety around strangers.
2. Precinct Update: Captain Sean O'Donnell/Lt. Jim Arata
- a. Trend continues of crimes against persons up and property crimes down.
  - b. 80% of the robberies are shop lifts gone bad, such as sales clerk chasing offender. SPD is developing a training program for merchants on how to avoid robberies.
  - c. Other robberies include a group of young people accosting other youth and stealing small electronics, wallets, and jewelry.
  - d. Hot spots in North Precinct (NP) are University Way between NE 42nd and 50th Sts; Northgate around 200-500 block and the transit center; 3) Lake City around 125th & LCWay. NP is working with other SPD units to figure out how to use SPD resources to improve arrests.
  - e. For property crimes, overall it is down 14%. Burglaries are down 6%, car prowls down 28% in the last month, and car theft is down 28%. NP recently acquired a second license plate reader car to help find stolen cars.
  - f. A U District homicide and U District fraternity rape are both in active investigation.
  - g. Recent influx of car campers in NP. Frustrating, have limited tools to deal with it.
  - h. NP has helped with Shell Oil demonstration, collaborated with UW on animal lab demonstration.
  - i. Parks: extra patrols on Friday and Saturday nights at Golden Gardens this summer. Some indication that kids may be advertizing on the internet planned fights at Matthews Beach and Magnuson park and attracting a crowd to watch.
  - j. Still working on drug dealing on University Way. Have identified about 45 people

regularly selling drugs between NE 42-50 Sts.

3. Crime Prevention Report: vacant
  - a. Captain is trying hard to get the position filled quickly.
4. City Attorney's Office: Brendan Brophy
  - a. Collaborating on the U District problems, Shell Oil demonstrations. Working with SDOT, Mayor's office, SPD parking enforcement to see if there are any creative solutions to the uptick in car camping problem.
  - b. NPAC vice-president Pete Hanning suggested we all ask our city council district candidates what they plan to do about car camping.
  - c. Seeing some concentrations of marijuana retail and producer applications in the NP due largely to zoning restrictions: Lake City, Aurora Ave, East Fremont.
5. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office: Luke Larson
  - a. At the end of their prison sentence, violent sex offenders believed to be likely to reoffend can be involuntarily committed to the Special Commitment Center at McNeil Island. Conditional release can be granted at annual reviews by the court.
6. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent
  - a. Burglary detectives built a case against a guy for ID theft and burglary. When guy was put on WA most wanted list, tips came in. Shoreline police, DOC and SPD collaborated to investigate the tips. He was hiding in a Shoreline house. When officers came to arrest him, he and his girlfriend were in the midst of using drugs. Both were arrested.
7. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
  - a. This month's handout is *Keeping the Block Going* (attached).
  - b. More details about the July 11 Precinct picnic near Ballard Commons during Ballard Seafood Fest will be sent out later.
  - c. Remember to register your block's Seattle August 4th Night Out. Do so at <http://www.seattle.gov/police/nightout/>
  - d. Officer Joe Bender is the new U District CPT officer while Officer Mike Lanz is coordinating strategizing for U District's current issues.
  - e. Sunday June 7 family shelter Mary's Place is moving into its temporary home at the old Pi Bank on Aurora. Help moving is appreciated! More information on where and when to meet at <http://www.broadviewseattle.org/2015/05/30/marys-place-coming-to-n-130th-and-stone-ave-n-june-7th/>
  - f. Dianne is posting on NextDoor. When she posts she can see comments below, otherwise she can't see neighbors' posts. There were a lot of nice comments below her first post.
8. Liquor Control Board: Paul Vanderwulp - no report
9. Member Organization Profile - Marty Hartman, from Mary's Place, family shelter
  - a. Excited to be moving to Aurora and 130th on Sunday. Will be open from 5 pm - 8

am. Two floors have a capacity of 100 each. Day center is at 9th & Stewart; bus will be available to go between the two locations. Goal is for the 3rd and 4th floors to be future resources centers.

- b. Mary's place helps families get the things they need to move forward and get housing.
- c. Welcomes volunteers from the neighborhood! It conducts orientations and background checks. See <http://www.marysplaceseatle.org/> for more information. All kinds of work, like tutoring, handing out diapers, bring a meal, etc.
- d. Please let staff know if you see problems once it is up and running.
- e. Will throw a party later in the summer.

#### 10. Committee Reports

- a. Issues: Curtis Gehrke
- b. Membership: Michael Cuadra - please give Michael any roster changes.

#### 11. Old Business - none

#### 12. New Business - Elections and ratifications.

- a. Here are the NPAC officers for the coming year:
  - i. Inga Manskopf - president
  - ii. Pete Hanning - vice-president
  - iii. Nancy Rauhauser - secretary
  - iv. Katy Dwyer - treasurer
- b. Here are the board-appointed positions ratified by the council:
  - i. Curtis Gehrke - issues
  - ii. Michael Cuadra - membership
  - iii. Steve Daugherty - at-large
  - iv. Ruedi Risler - at-large
  - v. Pete Rogerson - at-large
  - vi. Doug Thiel - at-large

#### 13. Next Month's Agenda

- a. No meeting July or August

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.