



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2016

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The monthly NPAC meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Inga Manskopf presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation Speaker: Karmen Schuur, SPD Research Intern
 - a. Karmen is a grad student at Seattle University. A Seattle Police Foundation grant is funding grad students to help with the micro community policing plans.
 - b. Focus of policing over the decades:
 - i. 1920s - 60s - increased professionalism
 - ii. Late 60s - 70's - Vietnam War era, continued reforms which laid the foundation of community policing
 - iii. mid 80s - today - community policing practices increased, community-based strategies, crime prevention, reciprocal relationship between police and citizens
 - c. Seattle is made up of distinct neighborhoods with distinct characters, demographics, and public safety issues, so community based policing is a good strategy, consisting of:
 - i. Community engagement
 - ii. Prioritization of crime and safety issues based on residents' concerns
 - iii. Neighborhood-based people solving strategies
 - iv. Generate targeted solutions using city agencies and community stakeholders to solve ongoing quality of life issues
 - d. Implementation of community policing involves:
 - i. The precinct commanders
 - ii. Community Police Teams
 - iii. Crime Prevention Coordinators
 - iv. Patrol and bike squads
 - v. Outreach by the Seattle U interns like Karmen
 - vi. Use of social media like NextDoor, Facebook, Twitter
 - e. The process includes:
 - i. Community meetings
 - ii. Monthly meetings with city agencies
 - iii. Crime prevention education of the public in various forums
 - iv. Patrols making rounds

- v. Review via focus groups and surveys
 - f. Resources:
 - i. 911 for emergencies
 - ii. Online reporting of certain crimes - <http://www.seattle.gov/police/report>
 - iii. Community Police Team to focus on long-term, and often chronic problems- <http://www.seattle.gov/police/precincts/north/cpt.htm>
 - iv. Seattle U interns can speak at community meetings
 - v. Find It, Fix It- a mobile app for reporting illegal dumping, potholes, etc: <http://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app>
 - vi. Online 911 map and police report viewing system for crime data: <http://web6.seattle.gov/mnm/incidentresponse.aspx>
 - g. North precinct has twelve community policing plans, each tuned to its unique issues.
 - i. Some of our named neighborhoods are combined into a plan, and some plans are for one neighborhood alone. For instance, Fremont has a plan of its own, but the Northgate plan includes Haller Lake, Pinehurst, and North College Park
 - ii. All the plans are available at <http://www.seattle.gov/police/mcpp>
 - h. Future plans
 - i. Partnership with Department of Planning and Development to deal with nuisance properties
 - ii. Focus groups on identity theft
 - iii. Continued partnership with city agencies and social media outlets
 - iv. Spring/summer - geo-based focus groups
 - v. Deliver to SPD results of the recent city-wide public safety survey
 - vi. Draw up maps of each neighborhood for central administration
 - i. Other cities implementing micro community policing plans have had mixed results. Middle management support is critical. *It is also important to report every crime so police can use data to target staff on the right issues and areas in the neighborhoods.*
2. Precinct Update: Captain Sean O'Donnell/Lt. David Sweeney
- a. Priorities
 - i. Limited resources - need to recruit new officers (it takes a year to hire and train an officer) to fill vacancies.
 - ii. University Way project is still a priority, to keep the drug dealers off the street. Tight budget and limited staff, but hope to continue some of the emphasis.
 - iii. Lower Ballard emphasis continues; there were further successes in December getting RVs moving.
 - b. Hired a second 2nd watch commander, Dave Fitzgerald, to cover west side of I-5. This is an improvement over having just one for the whole area.
 - c. An administrator was hired for use of force reporting required by the DOJ settlement agreement. The agreement requires an early warning system to track

use of force, and trigger intervention and training for at-risk officers. For information about this, see: <http://www.seattle.gov/police-manual/title-3---employee-welfare/3070---early-intervention-system>

- d. Our Crime Prevention Coordinator was hired! See section 3 below.
 - e. The multiple car-jacking, car chase incident in December that ended at NE 65th St and 35th Ave NE took 11 officers off the street during the investigation who had to be backfilled. All but three are back. Nine cars were taken out of service due to collision or bullet damage.
 - f. Update on the 1311 N 79th St house that we heard about in December when a large group of neighbors attended NPAC: SPD is watching it closely, and involving other city agencies. SPD is meeting with neighbors to work on the problem.
 - g. Seattle Department of Transportation data show during 2012 - 2015 there were 12,000 car crashes in the north precinct. Northgate Way and Corliss intersection had the most (53). For pedestrians and bikes, Roosevelt at 42nd and at 45th were the worst intersections, each having 6 incidents. Contact Lt. Dave Sweeney at david.sweeney@seattle.gov if you want the data. *Maps attached.*
3. Crime Prevention Report: Mary Amberg
 - a. Mary is from Detroit. She went to Seattle Pacific University and has worked in SPD for three years.
 - b. Currently she's in training and will start meeting folks in February. Stay tuned for her contact info. In the meantime, continue to contact Sgt. Dianne Newsom if needed.
 4. City Attorney's Office: Brendan Brophy - no report
 5. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office: Amanda Froh
 - a. They have a Facebook page. 'Like' it if you're on Facebook! Even if you don't use Facebook, you can see it here: <https://www.facebook.com/kcprosecutor>
 - b. In December, Drug Court received the CJ Taylor Award from SAMA. The court is 21 years old. It provides non-violent offenders the opportunity to enroll in drug treatment programs rather than go to prison. So far it's saved taxpayers \$95 million.
 6. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent - no report
 7. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
 - a. Thanked us for all the socks collected in 2015: 3087 socks, 63 scarves, 133 hats, 110 gloves, 6 coats, 1 blanket. Will start delivering them in a couple weeks.
 - b. This month's handout is on door-to-door sellers. *Attached.*
 8. Liquor and Cannabis Board: Paul Vanderwulp - no report
 9. Member Organization Profile: Ravenna Bryant, by Inga Manskopf

- a. Boundaries: NE 45th St to NE 75th St, and 25th Ave NE to 15th Ave NE
- b. Affluent neighborhood, highly educated (maybe due to proximity to UW)
- c. In the last 10 years a lot of families with young kids have moved in, and there has been more ethnic diversity in the last 5 years.
- d. Anticipating increased density; the council is thinking about what kind of input is possible with the city on transit issues, etc.
- e. Pedestrian safety is a big issue, as well as residential burglary and drunk driving. Roosevelt High School has the 2nd most underage drinking and drug use (Ballard is 1st).

10. Committee Reports

- a. Membership: Michael Cuadra - please give Michael any roster changes.
- b. Focus Groups
 - i. Social Services
 - 1. Drafted and getting ready to send out an advocacy letter to the Mayor asking for clarification on what to expect from SPD when officers respond to homeless and mental health calls, and how can SPD draw in other city agencies to help.
 - 2. Mike Cuadra is testing interest in a needle cleanup program. At last month's meeting there were concerns about hypodermic needles littering our neighborhoods. If we provided training on safe pickup of needles and where to dispose, and if the Masonic Lodge gave us a grant to buy kits (sharps container, grabber), **would your community participate? Please poll your communities and let Mike - mccuadra@msn.com - know who is interested.** Target training would be end of February.
- c. Issues: Curtis Gehrke introduced City Council District 5 Councilperson Debora Juarez

11. Old Business

- a. Clarification about NextDoor social media - SPD can post on the neighborhood sites, but SPD does not browse the posts, so if you want an officer to see a particular post, you must contact him/her to alert them.
- b. Regarding a recent Seattle Times article by FYI Guy on 911 call response times - <http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/data/how-long-is-too-long-to-wait-after-calling-911> - Seattle has an aggressive dispatch policy, which means if it is a high priority call and no one in the sector or precinct is available, an officer from elsewhere will respond. This may take time due to distance and traffic conditions. Currently the 911 dispatch center is short staffed. It is trying to improve, use overtime for the short term, and is doing a staffing study.

12. New Business - none

13. Next Month's Agenda

- a. Guests from Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness, and the Human Services Department will speak about the City and County's state of emergency regarding homelessness

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.