



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2016

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The monthly NPAC meeting began at 7:01 p.m. with Inga Manskopf presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Special Topic: Split of North Precinct into two precincts
 - a. Our scheduled speaker canceled at the last minute so we used the time to learn more about the split and to talk about the future of NPAC.
 - b. Plans are being made in the precinct to split out the area west of I-5 into a new Northwest Precinct. The increased span of control will provide better police services in the north end. The idea has been on the table for many years. The officers are looking forward to the change. The current budget has some funds for a new precinct. The split is not about politics, nor is it budgetary; it's about providing better service.
 - c. Captain Sean O'Donnell will command it. It will have 60% of the north end population. The North Precinct east of I-5 will have 40% of the population and it is projected that Lt. Greg Sackman, current Operations Lieutenant, will command it. There is no firm date yet for the split actually occurring.
 - d. For now the two precincts will reside in the current precinct building, hopefully with some space in a building across the street. For now, some units will be shared by both precincts, until separate staffing is fully funded. These include: Bike Unit, Community Police Team, City Attorney's Office Liaison, Anti-crime Unit.
 - e. Plans for the new precinct building on Aurora are on hold pending review. A location for a new North Precinct building east of I-5 is being considered. Preferred locations would be Lake City or University District. If you have any ideas, let SPD know.
 - f. Discussion about the effect of the split on North Precinct Advisory Council
 - i. Breaking into two councils would be good in that discussions would be more specific & local to member communities. But a benefit of the council to comprise both precincts is that there is power in numbers; we're a large group, and as such could have more voice.
 - ii. Meet together for part of meeting and then split into two groups? Would need a second room reservation.
 - iii. Consensus is to remain one council at least until the precincts actually

split, then revisit. Both precinct captains are willing to come to a joint meeting.

2. Precinct Update: Captain Sean O'Donnell/Lt. Greg Sackman

- a. YTD: While person crimes are only 2% up year-to-date from last year, property crimes are up a lot more. Non-residential burglary is up 23% YTD, car prowls are up 21% YTD, car theft up 6% YTD.
- b. Last month: No homicides. Three shots fired being investigated, but no injuries. Two rapes reported, one in Licton Springs Park where a woman ODeD in her car and two drug dealers attacked her, and the other was from 20 years ago.
- c. Increase in robberies, a continuing problem at Northgate Mall where assaults result from shoplifters being chased by security personnel.
- d. A coalition of Major Crimes Taskforce, UW Police, Dept of Corrections is focusing on areas that crime data show have a high density of crimes. Continued use of license plate reading gizmo helps track stolen cars.
- e. The mobile precinct truck is a great resource. Out in the community, people can stop by and talk to police. It can be moved to high crime areas to be a deterrent, or be set up during an emergent incident to be a command center. If you would like it in your area, contact Lt. Sackman at greg.sackman@seattle.gov.
- f. Response from member question about stolen bike chop shops - bike thefts are especially prevalent at UW. Some homeless encampments have piles of bikes and bike parts. SPD does walk-throughs of some encampments and officers can take action, such as getting serial numbers off bikes there. Tip #1: write down the serial number of your bike in case it gets stolen. Tip #2: priority of an issue is increased if numerous complaints are made of it, so use the Find It/Fix it app or call 206-684-CITY to report.

3. Crime Prevention Report: Mary Amberg

- a. Mary handed out information on how to deal with door-to-door sellers. Always ask to see their ID (through a window or peep-hole) before you open the door. There's an example of an ID in the handout. You can call the Seattle Regulatory Control & Consumer Protection Division at 206-233-0050 to verify if a license is legitimate. Any other questions about residential sellers, call the above number, or contact Inspector Ronald Halas at ronald.halas@seattle.gov. If you feel threatened by a seller (or even if you don't) you can call 911. Or you can call the non-emergency SPD number 206-625-5011.

4. City Attorney's Office: Brendan Brophy

- a. Remember the office has a monthly newsletter. You can read them at <http://www.seattle.gov/cityattorney/news/newsletters>

5. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office: Luke Larson

- a. The office got a grant to put a county prosecutor at the federal level so they can move prosecutions of some criminals to the federal level.

- b. SPU shooter is on trial currently.
6. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent
- a. Jeff recently suffered injuries while arresting someone who had an outstanding warrant. He won't be attending meetings for a while. We will send him a card.
7. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
- a. Handed out a flyer about our annual sock drive. Please ask your constituents to donate socks, gloves, scarves and hats, but mostly socks. We've collected almost 1100 socks so far. Bring them to the December NPAC meeting to try for a prize!
 - b. Consider donating a cell phone. SPD hands them out to domestic violence victims.
 - c. The Seattle U public safety survey is still going on. Please encourage folks to take it, at <http://publicsafetysurvey.org>
8. WA Liquor & Cannabis Board: Lucy Peterson, Paul Vanderwulp
- a. Office is still understaffed, trying to recruit more.
 - b. Focus is on public safety, keeping materials out of the hands of minors, etc.
 - c. They work a lot from complaints, so feel free to call about problem bars, etc.
 - d. LCB's jurisdiction doesn't include DUI traffic violations. State Patrol keeps statistics on that. KC Prosecutor's office is not seeing more DUI marijuana cases than before it was legal.
 - e. LCB does do education, such as reminding public that after they purchase marijuana, they cannot open the packages in public, nor use them in their vehicle.
 - f. SPD, due to more critical crimes, lists illegal marijuana consumption as a low enforcement priority crime. If a patrol is nearby, SPD will take action, such as for public drinking. Will also take action for narcotics use. However, no action can be taken if the officers don't actually see usage. And there are rules about probable cause.
 - g. Do call 911 if you see people using drugs or alcohol in public.
 - h. Lack of resources has some areas in backlog for action, but SPD has a cleanup scheduled for homeless and narcotics users under the Ballard Bridge.
9. Committee Reports
- a. Membership: Michael Cuadra - please give Michael any roster changes. Remember to check your name for attendance on the member sign-in sheet, or if your name isn't on it, to sign in on the visitor sign-in sheet.
 - b. Social Services Focus Group - The next meeting is November 30th, at 6pm at the North Precinct. Sgt Dan Nelson from the Crisis Intervention Team will attend. The group is researching several issues to see where it wants to pursue advocacy.
 - c. Issues: Curtis Gehrke - SPD has 8 recruitment classes going, with about 7 people in each one.

10. Business, Old and New

- a. Crime Prevention Coordinator Mary Amberg was given kudos for her excellent meeting with a condo association, and we were encouraged to seek out her services.

11. Next Month's Agenda

- a. In December we will have a social, so please bring snacks to share. And like last year we will have poster sessions to document and discuss current priorities, issues and concerns. And bring socks!

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.