



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2017

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

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation Speaker: Sgt Dianne Newsom, North Precinct Community Police Team
 - a. CPT focuses on the long-term, and often chronic, problems specific to individual neighborhoods. It uses creative problem solving, and direct interaction between police and community to tackle problems, as opposed to just going out and making arrests.
 - b. CPT partners with other organizations to solve problems, such as SDOT, social services, the railroads, churches.
 - c. Each CPT member has a neighborhood assignment. It is their job to know the residents in troubled apartments, to recognize by sight, the "regulars" who congregate on the corner, and to understand the ongoing problems and concerns of neighbors and businesses. Residents and business owners get to know and trust the officers, making it easier to work together to resolve and prevent problems.
 - d. CPT is about understanding ongoing issues that go back weeks and months and taking steps to prevent problems before they arise.
 - e. Each CPT officer introduced himself and said a few words about his area. Currently a major issue is homelessness; by rough estimate 45% of their time is working with Multidisciplinary Outreach Teams (MDOT) on camp cleanups. About 10% of their time is spent being deployed at various demonstrations, and about 40% is doing other neighborhood CPT work.
 - f. CPT participates in the Living Room Conversations program, so you can get one to come to a meeting. <http://www.seattle.gov/police/community/livingroom.htm>
 - g. Sometimes the problems take a long time to address because of the collaborations with other department, legal requirements, and red tape.
 - h. Captain Sackman asserted that the North Precinct's CPT is the best, hardest working in the city.
 - i. CPTs get the problems to work on by hearing from residents, so feel free to call your officer! A contact list and an assignment map are attached. They can also be found at <http://www.seattle.gov/police/precincts/north/CPT.htm>

2. Precinct Update: Captain Greg Sackman
 - a. In 2016, compared to 2015, crime spiked in January and February but was lower in November and December, for an overall 1% rise in crime over 2015.
 - b. The Skywatch elevated police tower used over the holiday at Northgate Mall paid off - there was an over 50% crime reduction there from 2015. Would like to use it at other malls, like U Village, next year.
 - c. Ballard crime is less now, but U District is still a hot spot, where more officers are being sent, but staffing continues to be a problem.
 - d. There were seven attempted ATM cash machine thefts in November and December. Evidence at the scenes should soon lead to some arrests.
 - e. Rape is up all over the city. In the North Precinct most are by people known to the victim, and are in the U District. Rape by a stranger is very rare.
 - f. Compared to other precincts, which have their own signature problems, North Precinct's is car prowling and car theft, along with burglary. Some undercover work is being done, but it is not publicized for obvious reasons.
 - g. One strategy for getting more police resources is for the public to advocate for them. Obviously SPD repeatedly makes the case for resource needs to the City, but adding public requests is very helpful. It would be great to have more Community Police Team officers in NP, so ask the Mayor and City Council for more. Ask for more bike teams; it would be good to have one on the night shift.
 - h. Splitting the precinct into two is still on hold by the Mayor and City Council due to funding issues.
3. Crime Prevention Report: Mary Amberg
 - a. There are three crime prevention coordinators; the plan is to hire two more.
 - b. If you have ideas for what you would like the CPC to do, please let Mary know by emailing her at mary.amberg@seattle.gov.
4. City Attorney's Office: Brendan Brophy
 - a. CAO is working on putting together a pre-filing diversion program. This is an alternative to prosecution for qualifying non-violent offenders that benefits the public and the offender. Offenders that enter the program are supervised by this office while they complete the conditions of their agreement, with the intention of deterring future criminal behavior.
 - b. This is Brendan's last meeting; he's moving to New York. Thank's, Brendan, for your work on North Precinct issues with SPD, and good luck on the other coast!
5. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office: Amanda Froh
 - a. The office got a \$1 million grant for data-driven prosecution, which is a trend in large urban areas. There will be two new prosecutors, and there is also a paralegal and a crime analyst. The team, called Crime Strategies Unit, will focus on violent firearms crimes. Amanda did not cite this article, and I don't know if it is the model her office is using, but it does explain the concept of data-driven prosecution:

https://nnscommunities.org/uploads/Prosecution_White_Paper_0908.pdf

- b. In November the SPU shooter was convicted.
6. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent
 - a. Jeff is recovering after his on-the-job injury, but hasn't returned to work yet.
7. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
 - a. Semi-final sock drive count is: 3871 socks, 94 gloves, 184 hats, 48 scarves, 7 blanket and 3 coats. Dianne pointed out that handing out the clothing makes a good, positive connection with communities.
8. WA Liquor & Cannabis Board: Ken Neville
 - a. LCB welcomes our complaints and comments, and use them to follow up where needed. Their website is: <http://lcb.wa.gov/>. Click on the Report a Violation box. Complaints can be made anonymously.
 - b. Currently LCB is getting complaints about marijuana store signs. There are rules about how many signs may be on a building, and where attention grabbing signs and sign spinners may be located.
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership: Michael Cuadra - please give Michael any roster changes.
 - b. Focus Groups - Social Services committee will meet January 25th. Contact Ruedi Risler if you'd like to go, or join the committee: risler@u.washington.edu
10. Business, Old and New
 - a. Inga briefly reviewed comments made at December's poster session (which we sent out with December's minutes). She reiterated, regarding the question about what NPAC members can do to be a bridge between law enforcement and the community; that we can share the information we get at NPAC meetings with our communities; and we can invite Mary Amberg, our Crime Prevention Coordinator, to come talk at neighborhood meetings.
 - b. Intern Jessica Chandler says updated micro community policing plans will be coming out in the next couple months. <https://www.seattle.gov/seattle-police-department/mcphp>
 - c. Doug Thiel is 'retiring' from NPAC. He was a seminal member in the mid '80s. Thanks, Doug, for your participation all these years!
 - d. NPAC meeting room rental is increasing from \$30 to \$50, and parking will go from free to \$3, so a new venue is being sought. The parking permits handed out today are good only through March for this reason. If you have any ideas, please let Michi know at Michi.Tolmie@seattle.gov. Best would be somewhere in the middle of the precinct. Community centers, churches, any ideas are welcome.
11. Next Month's Agenda
 - a. Brad Finegood will speak about Seattle & King County Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Task Force recommendations. We'll send out the Powerpoint

slides with the agenda. Due to the charged nature of the topic, please send any questions before the meeting to spd.npac@gmail.com.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.