



## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2017

Recorded by Nancy Rauhauser

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

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation Speaker: Scott Lindsay, Public Safety Advisor to Mayor Murray, on Seattle's Navigation Team, with Sgt Eric Zerr and Jackie St Louis, outreach coordinator.
  - a. In February 2017 the mayor activated the Emergency Operations Center to accelerate and coordinate the City's response to the homelessness crisis in Seattle
    - i. Goal: quickly provide shelter to unsheltered
    - ii. Goal: launch the Navigation Team, specially trained outreach workers and Seattle Police officers, to offer support services to people living unsheltered
    - iii. Goal: pick up trash and remedy public health hazards
  - b. Nav Team is a coordinated effort, including 8 SPD officers and a sergeant, and case workers. Also, 69 organizations and entities that the team can refer folks to
  - c. This is a short term effort; the long-term challenge is to have affordable housing in Seattle
  - d. Nav Team goes to illegal encampments and talks to folks, to offer services
  - e. In two months: 438 unsheltered people have been contacted; 65% accepted some type of service; 32% were referred to other living arrangements; 61 referred to 3 new managed encampments
  - f. Sometimes get encampments closed and trash hauled away - 1,750 tons (3.5 million pounds) removed in 2 months, including
    - i. 1.39 tons of trash from NE 65th & Ravenna
    - ii. 1.88 tons by the express lanes of I-5 from 45th Ave NE to 50th Ave NE
  - g. RVs under bridges are a big problem - frequent fires; fires burn hot and do damage to infrastructure
  - h. If you see encampments or dangerous situations
    - i. If it is emergent, call 911
    - ii. If it is chronic, call 206-684-CITY, Customer Service Bureau
    - iii. Can try using the Find It, Fix It app but someone commented that she was told, when she used it, that it was not an appropriate use of FIFI.
    - iv. If needles on public property are reported, city should come pick up within 24 hours

- v. If no response in reasonable time, complain to the mayor's office
  - i. Q&A - SPD doesn't talk much about efforts to go after heroin dealers because they don't want to compromise investigations, but there is police activity on that
  - j. Q&A - Right now it's emergency mode, but goal is to provide permanent structures and to keep coordinating with all partners to get solutions
2. Precinct Update: Captain Sean O'Donnell/Lt Kevin Grossman
- a. Noted the Navigation Team frees up NP officers to do patrols, etc.
  - b. April crime dashboard shows NP crime down 9% from last year, year to date
    - i. Sex offenses up 6% (4 YTD), no pattern in NP. An arrest has been made for the woman who was assaulted in Ravenna.
    - ii. Domestic aggravated assault is up. DV is hard for SPD to prevent. The DV unit is trying to help educate people, and there is a mandatory arrest State law.
    - iii. Car prowls are up 9%, hot spots are still Green Lake, U District, Bitterlake/Greenwood. Emphasis patrols still happening in U District. City is trying to keep arrested in jail til trial since they tend to resume car prowling when released
    - iv. Car theft is down 26%
  - c. During March SPD made 2,279 on-view contacts. In April, 1879. This is from patrolling, not responding to 911 calls. Patrol officers ARE out there keeping their eyes out
  - d. Though there have been some officers who left, NP has had a net gain of two officers
  - e. SPD participated in a Find It, Fix It Community Walk with the Mayor in Pinehurst. Lots of city department heads walked along. On the walk, SPD learned of an 8 year old whose bike was stolen, so a business (Uncle Mike's BBQ) and SPD bought her a new one
  - f. Adding one more officer to NP Community Police Team, splitting the U District into two areas. Mike Lanz was added, and will continue to work U District
3. Crime Prevention Report: Mary Amberg
- a. August 1 is the annual Seattle Night Out. Registration for your block parties starts May 8. Go to [www.seattle.gov/police/nightout](http://www.seattle.gov/police/nightout) for more information. If you want police to come to your event, ask Mary.Amberg@seattle.gov or Dianne.Newsom@seattle.gov.
4. City Attorney's Office: Meagan Westphal
- a. This is our new liaison's first NPAC meeting. Meagan is a North Precinct native; has worked 9 years for the city.
  - b. City Council funded 1 attorney and 1 admin to deal with domestic violence prosecutions
  - c. Domestic violence law has a loophole - must surrender weapons, but there is no follow-up to make sure they do

5. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office: Amanda Froh
  - a. Elder abuse is almost epidemic; working on legislation to protect vulnerable elders, to toughen laws for theft from vulnerable adults.
  - b. Coordinated effort with social services, SPD, prosecuting attorney to work on elder abuse
6. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent - no report
7. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
  - a. North Precinct picnic will be July 8, 1-4 pm. It is moving back to the precinct building! We are encouraged to sign up for community and social services booths at the picnic. And there will be a box to collect socks, of course
8. WA Liquor & Cannabis Board: Paul Vanderwulp
  - a. Recruitment efforts are succeeding; staff is increasing,
  - b. Going to fraternity parties to check on them
9. Committee Reports
  - a. Membership: Michael Cuadra - please give Michael any roster changes.
  - b. Focus Groups - Social Services group sent advocacy letter to Mayor and City Council asking for Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program to be added to North Precinct. The City budget will be voted on in November so now is a good time to send advocacy letters. We will send out some advocacy letters to NPAC in hopes you and your organizations will use them as templates to contact the mayor and council.
  - c. Issues: Curtis Gehrke - none
10. Business, Old and New
  - a. June will be Jessica Chandler's last month working with SPD. She helped update the micro-community policing plans, and helped with the 2016 public safety survey.
  - b. In June we will hold elections for next year's NPAC officers. If you would like to nominate someone, please email [spd.npac@gmail.com](mailto:spd.npac@gmail.com). We will take final nominations at the June meeting and at that time vote. So far the nominating committee has nominated:
    - i. Steve Dougherty for president
    - ii. Katy Dwyer for vice-president
    - iii. Nancy Rauhauser for secretary
    - iv. Pete Hanning for treasurer of our \$1
  - c. U District Partnership awarded its 2016 Public Safety Employer of the Year Award to our NP Captain Sean O'Donnell

11. Next Month's Agenda

- a. We will hear from Angela Socci, about the Community Service Officer (CSO) program coming back to SPD.
- b. NPAC officer elections; NPAC executive board at-large member ratification

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.