



SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

Expanding Communication between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 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: Angela Socci, SPD, on planning for reintroduction of the SPD Community Service Officer (CSO) program
 - a. This program will employ civilian unarmed but uniformed SPD employees trained to respond to low-level calls, such as minor property crimes, landlord-tenant disputes, runaway kids, emergency services and “nuisance” crimes like public intoxication. It will help regular officers be more available to respond to 911 calls and patrol the streets.
 - b. It was part of SPD from 1971 to 2004, but it was ended due to budget cuts. Many of the duties have been absorbed by SPD police officers. In 2016 SPD asked city council to restore it and it did, with a \$2 million budget for 2017-18.
 - c. This year is the planning stage, with community outreach to ask citizens what they want CSOs to do and what skills and knowledge they want them to have. Planning will also include asking SPD staff what their ideas are, and reaching out to existing groups such as the Victim Support Team to make sure duties aren’t redundant, and/or they dovetail. The plan is due to be completed by December.
 - d. Next year most of the \$2 million budget will go for hiring, training and deploying the 15 or so staff. It hasn’t been decided whether the staff will be centralized or assigned within precincts.
 - e. Angela led a brainstorming session to collect suggestions for what we’d like CSO duties to be, and what skills and knowledge we’d like them to have.
 - f. If you would like to give more feedback on the CSO program, please contact Angela Socci at Angela.Socci@seattle.gov.
2. Precinct Update: Captain Sean O’Donnell
 - a. Crime statistics
 - i. Person crimes year-to-date (YTD) are up 1% compared with last year, with a couple categories up more:
 1. Sex offences are up 12% YTD. North Precinct rates are higher than other precincts for some reason. No patterns have been identified,

and no repeat suspects. SPD is watching closely for patterns. It is actively following numerous tips on the assault that took place last week in the U District by an older bearded man.

2. Aggravated domestic assault (DV) is up 25% YTD. That's 16 more incidents than last year by this time. Detectives are looking for patterns. It's hard to act on these crimes. Educating people about DV is one way to try to reduce the likelihood.
 - ii. Overall, property crimes are down 9% YTD
 1. Residential burglary is down 19%, commercial burglary is down 28%, larceny theft (walking away with your property as opposed to breaking into your house to burglarize) is down 7%, and auto theft is down 27%.
 2. Car prowling is up 5%. This can be reduced with education - do not leave things in your car, especially in plain sight. And if you put stuff in your trunk, do it before you park so anyone watching won't see what you're doing.
 - iii. Summer means longer days and more people out and about, and that typically means more crime.
 - b. Q&A - neighbors from Greenlake came to the meeting to ask for help with a chronic problem house. Captain O'Donnell promised to have staff look into it.
 - c. Q&A - a resident near Sunset Hill Park asked for help with chronic illegal activities. Captain O'Donnell promised to have staff look into it.
3. Crime Prevention Report: Mary Amberg
 - a. Annual Night Out is August 1st. You can register your event and apply for a Small Sparks grant to fund it (such as paying for music, food, etc.) here: <http://www.seattle.gov/police/community-policing/night-out>
 - b. SPD's evidence warehouse has rows of nice bikes waiting to be returned to owners they were stolen from. Remember to copy down your bike's serial number so you can identify it if it gets stolen.
 - c. If you have a personal safe in your home, bolt it to the ground so a thief can't carry it away. In the event that it is not bolted and it is stolen but discarded when the thief can't open it, put your name and contact info inside it so SPD can return it to you.
 - d. Consider using Crime Stoppers' app, P3 Tips, on your PC or smartphone to anonymously send in crime tips. See <https://www.p3tips.com>. You can also call in tips 24/7 by phone at 1-800-222TIPS. Crime Stoppers' website is Crimestoppers.com.
 - e. Seattle University is holding neighborhood crime and safety focus groups as part of Micro-Community Policing Plans. Flyer attached with upcoming dates for meetings in Greenwood, Lake City, Northgate, Phinney Ridge, Roosevelt/Ravenna and Sandpoint.

4. City Attorney's Office: Meagan Westphal
 - a. Law update: now a 4th DUI in 10 years is a felony.
 - b. Law update: now a 3rd misdemeanor domestic violence assault is a felony.
 - c. Prevention Works in Seattle (WINS) is a northeast Seattle community coalition formed in 2006 to put programs and strategies into place to reduce underage drug and alcohol use rates. See <http://www.preventionworksinseattle.org> for coalition activities, parental tips, what you can do, and more.
 - d. City Attorney Pete Holmes spoke briefly.
 - i. He explained how the CAO liaison is a conduit between his office and the precinct. The liaison helps troubleshoot community concerns.
 - ii. He mentioned that city council funded a firearm surrender program that helps make sure people who are supposed to relinquish firearms (like domestic violence offenders) actually do it, which was formerly a hole in the system - actual enforcement was lacking. They are now trying to make the program regional.
5. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office: William Doyle
 - a. The office is working on the data driven prosecution model, focusing on high profile offenders, especially car theft and burglary. Where formerly those two crimes were prosecuted by separate units, it is now one unit since the criminals often do both crimes. While the office wants to offer opportunities for treatment, sometimes it is best for prolific offenders to be taken out of the community for a while via prison, so it has a two-pronged approach.
 - b. If you see a crime or something suspicious, call 911. It helps get data in the system for prosecuting prolific offenders.
6. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent - no report, but has been seen post-injury
7. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
 - a. The precinct picnic is July 8, 1-4 pm. If your community group or social service would like an information table, please let Dianne know, Dianne.Newsom@Seattle.gov. It is back at the precinct this year. If we bring at least 10 pairs of socks, MC Dianne promises not to tell her (corny) jokes.
 - b. Q&A - complaint about being put on hold or disconnected when calling the non-emergency number. 911 is training 25 new operators, so response should improve.
8. WA Liquor & Cannabis Board - officer present, but nothing to report
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership: Michael Cuadra - please give Michael any roster changes and see him if you are a visitor and would like to become a regular member so you can just check your name on the member sign-in sheet.

- b. Focus Groups - Social Services sent a letter to the mayor and city council advocating for expansion of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program to the north precinct. Note: City Atty's Office rep Meagan announced that plans are being made to do that.
- c. Issues: Curtis Gehrke - no report

10. Business, Old and New

- a. Elections
 - i. NPAC officer elections were held with these results:
 1. President - Steve Dougherty
 2. Vice President - Katy Dwyer
 3. Secretary - Nancy Rauhauser
 4. Treasurer - Pete Hanning
 - ii. NPAC executive board at-large members nominated by the officers and ratified by the council are as follows:
 1. Linda Weedman
 2. Pete Rogerson
 3. Elizabeth McCoury
 4. Inga Manskopf
 - iii. Chairs of standing committees remain the same:
 1. Membership - Michael Cuadra
 2. Issues - Curtis Gehrke
 - iv. Thank you Inga Manskopf for your leadership as president this past year!
- b. NPAC neighborhood communications study
 - i. Barry Luke proposed a study to collect information on how our neighborhood groups are spreading public safety information, including information from SPD specifically, and what the challenges are in this endeavor. In July NPAC members will get an email about the study with instructions on how to volunteer to be interviewed. The result will be a report that we and others may be useful for helping improve communications.
- c. Rudy Pantoja passed on former north end officer Doug Brown's son's thanks to the community for its esteem for him. Doug recently died out of state.

11. Next Month's Agenda

- a. We won't meet again until September. Stay tuned for information about our new meeting location. It will remain the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.