



SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

Expanding Communication between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2017

Recorded by Linda Weedman for Nancy Rauhauser

The monthly NPAC meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Steve Dougherty presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation Speaker: Detective Chris Brownlee, on describing his role as Nightlife Coordinator and the function of the Joint Enforcement Team (JET)
 - a. His position is full time as Nightlife Coordinator as SPD uniformed officer and there are a total of three officers assigned to the Joint Enforcement team.
 - b. The team is a co-compliance policy team with SPD, Mayor's office, City Council, Finance Administrative Services Department, and others to determine issues and methods to resolve problems arising from nightlife activities in the City. This coordination also includes a Code Compliance Team of Department heads.
 - c. Focus of efforts is coordination with others and not simply enforcement but rather training and education from a shared perspective with nightlife businesses' because of complex, rules and regulations.
 - d. Goal of these efforts is to assure nightlife business security staff have knowledge of methods to employ best-practices professionally and provide for safe enjoyment of nightlife activities as well as problem solving with other groups and the community.
 - e. Pete Henning praised the training but would like to see on-line training for nightlife business security staff of approximately three hours instead of the 5 hour course on Sundays.
 - f. Those who would like to have more information on the function of the team and training offered please contact Det. Chris Brownlee at: christopher.brownlee@seattle.gov.
2. Precinct Update: Captain Sean O'Donnell:
 - a. Captain introduced Lt. David Fitzgerald as his acting Operations Lt.
 - b. Crime statistics
 - i. While there is a relatively low rate of person crimes aggravated assault and domestic violence assaults still need focus. There were 2 homicides with arrests made.
 - ii. Property crimes remain somewhat contained but car prowls are a priority concern. Robbery was up 1% but 2 months ago it was up 10%. Car prowls are down to 6% from 10 %.
 - c. Homelessness remains a concern on right of ways, parks and vehicle right of ways with areas of emphasis including U District for car prowls and burglary, Aurora with

vice-team, Lower Ballard with camping in Commons Park and Shilshole with RV Camping and Woodland Park west of Woodland Way with encampments.

3. Crime Prevention Report: Mary Amberg
 - a. There have been 30 new “Block Watches” established.
 - b. There were 122 security assessments conducted.
 - c. School opening is announced with safe walking in school zones addressed by speeding in school zone ticket set at \$234.
 - d. New housing of 100 units at the Magnuson/Sand Point area.
4. City Attorney’s Office: Meagan Westphal
 - a. Firearms recovery June 15th to September 75 guns compared to 150 over course of year last year.
 - b. 139 arrested for seeking sex on Aurora with no diversion available.
 - c. Waiting for new funding for training officers on the LEAD program.
 - d. There is a new position for prosecuting impaired driving.
5. King County Prosecutor’s Office: Deputy Terra Moss ?
 - a. Public Defender is planning on expansion for North End.
 - b. LEAD Expansion is funded through King County Mental Health budget.
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Rudy reports that in order to expand the LEAD program we need to draft a letter for the Mayor and the Council to gain support to ask Budget Director for additional funding.
7. Community Police Team: Sgt. Dianne Newsom
 - a. Picnic was a success as was the reflexology and the great jokes told by Dianne. Next year there may be a chiropractor who wants to attend.
 - b. September marks the start of collecting socks, hats, gloves and blankets.
 - c. “Safe Place” outreach to businesses to sign up contact Sgt. Newsom by email.
8. Business Old and New: Steve Dougherty
 - a. Proposed change to the by-laws, Section 3.6, “Nomination of Officers” to read: Nominations shall be made in May with the election taking place in June, was approved by unanimous vote.
 - b. Also approved by unanimous vote was Rudy’s proposal to send letter to Mayor, Council and Budget Director to increase funding to expand the LEAD program.
 - c. There was unanimous support to thank Sgt. Dennis McCoy for his outstanding service.
 - d. SPD has reached out to the Magnuson/Solid Ground community groups by SPD joining the staff/tenants association. Plan on “living room conversations with Officer Beck.
 - e. Board resignations?
9. October 4 meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Lakeside School, Kent Evans Auditorium

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.