



SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

Expanding Communication between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

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Please share this information with your neighborhood and business organizations.

The monthly NPAC meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Katy Dwyer presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Special Guest: Seattle City Council Member Mike O'Brien, District 6
 - a. LEAD expansion
 - i. LEAD is King County's Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (<http://leadkingcounty.org>). It allows law enforcement officers to redirect low-level offenders engaged in drug or prostitution activity to community-based services, instead of jail and prosecution. This pre-booking program's goal is to improve public safety and public order, and reduce the criminal behavior of people who participate in the program.
 - ii. It's been used in a few Seattle neighborhoods, such as Belltown, but there is a desire to expand it to other neighborhoods, with the hope that it will eventually be city-wide.
 - iii. Council Member O'Brien is committed to work for LEAD expansion to North Seattle.
 - b. CSO Program
 - i. Community Service Officer program was started in the early 1970s and lasted around 35 years until budget cuts eliminated it in 2000. It has now been funded to start up again.
 - ii. CSOs do a variety of law enforcement-related community services work that do not require the enforcement authority of a sworn police officer. They are not armed. They will serve populations such as dysfunctional families, the homeless, disabled, runaway youth, and the elderly. They mediate disputes between family members, neighbors, landlords and tenants; provide basic counseling; make referrals to assisting agencies and programs; maintain a caseload of juvenile runaways; investigate reports of child abuse; participate in crime prevention activities, and prepare a variety of incident reports.
 - iii. There are no CSOs on the street yet, but the plan is for there to be one to two dozen initially. The hope is that they will be hired by July. Then they

will need to be trained.

- iv. It is still undecided whether CSOs will be assigned centrally and deployed across the city, or whether they will be assigned to a specific precinct.
- c. Question: Status of a) splitting North Precinct into two and b) getting a new precinct building?
 - i. O'Brien voted against the new building design, thinking it was too expensive.
 - ii. These two issues are back in the new mayor's court. There are a variety of options for splitting. The mayor would write a proposal and send it to City Council.
- d. Q: Who came up with the policy that the aggressive homeless should be coddled?
 - i. O'Brien does not share that policy. We should not be tolerant of harassment or aggressive behavior.
 - ii. The city is resource-challenged for dealing with the problem. Even as it is, over 50% of the city budget is on public safety. Uniformed officers are expensive.
 - iii. It would be good to have public safety personnel in parks with radios, who would engage individuals and show them what is expected. But it's not ok to criminalize homeless people.
 - iv. O'Brien wishes police could be at every hot spot. The city keeps trying to figure out how to use existing resources in the most effective way.
 - v. One local study showed that 98% of homeless would be willing to accept housing if it were adequate. The outreach approach can make a difference in how willing people are.
- e. Can't we do something about garbage and feces left by the homeless, such as providing sani-cans and garbage pickup?
 - i. Some City Council members advocated putting dollars in the budget for toilets. City Council is repeatedly asking the Mayor for her strategy. Public health is very important.

2. Special Presentation Speaker: Mark Bridge, Data Driven Policing Department

- a. Mark was hired in 2013 as a strategic advisor to SPD using empirical evidence through data to develop evidence based best practices. The department has expanded to a team of six. They are not police officers.
- b. Data is collected from 911 and officer-initiated reports, and online crime reports. It is mined and aggregated for internal use and for public scrutiny. Analysis is done on statistical, spatial, temporal, and socio-demographic data.
- c. The internal data is mined and aggregated and updated once a day.
- d. SeaStat is a bi-monthly meeting of SPD leadership to look at the internal data statistics for the purpose of determining where to focus on crime, such as problem locations, prolific offenders, repeat and vulnerable victims, etc.
- e. Principles are:
 - i. Accurate and timely information
 - ii. Effective tactics

- iii. Rapid deployment
 - iv. Follow-up and assessment
 - f. The public-facing Crime Dashboard is here: <https://www.seattle.gov/police/information-and-data/crime-dashboard>. You can group data by neighborhood, precinct, crime type, etc. Other dashboards with links on the same page include shots fired; bias crime; use of force; crisis contact and more.
 - g. The internal data also slices and dices the data for analysis.
 - h. It is important to report crimes so that the data SPD uses to determine tactics and officer deployment is accurate. PLEASE REPORT CRIMES for the database!
3. Precinct Update: Lt Abram Barker
- a. Captain O'Donnell met with the Ballard Alliance this month, and he attended the D5 forum.
 - b. Extra patrols at Magnuson Park and Golden Gardens start this week for the summer.
 - c. Crime statistics for the last 28 days compared to same timeframe in 2017:
 - i. Person crimes up 5%, representing 10% of the crimes reported
 - 1. Robbery up 12% (37 vs. 33 incidents)
 - 2. Aggravated assault - domestic violence up 21% (17 vs. 14)
 - 3. Every other category was about the same as last year
 - ii. Property crimes down 10%
 - 1. Burglary down 9% (13 fewer)
 - 2. Larceny-theft down 27% (95 fewer)
 - 3. Motor vehicle theft up 20% (101 vs. 84)
 - d. Seattle Rare Coins on Aurora was busted for fencing stolen property. Among others, Home Depot was getting robbed a lot and the stuff sold to that store for 10% of the retail value. Thousands of dollars a day were being transacted. May 18 three men were arrested; a lot of stolen goods of all kinds were found.
 - e. Since motor vehicle thefts are up so much, the Captain has asked for a third car to be outfitted with license plate reading equipment. This costs \$17 K.
4. Crime Prevention Coordinator: Mary Amberg
- a. Remember Seattle Night Out, the national crime prevention community block party event, is Tuesday, August 7th. You can register your block party at <http://www.seattle.gov/police/community-policing/night-out>. You can put your event on the map there, too. If you block off your street but don't register the event and someone complains, you are not protected from being cited for illegal something-or-other (notetaker forgets). If you'd like up to \$5000 Small Sparks grant to fund your event, the deadline to apply is June 26th. Information and application are here: <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf>
5. City Attorney's Office: Meagan Westphal
- a. Case in the news - the person who crashed his drone into the space needle on New

Years Eve 2017 pled guilty to reckless endangerment. It was the first such case in the country.

- b. Case in the news - someone who was on TV show Deadliest Catch assaulted an Uber driver in Ballard. He pled guilty.
 - c. Summer is known as the 100 deadliest days, which includes car crash fatalities. There are prosecutors dedicated to prosecuting impaired driving cases. Data show 38% of impaired driving are alcohol related. 62% are drug related. There is an increasing problem of multi-impairment instances, such as marijuana + alcohol. 63% of people polled do not think that marijuana impairs one's driving. Washington State's ARIDE program (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement) is on the lookout for not just alcohol impairment.
6. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office:
- a. A new unit started January 1st, a regional collaboration to enforce surrender of firearms mandated by civil protection orders. The law hasn't changed, but there was no funding to enforce surrender of the firearms until now. There are now dedicated prosecutor, advocate and investigators. The advocate helps victims with safety planning.
 - b. Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO) empower family, household members and law enforcement to petition the courts to prohibit a person experiencing a mental health crisis from purchasing or possessing firearms. An ERPO directs a person to surrender their firearms. It would be illegal to purchase or have control of firearms. It restrains the person from obtaining a concealed pistol license and orders them to surrender a license if they already have one. A family or household member or a law enforcement officer or agency may ask the court to issue an order by filing a petition. If you are not comfortable asking the court for an order, you can tell police about the situation and they can assist in the process. Just call the non-emergency SPD phone number.
7. Community Police Team: Sgt. Dianne Newsom
- a. Don't forget that CPT collects socks all year round for end-of-year disbursement to agencies. Bring them to an NPAC meeting or drop off at the precinct.
 - b. The North Precinct picnic is August 18 this year, at the precinct building.
 - c. Seattle participated in a narcotics investigation that resulted today in arrest of 35 people. Many pounds of various drugs and a lot of cash was seized.
 - d. Regarding ongoing investigations, Sgt. Newsom reminds us that if you call in suspicious behavior related to an investigation, she can't tell you about it. And if the suspicious person happens to be an undercover police agent, she can't tell you.
8. Committee Reports
- a. Membership: If you come regularly and would like to be on the member sign-in checklist instead of the visitor's list, please email spd.npac@gmail.com.
9. Business, Old and New

- a. NPAC officer elections were held for the coming year.
 - i. Officers
 - 1. President - Katy Dwyer
 - 2. Vice-president - Andrea Perr
 - 3. Secretary - Nancy Rauhauser (incumbent)
 - 4. Thank you to the outgoing officers for their good work.
 - ii. The officers asked the council to ratify its choices for executive board:
 - 1. Pete Rogerson (incumbent)
 - 2. Linda Weedman (incumbent)
 - 3. Curtis Gehrke (incumbent)
 - 4. Kurt Kapusozoglu
- b. Andrea Perr wishes it be known that she did not eat a cookie at the meeting this evening.

10. Next Month's Agenda

- a. This is the last meeting until September. Thank you for your participation this year. We hope to see you next session!
- b. It's likely that we will have a new meeting place next season; stay tuned - meaning next time we send an agenda please be sure to read the email! :)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.