



SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

Expanding Communication between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 2, 2019

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The monthly NPAC meeting began at 7:03 p.m. with Katy Dwyer presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Two candidates for City Council gave two minute thumbnails of themselves
 - a. Alex Petersen is running in District 4. He worked for Tim Burgess previously. Is running on accountability. Supports SPD and knows importance of public safety. For more information: <https://electalexpedersen.org/>
 - b. Kate Martin is running in District 6 to bring change and real ideas. Public safety is very important; she supports SPD; it's a tough job. For more information: <https://www.putkateonthecouncil.org/>
2. Special Presentation Speakers: Tracy Gillespie, Project Manager of North Precinct LEAD, and Seema Clifasefi, Associate Professor at UW
 - a. LEAD ([Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion](#)) was expanded to the North Precinct in July 2018. Right now it's only used for prostitution & drug possession, as a way to divert people to services instead of incarceration where there is no treatment for the problems.
 - b. LEAD is a coalition of law enforcement agencies, public officials, and community groups. It was started as a pilot in Belltown when the city found that there were racial disparities at the front end of the criminal justice system.
 - c. There are two ways a person can be diverted into LEAD
 - i. **Arrest alternative** - An SPD officer, at his/her discretion, can refer someone to LEAD instead of arresting for prostitution or drugs.
 - ii. **Social contact** - Someone can be referred to LEAD services for problems like addiction or mental illness.
 - d. Upon diversion, the person meets immediately with a case worker. Each participant gets interventions tuned to individual needs.
 - e. LEAD team meets twice a month. Case workers are in constant contact with law enforcement.
 - f. Seema Clifasefi did an evaluation of LEAD for its impact on recidivism, cost, and

housing, employment and income/benefits outcomes. See below, and www.leadbureau.org/evaluations

- i. Evaluation timeline was two years prior to a person's LEAD participation start date through July 2014. Were 202 LEAD participants and 114 controls (went through normal booking). 34% female, 80% homeless. Notable that in a city of 8% African American, 60% of study participants were African American.
 - ii. **Recidivism within 6 months** - Those who were in LEAD were 60% less likely to be rearrested within 6 months.
 - iii. **Recidivism longer-term** - LEAD participants were 58% less likely to be rearrested than controls. They were also 39% less likely to have a felony charge.
 - iv. **Costs** - LEAD participants showed greater reductions in costs associated with criminal justice and legal system utilization than controls (on average per year). \$2,100 less per year than controls.
 - v. **Housing, employment, income/benefits** - had data only for LEAD participants, not controls. Period studied was 10 months, starting one month prior to LEAD start. 89% got housing, 46% became employed, and 33% had increased income/benefits. Also saw that they were less likely to recidivate when they had housing and jobs.
 - vi. Q: is LEAD working with the tent encampment at the Northgate I-5 entrance ramp? Yes, the bike unit is making numerous referrals.
 - vii. Q: Detainment? LEAD must follow the law on that. If assets were to be refigured, it would be to provide more housing.
 - viii. Q: What are the causes of a person not succeeding in the LEAD program? It can take years for a person to get stable. Lack of resources causes instability.
 - ix. Q: The evaluation data is old (2014). How can we get accountability and information on the impact of LEAD that's more up to date? LEAD is one piece of the pie, not the entire answer. In 2018 there were 371 referrals, of which 155 were in the North Precinct, mostly in Ballard and Aurora. Need more resources to be sure it's having an impact.
3. Crime Prevention Coordinator: Mary Amberg
 - a. Mary's year-end totals are: Helped create 35 block watches; spoke at 79 community meetings; did 145 security assessments at homes and businesses.
 - b. With another CPC, will be developing a burglary prevention talk.
 - c. The Mental Health First Aid day-long class filled up in a day so another will be scheduled. If you're interested, contact Mary.Amberg@seattle.gov.
 4. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office: Amanda Froh
 - a. KC PA Dan Satterberg published a paper with Ronald Wright of Wake Forest University, 'Prosecution that Earns Community Trust'. This short report is both

aspirational and philosophical, and based on experience here in King County over the last decade. It was produced by The Institute for Innovation in Prosecution at John Jay College in New York. A summary is here:

<https://thecrimereport.org/2018/12/10/memo-to-the-nations-newest-prosecutors-re-think-your-adversarial-role/> and the whole report is here:

https://thecrimereport.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/IIP-Community_Trust-paper.pdf

- b. King County Council and Seattle funded a 5 year multidisciplinary effort to better respond to (and investigate any possible criminal cases) elder abuse. Elder abuse is underreported, so the effort will include more training.

5. Community Police Team: Sgt. Dianne Newsom

- a. Thanks for all the socks for the 2018 drive! Counts as of January 3:

<u>Hats</u>	<u>166</u>
<u>Kids Socks</u>	<u>230</u>
<u>Lady socks</u>	<u>805</u>
<u>Men socks</u>	<u>1752</u>
<u>Gloves</u>	<u>57</u>
<u>Scarfs</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>Crocheted Blankets</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Coats</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Miscellaneous clothes</u>	<u>22</u>

6. Business

- a. Membership: If you come regularly and would like to be on the member sign-in checklist instead of using the visitor's sign-in, please email spd.npac@gmail.com.

7. Precinct Update: Lt Abram Barker

- a. Captain O'Donnell will leave the North Precinct next month, to head up Traffic Division. Not sure who will replace him. He headed up NP almost 4 years, a long time, as things go in SPD.
- b. Year-end crime statistics:
 - i. Total person crimes up 4% in NP over 2017, but up 8% in city as a whole. There were 1371 in the database for NP. Please report all crimes!
 - ii. Total property crimes were 0% up from 2017, whereas in city overall they were down 1%. There were 13,386 in the database for NP. Please report all crimes!
 - iii. In the North Precinct, Northgate Mall area and Aurora had the most crime.

- iv. Response time in NP in 2018 for priority 1 calls was on average 6.62 minutes. The city average was about a minute less. Partly the difference is due to NP being a lot larger than the other precincts, and the precinct building location.
- v. North Precinct has 40% of Seattle's population, and 40% of the residential burglaries and 33% of the commercial burglaries.
- c. Nav Team will attempt to clean up the Northgate I-5 encampment this month. Success can be limited by lack of housing/shelter availability.
- d. NP has 139 patrol officers. Lt Barker says there is no target staffing number when asked how many vacancies there are. NP has 2% more officers than 2017.

8. Open Forum/Questions

- a. Q: You said there are only 12 shelter beds available for homeless. Why are any available at all? Beds are time-limited. People are coming and going all the time, so at any one time there may be vacancies. The Navigation Team has a percentage of the funded beds, not all of them.
- b. Q: Is NP using overtime to fill in patrols? Yes, almost every day. Officers are also pulled from Bike Patrol, and from Community Police Team if necessary. There are minimum staffing per shift rules that must be met. Using overtime routinely is sort of a new phenomenon.
- c. Q: Are the new CSOs (Community Service Officers) helping with staffing? There are none assigned to the North Precinct. They are only in the East Precinct at this time, as a pilot.
- d. Q: What's the latest on getting a new precinct building in NP? The first design has been scrapped after the objections of a couple years ago. The whole process has to be started over. Currently there pre-planning studies being done. It will probably be at least five years before there's a new precinct.
- e. Q: Is there any comingling of SPD with UW officers in their building? No, that was contemplated, but there is a computer available at a community center 5 blocks away for reporting, so that's enough.
- f. Q: Impact on staffing during the officer-involved shooting on Aurora New Years Eve? Yes, Officers stayed on scene after their watch ended, and pulled the downtown anti-crime team to help until they had to be sent back.
- g. Q: Any impacts of the CenturyLink telephone failure causing widespread 911 calls in Seattle? Haven't heard of any.

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 6, 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.