



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 neighbors and neighborhood and business organizations.

The monthly NPAC meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Kurt Kapusuzoglu presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation: City Council candidates in North Precinct
 - a. We invited all candidates from Districts 4, 5, & 6. By the time of the meeting, only one candidate was still coming, and another sent a statement to be read. The statement was read, the attending candidate gave a short platform presentation, and then there was a question and answer period.
2. Crime Prevention Coordinator: Mary Amberg - no report
3. City Attorney's Office: Meagan Westphal - no report
4. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office - no report
5. Community Police Team: Sgt. Dianne Newsom
 - a. Mary Amberg can come to your neighborhood and give a crime prevention class if you have a venue large enough for the people who want to attend. Contact her at Mary.Amberg@seattle.gov.
 - b. Wednesday, October 9, 6:00 - 7:30 pm Captain Sano is holding a North Precinct Aurora Community Crime Update. It's at Evergreen Washelli Chapel, 11111 Aurora Ave North. It will be a Q&A forum with SPD and other local agencies to discuss various issues that are affecting Aurora businesses and homeowners.
 - c. Crime prevention tips: don't leave laptops on a table by an open window. Lock windows and doors. At malls, don't leave packages visible in car, and don't leave your laptop or purse on the seat when you leave the car. Don't fall for Craigslist scams, such as home rentals where you are supposed to send a deposit and meet them for the key - scam!!!. Remember Social Security never phones you and asks for personal information - scam!!! Microsoft doesn't call to tell you your computer has a problem - scam!!!

- d. Remember the holiday sock drive. New socks, scarves, hats, coats, gloves are accepted. Drop them off at the precinct, 10049 College Way N, bring them to an NPAC meeting, or contact Dianne for pickup: Dianne.Newsom@seattle.gov.

6. Business

- a. Membership Chair Katy Dwyer announced that she is launching an outreach campaign to identify and invite new members to NPAC, especially from underserved communities. If you have suggestions, please email us at spd.npac@gmail.com
- b. 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.
- c. Please remember to NOT park in the Northaven stalls on the approach to the main door. Parking lots are yellow highlighted on the parking permit.
- d. During the summer when NPAC wasn't meeting, the Executive Board met. One topic discussed was our NPAC meeting place (this was when we were still searching for a new location.) We wrote a letter to Mayor Durkan and cc'ed Lorena Gonzalez, Chair of the City Council's Gender Equity, Safe Communities, New Americans & Education Committee while the Mayor was putting together her city budget proposal. It noted that the lack of a viable, long-term meeting place for NPAC was just one of many persistent problems posed by the outdated and inadequate North Precinct facility. We asked for the city's help to provide North Precinct's SPD with outreach to the community via a long-term meeting place. If you would like to read the letter, send email to spd.npac@gmail.com.

7. Precinct Update: Lt. Joseph Osborne

- a. There is currently an emphasis program (extra patrols; overtime authorized) on Aurora, between NE 80th St and NE 143rd St, including one block on either side. Perhaps the increased police presence has been a deterrent on shootings - there hasn't been a report of shots fired since August 26th.
- b. Crime statistics for last 28 days compared with last year:
 - i. Sexual assaults are down, robberies are down, burglaries are down, but car theft is up 25%. Note that in future, illegal fires will be counted as arson.
- c. Working on prostitution enforcement goal. Once a week there's a vice operation focusing on customers (\$1000 fine). When prostitutes are picked up, it is to try to get them into diversion instead of jail, with the intent to get them services right away.

8. Open Forum/Questions

- a. How important is it to report minor theft? - SPD does data-driven policing, so reporting all crimes is important for getting patrols and efforts in the areas needed. Either call or report on-line.
- b. When calling suspicious activity, feeling intimidated at all the dispatcher's questions. - Dispatchers need to ask questions to determine if there's an actual

crime. For instance, looking into car windows is not a crime, but pulling on door handles can escalate it to reasonable suspicion that officer needs in order to detain someone. And officer needs as much info as possible when they're dispatched.

- c. Will there be bike team cutbacks in Lake City this winter? - Only snow stops the bike patrols. They are assigned to problem areas. Right now they are in the U District, Ballard, and Lake City. There are two vacancies on the 8 person team.
 - d. When can a victim of assault expect to be contacted once charges are filed? Haven't heard anything for 14 months. - It would be the prosecuting attorney's office that would have info on where the case is in the prosecution process; it is in their court at this point. You can call them to ask if the charges have been dropped or not.
 - e. Is SPD watching hotels and motels on Aurora? - Over the summer there were vice operations going on. But patrol isn't told what undercover and vice units are currently doing.
9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 7:00 pm. The special topic is active shooter training.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.