

EAST PRECINCT CRIME PREVENTION COALITION

The meeting was started at 6:35. All in attendance gave their name and community affiliation. There were 43 people in attendance at the start of the meeting. There were many neighborhoods represented which was phenomenal to see. Thanks to everyone who made an effort to take the time to come to this meeting.

Barbara Biondo gave a brief synopsis of Weed and Seed. The Seattle W&S site is still alive and well and its Seed programming is making a difference in our communities. There was recently a W&S focus group to prioritize community-policing activity in the East Precinct. The focus group outcomes were overviewed and there were four top priorities that emerged from that process.

1. Activities that get police out of their cars (ex. Bicycle and foot patrols)
2. Officers engage in activities that build relationships with youth and address truancy.
3. Officers actively participate in community meetings and work with community and other stakeholders on problem solving efforts to address long term crime hotspots and nuisance issues. Follow-up on police related action items and report back to community. Coordinate involvement of additional police resources as needed.
4. Focus community-policing activities on hotspots and "Mini-mart" type stores.

Overview of the East Precinct Public Safety Project – Denise Harnley, Seattle Neighborhood Group and Bob Scales, Sr. Analyst - Office of Planning Management: The East Precinct Public Safety Project is an opportunity for East Precinct neighborhoods to receive a one time funding of up to \$430,000 to affect crime in the East Precinct. The purpose of the meeting format for the evening is to get input from the community for the money that is to be spent in the East Precinct to cover the whole precinct in a responsible way that reduces crime. Up to \$430,000 dollars is to be used to increase public safety in the East Precinct via the East Precinct Public Safety Project. The EPCPC staff has tracked the problems throughout the precinct via a monthly hotspots list over the last year or so. A summarized problem/hotspot list was compiled from those lists and presented by Denise Harnley. The next step is solutions or ideas to use prevention to affect the problems. Solutions were solicited from the group.

- A format of small groups of citizens with group leaders and the police should sit down and review the last two summers and the statistics of crime (whether it has risen or fallen). No time to the present have the community and police sat down together in this manner. – Kristin O'Donnell, Yesler Terrace C.C.
- Top priority should be places where people have been killed (to prioritize hotspots). Areas with blatant acts of violence and assaults should be at the top of the priority list. – Andrew Taylor, Miller Park C.C.
- Drugs- methamphetamine and other drugs are the root of many of our crime problems, chemicals have recently been stolen near the Floating Homes Assoc. neighborhoods. – Floating Homes representative
- Occupied burglary, missing and stolen cars are problems throughout the precinct – Vince Farfaro, EPCPC Exec. Cmtee. Member
- We are greatly affected in Jackson place by the transients, homeless and the mentally ill who inhabit the jungle. What can we do to affect their behavior change? – Albert Pong, Jackson Place C.C.
- More outreach to people – B. Gloria Henderson
- Violence needs to be a priority, hotspots can move, we don't want to just disperse the crime – Mike Sletten, Seattle U. Security, EPCPC Exec. Cmtee. Member
- Emphasis on shootings, parties in parking lots and in the parks, lack of light in park – Judkins resident
- Burglaries and lots of illegal fireworks and gunshots on the 4th of July – MLK and Irving
- 28th and King – crime was dispersed (drugs and shootings, fireworks) to Dearborn
- Lack of belonging and poverty are the core issues – John Jeannot, Squire Park C. C. /Friends of Pratt Park
- Other crime issues that remained were shootings, drug dealing, car break-ins, windows smashed on cars and homes, problems near Mini Marts, paraphernalia sales, nuisance issues, petty thievery – throughout E.Pct. neighborhoods affect so many people.
- Steve Shulman – at one time the East Precinct had the lowest crime numbers in the city. What has happened? We need to look at what was being done when crime was at its lowest.
- Alcohol Impact Area – concerns that it will push people or disperse them in to the neighbor hoods.

Bob Scales asked, "So, bicycle patrol is very popular as a solution." The costs to staff a bicycle squad in light of the \$400,000 and how long that could be maintained? Why do folks want a bicycle squad? How will it work? What does it do or is it charged to do?

Solutions

Human Services need to be supported to affect crime (see Barb's/Denise's notes?)

More support and Crime Prevention education for Blockwatch groups

Street Outreach Svcs. - \$30,000 to fund homeless youth street outreach help

Lets get to thinking outside of the box and get jobs for some of our young people.

Look at the cause - why are youth out on the corner, they are not going to go away

(Models to look to are the Yo! Program, also transient drug user/harm reduction models cross-country)

Increase the numbers of cops to 1,400.

Look at the causes - prevention programs

Look at national solutions - other cities, what has worked

Afraid - fear of reporting means 9-11 is not used

Small stores -/ use them instead of Safeway or large chains for Groceries

Bike Patrol - YES!

Increased communication between the community (via EPCPC regular meeting and other routes)

Better street lighting

Outreach to addicts, effort

Safe house for IV drug users

Long Term Funding Sources

Approach every church

State income tax

Legalize prostitution and tax it

Safeway

Banks

Jack in the Box

Corporations - Vulcan, Microsoft, Boeing etc.

Trader Joe's

Insurance companies

Alcohol distributors companies

If you have a contact for corporate donations - contact Denise Harnley or Bob Scales before Feb. 17, 2004.

The plan must be presented to council by that date or it may be postponed until March after the budget process.

Captain Hill - the bicycle patrol will be maintained as a squad no matter what. Schools will no longer receive special emphasis although the school resource officers, but we do have an officer in East dedicated to schools. Lt. Hayes has a plan for 20th and Madison. The North and East precincts are partnering regarding Crystal Methamphetamine response. The SPD Strategic plan is in the works and will be posted on the SPD website. We are going after the "big people". These are the career criminals that do a variety of crimes. Once we catch them, we end a variety of crimes in the neighborhoods.

Lt. John Hayes - Operations

A Burglary theft detective will join us up at the alley near Deano's on Tuesdays from 1-1:30 to talk with loiterers and to warn them what will be coming. They will be notified that police emphasis is going to occur in the near future and that they can get notification if they have any warrants. The opportunity will be used to provide pamphlets for jobs, detox and housing so that folks can get off of Madison. Then, in a couple of weeks we will start to photograph and arrest people who are breaking the laws. In closing - What can residents do? If Lt. Hayes put a business card on your car window, would you see him? Would you notice? In approx. 8 months the Dean Faults property is to be destroyed and redeveloped. The POCAAN testing and counseling van will be in the area on February 6th and periodically after that throughout the month of February and March. The mobile Precinct will also be dispatched to hotspots.

Next meeting is February 26th at 6:30, same place - Seattle Vocational Institute. Nominations for the Executive Committee will be accepted at that time for a vote at our March 25th meeting. Thank you all for coming.