

Greater Rockridge NCPC (12Y/13X) - Minutes
Thursday, November 13, 2014
Rockridge Library, College and Manila, Oakland
General Public: 7:30-9:00PM

NCPC:

Michael Ubell – Chair
Barbara Minton – Vice Chair
Molly Singer - Treasurer
Karen Ivy – Secretary & Information Officer

Mike Ubell opened the meeting at 7:35. Twelve people attended. Officer San Andres and NSC Patricia Rose were present from OPD.

Issues re: George & Walt's patrons

At the request of Barbara Stelzriede, the manager of George & Walt's, this item was moved to the top of the agenda, as she has a long drive home. As of 7:35 PM no representative from the Masons was present. Ms. Stelzriede said that she is the manager of George & Walt's, and her family has owned George & Walt's for 81 years. She admits there are problems at times but says the management has tried to be responsive to neighbors.

A resident said that Kales residents notice people sitting in cars for long periods, doing who knows what. There's no way to be sure they came from the bar.

George & Walt's has put signs up asking patrons to be considerate, and has added security on weekend. They have a doorman on Friday and Saturday nights. The doorman disperses people standing around after bar closes. The entry doors close by 10 PM although the bar is open until 2 AM. The bartenders check the area outside 3 times a night and at closing. Ms. Stelzriede has given her cell phone number to Kales residents; she left several cards with Mike Ubell to hand out in the neighborhood. The bar maintains an incident log, and is installing their own security cameras.

Mike Ubell noted that there's been a dog tied outside, howling. Ms. Stelzriede said she's taken care of that by talking to the dog owner. Ms. Stelzriede concluded that she wants to work with the neighborhood, and announced that she's about to start a canned food drive for Alameda County Food Bank. She wondered if the Masons could put in a gate on the problem doorway.

Kales residents agreed there's no real solution to people parking on Kales. Mike Ubell said there is noise at 2 AM when the bar closes, but he doesn't go out to see who it is.

Review priorities

The meeting agreed that George & Walt's manager is very cooperative, and we'll remove that issue from the priority list. This leaves beat 12Y with no current NCPC priority.

A Resident mentioned a homeless encampment on the Claremont exit from highway 24. Neighbors are having bikes stolen. A neighbor went looking and found multiple bikes, plus tools used to chop bikes. Officers routinely tell the homeless campers to move on; OPD is supposed to – and does – offer them resources, including the Operation Dignity phone number for housing. Officers can cite the campers, but the county has elected not to charge the citations for camping and panhandling. Last Thursday they had an enforcement; the officers didn't see any sign of petty crime, just trash.

A resident asked if the homeless population is changing. Officer San Andres thinks they seem to be younger than before. This morning (11/13/14) there was an encampment by Hardy Dog Park.

The group agreed that homeless camping seems to be increasing. Officer San Andres knows some of them by name. It isn't a crime to be homeless. Officer San Andres will make this a personal project.

OPD working with CalTrans cleared a camp off CalTrans property, now the campers are somewhere else. Oakland can't enforce on CalTrans property, without contacting them first. The city is aware

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of this problem, and working on it. Since it's already on the city's list, we see no point in adding an NCPC priority.

Karen Ivy explained about the [CalTrans reporting site](#), which is linked on the NCPC web site under *Resources > Graffiti and Homeless Issues*.

The NCPC chair email got a report of speeding on Colby; Officer San Andres will mention this to patrol.

There is talk on NextDoor about people going up driveways, and breaking into cars. Captain Allison is doing a publicity effort on car break-ins. The short answer: don't leave anything visible in parked cars.

A resident, who identified himself as the sexton of St. Peter's Church at Lawton & Broadway, complained that people regularly speed up and down Lawton, above Broadway. It's obvious why they speed downhill, because the road is quite steep, but they speed uphill as well. This can happen at almost any time; it's most prevalent at commute times. Officer San Andres says PSO squads can do speeding enforcements, although speeding enforcement is usually done on motorcycles. The group agreed that this will be a priority for the next month.

Someone asked if we still have the District 1 speed reading trailer with radar? If so, can it also display a message to drivers on Lawton? Yes, it still exists, that could be done. Officer San Andres will look into it.

OPD Status Reports, 12Y and 13X

Officer San Andres gave the crime statistics for the last 30 days:

Beat 12Y

<i>Crimes, Beat 12Y</i>	<i>Last 30 days</i>	<i>Last year this period</i>
Auto burglaries	13	4
Stolen vehicles	9	17
Residential/ Commercial burglaries	4	11
Robberies	2	16

Beat 13X

<i>Crimes, Beat 13X</i>	<i>Last 30 days</i>
Stolen vehicles	5
Residential/ Commercial burglaries	8

[*Ed Note:* Full crime statistics for the months of August, September, and October 2014 are now available on <http://rockridgencpc.com>. Here is the direct link: <http://tinyurl.com/owlbmqz> .]

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NCPC Priorities for November 2014

Under new OPD rules, each beat is allowed a single priority, instead of the previous 3; and new priorities must be *identifiable* and *measurable*. PSOs will also work on a *Crime project* and *from time to time* (?) a *Call reduction project* for the beat. Remember that 12Y and 13X are only part of beats 12 and 13.

12Y:

1. *NCPC Priority*: None at present.
2. *Crime Project*: High visibility vehicle patrols on College Avenue between Broadway and Claremont
3. *Call Reduction Project*: to be announced

13X:

1. *NCPC Priority*: Speeding auto traffic up and down Lawton above Broadway.
2. *Crime Project*: none at present.
3. *Call Reduction Project*: to be announced

NCPC meetings are normally the SECOND Thursday of the month.

Next NCPC meeting is **Thursday, December 11, 2014** at 7:30 PM
Rockridge Library Community Room, College & Manila

See you there and stay safe!

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