

Greater Rockridge NCPC (12Y/13X) - Agenda
Thursday, March 13, 2014
Rockridge Library, College and Manila, Oakland
General Public: 7:00-8:30PM

NCPC:

Frank Castro – Chair
Barbara Minton – Vice Chair
Molly Singer - Treasurer
Karen Ivy – Secretary & Information Officer

Barbara Minton opened the meeting at 7:05 PM, and asked attendees to introduce themselves briefly. Seventeen people attended, one person from beat 13X and the rest from beat 12Y. Frank Castro was unable to attend. Officer Trode said that Officer Lee was unable to attend.

Officer Trode presented some crime statistics for beat 12Y, comparing the last 30 days to last year. In general crime is down somewhat.

12Y Crime	Last 30 days	2013
Burglaries	10	14
Robberies	6 (2 attempted)	4
Stolen cars	4	Down from last year
Auto burglaries	9	

He also presented the same statistics for beat 13X, which has much less crime. 13X had 3 burglaries, versus 8 last year; 1 auto burglary; and 2 stolen vehicles. There was a reported robbery, but the police believe the victim was abandoned in beat 13X after being robbed somewhere else. Crime in beat 13X is always low but may be lower because Golden Gate, the through route to the freeway, is currently dug up.

In North Oakland on Tuesday (3/11), a joint force including officers from ATF, the FBI, and OPD Crime Response Teams served a large number of search warrants. Officer Trode couldn't reveal details as the investigation was ongoing, but some were published on the Nixle site.

Recently our Crime Response Team did an undercover buy-bust operation, which got 13 dealers off the street. This removes drug addicts from the area. We now have the Crime Response Team every 2 weeks, then they work in East Oakland every 2 weeks. They work hard when they're here, and help bring crime numbers down.

With daylight savings, it's lighter at night. It's safer to walk, but stay alert. Summer usually means more crime, as kids and teenagers are out of school.

A resident commented that last night Bryant Ave. was visited by teenagers selling newspapers – is anyone doing this honestly?

Office Trode: This is a big issue in beat 13 generally. Oakland requires permits for door-to-door sales; most of these people don't have permits. You can ask to see the city permit, they *have* to keep it with them if they have one. They almost certainly *don't* have permits, and some of them behave oddly (going down driveways – casing the area?). None of the official youth groups have anyone selling newspapers door-to-door.

This is also a problem in Montclair – Street Spirit sellers are illegal unless they have an Oakland city permit. One old woman in Montclair paid for the city permit, and does very well. Permits cost about \$100 a year. It is illegal just to ask for money, on the street or door-to-door.

Priorities

Officer Trode asked about our priorities. Karen Ivy said she is still trying to work out the new rules. NCPCs now have to submit a single priority, measurable and identifiable. On those grounds

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we have no priority at this time.

A resident asked if we have any data on the private security patrols yet. Are they a good idea?

Officer Trode replied that there are no measurable statistics yet as far as he knows. It's very hard to figure this out, we may know more in a year or so. Karen Ivy said that the security firm isn't VMA anymore; the coordinators have hired new contractors through a group called *Safer Rockridge*. We'll have a presentation from *Safer Rockridge* in the April NCPC meeting.

A citizen who attended the February 27th meeting on private security contracts reported on it. The 3 original covered areas are now combined into one big area. Billing will now use the nonprofit model – Safer Rockridge will contract with the security company, who will cover the whole area. They'd like people to sign up for \$30/month to support 2 cars patrolling for 12 hours/day. What coverage they get will depend on the income donated to Safer Rockridge.

Upcoming meetings:

- Dan Kalb's meeting on 3/22, Beebe Cathedral, 39th & Telegraph
- Area 2 meeting in June at the North Oakland Senior Center, exact date uncertain, 10 AM - 12 PM
- Earth Day cleanup, 9 am - noon on 4/26 (sponsored by Public Works)

NCPC Priorities for March 2013

12Y:

1. No measurable, identifiable projects submitted at this time.

13X:

1. No measurable, identifiable projects submitted at this time.

NCPC meetings are normally the SECOND Thursday of the month.

Next NCPC meeting is **Thursday, April 10, 2014** at 7:00 PM
Rockridge Library Community Room, College & Manila

See you there and stay safe!

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