

Greater Rockridge NCPC Meeting Agenda (12Y/13X)
Thursday, June 10, 2010
Rockridge Library Community Room, College and Manila, Oakland
General Public: 7:00-8:30PM

NCPC:

Frank Castro – Chair
Vice Chair – ***available – please volunteer!***
Denise Jorgensen – Treasurer
Karen Ivy – Secretary & Information Officer

PSOs: Beat 12Y Officer Patrick Gerrans; Beat 13X Officer Randall Chew (out with injury)

NSC: Ana Martinez

Frank Castro opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with a round of introductions. Twenty-two people attended including two OPD officers and our NSC, Ana Martinez.

Review of Crime Statistics (Vivek Bhatia)

Vivek Bhatia reviewed the crime statistics for the second quarter of 2010. Beat 12Y has averaged approximately 5 incidents per month of *crimes against a person* in 2010.

The median number of *crimes against property* per month in Beat 12Y in 2010 has been up a little, the median is 44 in 2010 against 36 in 2009. The incidence of *crimes against property* in Beat 13Y is about the same as 2009.

For both beats the year-to-date crime numbers are better (lower) than in 2008.

We are now posting the full crime statistics presentation on the RockridgeNCPC.com web site, you can refer to it there. Here is the link: [Recent Crime Trends](#).

Gang Injunction

Reve Bautista of the City Attorney's Office was unable to attend this month to present an update on the Gang Injunction for North Oakland. She will be at the meeting next month (July).

Officer Thompson and NSC Martinez gave a general description of the Gang Injunction – refer to previous meeting minutes for full details. Four of the 19 individuals covered by the injunction are in jail already. OPD next plans to request a gang injunction for the Central Oakland/Fruitvale area, where there are a lot of Hispanic gangs. OPD and the District Attorney's office are getting input from the community. They plan to target East Oakland last.

OPD Report (priorities update, comments on stats, new crime trends, crime prevention tips)

Officer Thompson explained that Officer Gerrans could not be at the meeting this evening because he was currently working undercover with the FBI serving notices to gang members.

Nude Sushi – The two residents who brought this priority to the NCPC did not attend this month. NSC Ana Martinez recapped the situation (see previous minutes for details) and described how several City departments have become involved. Ana explained how Arturo Sanchez (Nuisance Abatement), Nila Kim of Jane Brunner's office, etc. all spoke to the business owner about various code offenses. Ana is waiting for a response from the business owner. The restaurant, which is located in Oakland and only

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gets its business from online orders, will not deliver to any Oakland address – even to an address two streets away.

Highway 24 Exit at Keith – Officer Thompson said it is difficult for Officer Gerrans to hide well enough to catch people failing to stop at the stop sign. People are just yielding, not stopping, which interferes with traffic exiting the freeway. A resident said that a big problem is the stop sign in the median that is not turned enough toward Keith Avenue, and is too easily seen and confusing to people exiting Highway 24; those unfamiliar with the exit often don't realize they have the right of way. We need Traffic Engineering to make one of two possible changes:

1. Turn the stop sign located at the juncture of the exit and Keith more toward Keith, so as not to confuse those exiting Highway 24.
2. Replace the sign with one that states that the right of way is for those exiting the freeway, positioned so both lanes will see it.

NSC Martinez brought a radar gun that Jane Brunner's office bought for her constituents. Our NCPC has a previous priority about speeding on two different streets and it was decided to lend a radar gun to residents so they may log the information to determine if people are really speeding over the posted limit, and then to bring the info to the NCPC.

The radar gun may be lent to someone on a one month basis, and the person's name will be noted in that month's NCPC minutes for record keeping. This month it went to Michael Kan (on the RCPC) on Keith St.

Neighborhood Issues (*new matters to be considered for priorities*)

A discussion started about burglaries so Officer Thompson gave some tips. He said it helps to change your alarm system signs – sometimes burglars don't know all the types of systems.

A resident, who lives on Cochrane above Highway 13 and Sheridan, between Broadway Terrace and Moraga, reported that her steel door was kicked in.

A resident noted that the easiest way to disarm a house is to cut the phone line. Just get the flexible metal tubing (also known as conduit) from a hardware store to cover the external line. The most important thing is to keep the burglars OUT of your house. Wire all windows and doors, not just the 2 contact, 2 motion detectors usually offered by alarm companies.

A resident who lives above the old Emil Villa (which will soon be the new location of CSAA) complained that excessive noise from the Safeway parking lot and businesses is disturbing his neighborhood well into the late evening hours. Major noise sources include late night Jamba Juice deliveries, and Starbucks employees doing noisy pressure washing of their outside area well past 10 PM. The resident also mentioned: loud music in the parking lot (but the source wasn't clear), and a man who does auto body work in the Safeway parking lot on Sunday evenings - that is also very noisy. There was a question about the legality of this business.

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Several neighbors of 5129 Manila between Cavour and 51st came to advise that this is a suspected drug house. Three people moved in several months ago, and since then there was a bounty hunter arrest, a large forest of pot in the back yard, and lots of strangers coming and going. Neighbors think the residents are making harder stuff than that now, possibly cooking methamphetamine. There are a lot of Latino guys going in and out with duffle bags and suitcases. One neighbor's house was broken into and it is believed to be because that house is attracting criminally minded people to the street. The neighbors are not at home during the day and are afraid of retribution.

The latest trend is that different families rotate living there. A neighbor saw some pot plants being moved in the middle of the night; he called police, but the response was so slow it had no effect.

One neighbor reported overhearing someone's telephone conversation on the porch, and heard what seemed to indicate that the tenant was a parolee.

The residents had already started working with NSC Ana Martinez and Officer Thompson, who said he and Officer Gerrans will have time to start working on it next week now that the gang members have been served.

The NCPC could also write a letter to the landlord, but it was decided to wait for OPD to arrest the tenants so they don't simply move to another location.

Merchants' Issues (*new matters and follow-up on any previous issues*)

The merchants now have a very effective network of communication to send out shoplifter warnings very quickly, with descriptions of the suspected people.

New Priorities for upcoming month

Nude Sushi will continue to be a priority for beat 12Y, with the drug house on Manila as a second priority.

The noise and possible illegal business activity in the Rockridge Center Safeway parking lot will be the priority for beat 13X.

Priorities (three allowed per Beat per month, any combination)

If your issue becomes a priority, please attend the next meeting to give an update and advise if it should continue to be a priority.

Beat 12Y

1. 5129 Manila – drug house
2. Employees of "Nude Sushi" (6228 Telegraph) making noise in parking lot behind restaurant between midnight and 3 AM.

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Beat 13X

1. Noise issues from the Rockridge Center Safeway parking lot affecting the neighborhood just above it: possibly illegal auto mechanic every Sunday evening in the parking lot, Jamba Juice late-night deliveries, Starbucks power washing their outside café area after 10PM.

Traffic Priority - 12Y (one traffic priority per Beat)

1. Highway 24 exit at Keith before Broadway , motorists on Keith don't stop at the stop sign

Traffic Priority – 13X (one traffic priority per Beat)

1. None

In 2010 all meetings will be the SECOND Thursday of the month.

*Next meeting will be **Thursday, July 8, 2010** at 7:00 PM in the Rockridge Library Community Room, College and Manila.*

See you there and stay safe!

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