

**Greater Rockridge NCPC (12Y/13X) – Agenda**  
**Thursday, February 9, 2017**  
**Rockridge Library, College and Manila**  
**General Public: 7:30-9:00PM**

**NCPC:**

Michael Ubell – Chair  
Barbara Minton – Vice Chair  
Eric Neville - Treasurer  
Karen Ivy – Secretary & Information Officer

Mike Ubell opened the meeting at 7:35 PM and the NCPC officers introduced themselves. Sixteen people attended the meeting, 3 from beat 13X. Neither Community Resource Officer was present at the meeting.

**Priorities**

Due to an error, the priorities on the February agenda showed “no priorities” in December. Our actual December priorities were both for beat 12Y: many recent armed robberies, and many recent car burglaries. We have been told that these were “not specific enough”, but ongoing crime statistics indicate they are still a problem. Beat 13X had no assigned priorities in December.

Mike asked if anyone had any new priorities to recommend. A resident asked about OPD staffing, and complained that he never sees a policeman on the street in Rockridge. Chris Jackson (of Rockridge District Association) said that Rockridge has 2 walking officers assigned, but they mainly patrol the business district on and around College Avenue.

Another resident asked if we can get the data on how often our CRO is actually on duty in Rockridge? Are we getting what we pay for in Measure Z taxes? He noted he had asked for this in December also.

Mike Ubell responded that we asked for that data last month. Captain Wingate said we could have the data, but didn't send it. Measure Z allows OPD to pull officers off “if needed” – the previous chief was willing to leave CROs on their beats, but we'll need to talk to new chief when she comes on board. In the next Area 2 meeting (which was just postponed) they'll cover the issue of tracking CRO time on the beat. Someone suggested we should submit a public records request for the data.

No one suggested any new priorities.

**OPD Status Reports**

Since no CRO was present for either beat, no status report was given.

**Issues re NCPC credit union account**

Karen Ivy and Mike Ubell gave brief history of the \$441 donated to the NCPC in 2011 by Christine Acker and Margaret Wahlberg of the WhistleStop Project, and the USE Credit Union account which we opened so we could

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write checks on it. Since the city is now funding NCPCs again, in a format which doesn't require us to have a checking account, we're debating what to do with the money. Chris Jackson noted that there are people in the area who've taken the Neighborhood Watch training but haven't bought the signs (which cost about \$25). He suggested we could use that money for new Neighborhood Watch signs, and we could also refresh some older signs which have faded. We could spend the WhistleStop money on those signs. Laura Schlichtmann (of Rockridge Community Planning Council) asked if we could use it for lighting in the library parking lot. Chris Jackson said the city has agreed to pay for library parking lighting but can't seem to get its act together; besides, we don't have that much money. The city is supposed to install lights with the new bike lockers they plan to install for the library staff; maybe that will illuminate the parking area. The NCPC officers liked the idea of paying for the Neighborhood Watch signs but didn't reach a firm decision.

### **Bruce Stoffmacher, OPDs voluntary camera registry program**

Bruce Stoffmacher introduced himself to the group; he works for office of Chief of Police, and worked for the mayor when she was on the city council. He has talked to a lot of crime victims. He said the City of Philadelphia has a camera registry (called SafeCam) – Philadelphians were buying security cameras. When a police officer was killed, off duty, during a botched robbery, Philadelphia police solved the crime with video footage from someone's camera, after much effort of finding one that had footage. The city decided to build a central registry to make the cameras easier to find. Oakland now has one – it's a [web site](#). If you register your camera, OPD may ask you for permission to use your camera footage to investigate crimes in progress. The camera database plots the owner's addresses on a map. These are private cameras, the city doesn't own cameras. The police have an app which lets them identify possible camera sources; they've discussed giving the app to the public but have made no decision yet.

The web site is <http://www.oaklandnet.com/camera>. He showed the registration forms, which you fill out on the web site. A commercial web site exists that already has hundreds of cameras registered; he didn't give the URL for that site.

Registering a camera on the OPD site is voluntary, private, and confidential (unless a recording is required in court). You can unregister any time. The site is available in English, Chinese, Spanish, and Vietnamese. The only required fields are name, address, and contact info. Right now they ask for email addresses; they're discussing whether to take phone numbers. The database can detect if invalid addresses are entered. You fill in (optionally) what you know about where the cameras are located, what type they are, and what they areas they cover. OPD will always call or email first if they want to check a camera. They'll never show up unannounced, and they can't look at your camera footage remotely. The site is purely to allow asking permission. OPD is still working on details of press release, already have several hundred registered.

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Q: If I sign up for this, will the police come to my house every time they want to see video?

A: No, they will call and ask. If you find something, you can copy it on a CD or a thumb drive.

Q: Will they take the information off my computer?

A: No, the Privacy Commission would never approve that. You would copy the information and send it to them, possibly by email.

Q: How about chain of custody? How do they know this is really the file from that date, time, and location?

A: This is an evolving issue, we're not really sure.

Q: Are you interested in cameras that only show the inside of the house?

A: If there was a serious crime *inside the house*, police might be interested. Exterior shots are most used, for robberies, assaults, and burglaries. Due to staffing issues, the OPD are more interested in violent crime than property crime.

Current cameras probably come with around 500GB storage; they can have more. You can store your video footage in the cloud. Many modern cameras detect motion and start recording automatically.

Chris Jackson noted that a Nest camera recently worked very well, the inside camera recorded activity through a window which solved a car burglary. Mike Ubell noted that some cameras shoot in infrared, to record activity in the dark. That *doesn't work* through a window; in daylight, it's OK to shoot video through a window.

A resident recommended you make sure the recording device isn't visible from the street – someone might break in and steal it!

## **NCPC Priorities for February 2017**

### **12Y:**

1. *NCPC Priority:* No current priority.

### **13X:**

1. *NCPC Priority:* No current priority.

*NCPC meetings are normally the SECOND Thursday of even-numbered months.*

*Next meeting **Thursday, April 13, 2017** at 7:30 PM*

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*See you there and stay safe!*

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