

**Greater Rockridge  
Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (12Y/13X) – Minutes  
Thursday, April 12, 2018  
Rockridge Library, College and Manila  
General Public: 7:30-9:00PM**

**Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC):**

Michael Ubell – Chair

Barbara Minton – Vice Chair

Eric Neville - Treasurer

Karen Ivy – Secretary & Information Officer

1. 7:30 – 7:35 PM – Introductions
2. 7:35 – 8:00 PM – Oakland Police Dept. (OPD) Status Reports, beats 12Y and 13X, and neighborhood issues discussion
3. 8:00 – 8:10 PM – Priorities: citizen input, evaluate priority status, update priorities as needed.

Mike Ubell opened the meeting at 7:37 PM. Barbara Minton was unable to attend. The 11 attendees present introduced themselves. OPD was represented by Community Resource Officer David Mac, Community Resource Officer Elvis Mora (beat 10), Sergeant Nicholas Calonge, Area 2 CRO Supervisor, and Patricia Rose, Neighborhood Services Coordinator.

### **OPD Status Report, beat 12Y**

Officer Mac reported that auto burglaries during the last 2 months are down from last year's 34 to 15. Non-auto related robberies and burglaries are up. There was a rash of commercial burglaries on College Avenue, but the burglar is in now custody. Residential burglaries are about the same as last year. During the last 2 months beat 12Y had 3 strong arm robberies and 2 firearm robberies, against 1 during the same period last year. The crime described as "willful discharge of firearm" was someone firing a cap gun at an acquaintance, but the acquaintance felt threatened and reported it.

### **Priorities**

Officer Mac reported spending several days working on the priority of wrong way driving on Coronado, facing the new street from Shops at the Ridge to Broadway. The situation seems to have improved. Karen Ivy noted that the street from Shops at the Ridge has been restriped and now has no forward lane, only a left turn and a right turn lane. The group concluded this is probably fixed.

Officer Mac managed to identify the belligerent transient named Gretchen, she is from Sacramento. She has now vanished. As a result of her activities, 25 businesses have now signed on to a no-trespass order which can be applied to anyone who is harassing customers. The order gives the police authority to arrest the person. This priority is closed.

A resident from North Street, next to Peralta Elementary School, complained about a belligerent transient in a white van, who is making messes in the area. He's made trouble in the neighborhood before. The neighbors

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want him to go away. Should this be a priority? Yes. The resident thanked Patricia Rose for helping with the van guy the last time he was around.

No new priorities arose for beat 13X. For beat 12Y, a new priority is the obnoxious transient in the van living on North Street near Peralta School.

A resident asked about video cameras. Does OPD do anything with video from them? What's the best way to use them?

Officer Mac: The Oakland Police have a [registry on their web site](#), listing which houses have cameras, and what type of cameras. Residents list themselves on the site voluntarily. The police have no direct access to the cameras; they just know where they are. If you have video of something potentially useful, call OPD and tell them, they'll send someone out to collect it. They try to use video evidence as much as possible.

Mike Ubell said that the representative from a local security firm claimed, in an earlier meeting, that video had to be watermarked to be useful to the police. The NCPC had never heard of this requirement and has never heard it repeated.

Sergeant Calonge explained that the officers who collect the video are trained on how to verify that the video is timestamped as it should be. He also reminded people not to dismiss the usefulness of a video because it doesn't show an actual robbery – it may show someone walking by at a critical time, or a license plate, etc. Chris Jackson added that a recent armed robbery was solved because of 3 different video recordings made in 3 different locations, which were considered together.

A resident complained about the increasing number of cars with unpleasantly loud exhausts. Can anything be done? This isn't street racing, it's just really annoying.

Sergeant Calonge said it's not a priority, but they know about it. These cars show up at sideshows, and do donuts on Grizzly Peak and other places. Any officer, including CHP, can give the driver a citation (based on the state vehicle code) with a sticker on it which requires the citee to have his car inspected by an officer who is trained to recognize factory-conforming work. The citee can't just take the car to his favorite mechanic.

Mike Ubell mentioned the Oakland Department of Transportation's recent refusal to allow the RDA and the NCPC to paint stencils on the College Ave. sidewalks asking people to walk their bikes. The new head of Oakland DOT, Ryan Russo, will be at the RCPC meeting next week, to discuss bicycles. Some NCPC officers plan to attend.

### **OPD Status Report, beat 13X**

Officer Jurgen-Duenas didn't attend, so there was no formal status on beat 13X priorities. Officer Mac reported very low crime in beat 13X.

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**Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Priorities for April 2018**

**Beat 12Y:**

1. *Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Priority:* Obnoxious transient in a van living on North Street near Peralta School.

**Beat 13X:**

1. *Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Priority:* Children going to school, crossing Broadway Terrace at Hermosa, are in danger from traffic between 8:00 and 8:20 AM.

*Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council meetings  
are normally the SECOND Thursday of even-numbered months.  
Next meeting **Thursday, June 14, 2018** at 7:30 PM  
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See you there and stay safe!*

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