

**Greater Rockridge
Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (12Y/13X) - Minutes
Thursday, October 11, 2018
The College Preparatory School, 6100 Broadway – Smith Room
General Public: 7:30-9:00PM**

Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC):

Michael Ubell – Chair
Barbara Minton – <position open>
Eric Neville - Treasurer
Karen Ivy – Secretary & Information Officer

Mike Ubell opened the meeting at 7:45, since residents had trouble finding the alternate location. Officer Mac and Patricia Rose attended, as well as Lisa Jacobs, Dan Kalb’s new Rockridge representative. One resident attended, as did a representative from the College Preparatory School.

The group briefly discussed the new traffic circles on Shafter - will the stop signs stay or be taken out? Officer Mac thinks the stop signs will be removed.

Oakland Police Dept. Status Report, Beat 12Y

Officer Mac presented statistics from the last 60 days, and the same period last year.

<i>Crimes Reported</i>	<i>Last 60 days</i>	<i>Same period in 2017</i>
215PC Carjacking	0	0
211PC Robbery Firearm	4	0
211PC Robbery Strongarm	2	2
459PC Residential Burglary	3	7
459PC Commercial Burglary	4	1
459PC Auto Burglary	36	36

Most of the armed robberies were on or around Hudson St., after 8 PM, plus a few at College & Boyd. The robbers hang out where there are either potential victims or a quick escape route or both.

OPD has been doing a district education effort on scooters and bikes on the sidewalk, teaching youth what the rules are, but has not been issuing citations. Eric Neville commented that the NCPC is trying to determine what laws on the books are actually enforced, since Officer Mac can't enforce if it isn't policy to enforce.

Mike Ubell asked about Coronado, the one-way street leading to Broadway, as the NCPC has had recent complaints. Officer Mac has done enforcement when he can; he sees about one wrong-way driver an hour, and they're very confused, and not speeding. The sign gets knocked down regularly and put back up.

Oakland Police Dept. Status Report, Beat 13X

Officer Mac presented the statistics from the last 60 days, and the same period last year. He had no comments on them.

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459PC Commercial Burglary	1	0
459PC Auto Burglary	7	4

New Representative from Dan Kalb

Lisa Jacobs introduced herself; she covers Rockridge, the hills, and Bushrod for Council Member Dan Kalb. She's on the scooter detail and is also responsible for fire safety.

Asked about the traffic circles on Shafter, Ms. Jacobs said there will be no stop signs on Shafter, but the cross streets will have them. OakDOT has been in communication with the Fire Department – a large ladder firetruck conducted a test drive and it fits. She doesn't know whether AC Transit has also been informed. These traffic circles are a pilot – Shafter was being re-paved anyway, and since it is a "bicycle boulevard" DOT decided it would be good location for the pilot. Another street in East Oakland (Olympia) will get traffic circles in 2019. There are some safety concerns - people don't seem to realize that the driver in the circle has the right of way. Mike Ubell feels they need to have someone watch the traffic and develop really clear signage, because right now nobody is stopping in any direction. Shafter residents are very enthusiastic about the circles – each one will have a garden, and three people from the community have volunteered to lead maintenance efforts. Karen Ivy asked Ms. Jacobs if she knew about the proposed traffic circle at Chabot and Roanoke; Ms. Jacobs has not heard of it but will investigate.

Mike Ubell brought up electric scooters, about which the NCPC sees regular complaints. Ms. Jacobs explained that partly as a result of Council Member Kalb's urging, OakDOT is organizing a citywide Town Hall meeting on Monday October 22 in City Hall to discuss the scooter program (*Ed. Note:* this is now an Event on NextDoor; the flyer is also in the latest post at <https://rockridgencpc.com>). The District 1 office will also be hosting a smaller community meeting in November to encourage more dialogue. Ms. Jacobs also handed out a new city Q&A document about scooters (see <http://tinyurl.com/y86uu6ud>). According to information in the Q&A, the Dept. of Transportation is encouraging business districts and community groups to do education outreach about scooters on the sidewalk. The NCPC and the Rockridge District Association have been trying to install sidewalk stencils about bicycles on the sidewalk for 2 years, and were told that we weren't allowed to do that, even though we proposed to do the work and pay for it. Mike Ubell said we need clarity from the City Council on how the city plans to enforce the California sidewalk riding law, and other dangers posed by scooter riders. Do we want the police issuing citations to scooter riders?

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Ms. Jacobs said the vendors now require a photo of a driver's license to rent a scooter, but that this needs to be retroactive. Eric Neville asked if we want to outsource enforcement of the law to scooter vendors. The law requiring a driver's license is a California state law. Ms. Jacobs replied that the city does want age limit and the driver's license requirement enforced by the companies.

Eric Neville: but will there be enforcement on the street? If only certain laws are enforced, and not everyone understands which ones *are* enforced, that is not equal protection under the law.

According to Lisa, Council Member Kalb expects that the process to develop the e-scooter regulations -- including the town hall and community meetings -- will go a long way in answering the questions about OPD's strategy regarding enforcement. If the process does not elicit satisfactory answers, Council Member Kalb will definitely request clarity directly from OPD.

Mike Ubell suggested that technically, the companies could modify the app so that, if you take a photo of a rider on the sidewalk, they could identify the rider from the GPS location of the scooter. However, right now the scooters have no visible identifying numbers. Ms. Jacobs said that scooter companies are being incorporated into 311. Mike Ubell asked if the city will impose fines on the scooter vendors. Any fines should be big enough to impact the business.

All this will be discussed in the upcoming public meetings, the first of which will be October 22 (5:00 – 7:00 PM) at City Hall, in the 3rd floor Council Chamber. Ms. Jacobs says there will also be a meeting in North Oakland in November, probably at Bushrod community center. Oakland DOT is creating cards with the scooter rules, which can be handed out by community ambassadors or patrol officers. Some cities have required the vendors to print "no riding on sidewalk" on the scooters. Oakland DOT hopes to have a draft of scooter rules by end of October and to get the program approved and running by the end of 2018.

Priorities

We'll leave the bicycle/scooter priority in place for 12Y. No new priorities were raised. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Priorities for October 2018

Beat 12Y:

1. *Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Priority:* Bicycles and electric scooters ridden on the sidewalk on College Ave.

Beat 13X:

1. *Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Priority:* No current priorities.

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Next meeting **Thursday, December 13, 2018** at 7:30 PM
Rockridge Library, College and Manila - See you there and stay safe!*

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