

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
North Hills Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NH NCPC)

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting End Time: 9:00 p.m.

Duration: 2 hours

Location: Highlands Country Club, 110 Hiller Drive, Oakland, CA

Yahoo! Group: northhillsncpc (by invitation only)

Website: www.northhillsncpc.org

Email: info@northhillsncpc.org

Note: There was a pre-meeting held due to the new NSC Officer. This meeting was primarily the introduction of the new NSC officer.

1. Welcome (Nancy Mueller) . This is our one year anniversary of this NCPC.

2. Introduction (Nancy Mueller)

NH NCPC Steering Committee:

Nancy Mueller, Chair

Jim Dexter, Vice Chair & Webmaster

Teresa Ferguson, Treasurer

Steve Reinlib, Secretary

Barry Pilger, Nominating Committee Leader

Sara Somers, Publicity Committee Leader

Oakland Police Department:

Area 1 Commander Captain Anthony Toribio, DID NOT ATTEND

PSA2 Commander Lt. Jim Meeks, DID NOT ATTEND

PSO Officer Debbie Mack, DID NOT ATTEND

Sergeant Armstrong attended for Debbie Mack

Traffic Officer Jason Scott, DID NOT ATTEND

NSC Supervisor Paul Brekke-Miesner

NSC Beat 13Y Hoang Banh (New, as of 1/19/08)

Oakland City Council District 1:

Zack Wald, Jane Brunner's Staff Member, DID NOT ATTEND

Oakland City Council District 4:

Sue Piper, Jean Quan's Staff Member

Berkeley City Council District 8:

Gordon Wozniak, Council Member, DID NOT ATTEND

North Hills Phoenix Association:

Teresa Ferguson

3. Review of November NH NCPC Priorities & Revised Priorities (Jim Dexter & Debbie Mack)

A. OPD Response to Patrol Priority #1: Gateway Demonstration Garden

Possible Illegal Activity at Park

Skateboarders

B. OPD Response to Patrol Priority #2: Merriewood Drive Area

5 Patrol Visits?

C. OPD Response to Traffic Priority #1: Mountain/Duncan

Sergeant Armstrong speaking on behalf of Debbie Mack said that there were 58 tickets issued 'in our area'. The OPD drove 'in the area' where we asked them to patrol; Jim asked if we knew exactly where they drove and the answer is no.

D. Establish Times/Places for Officer Mack and OPD Patrol Representative Guided Tours:

North of 24 (Panoramic, North Hills, Caldecott Hill (above tunnel)

South of 24 (Glenarms, Merriewood Hill, Thornhill Hill, Pineneedle Hill)

4. December NH NCPC OPD Priority Decisions (Jim Dexter)

A. Patrol Priorities

1. No parking signs continue to be a problem.
2. It is hard for OPD to follow our #1 request exactly as it is requested. A sting operation was suggested.
Sergeant Armstrong said that Debbie Mack will continue to patrol this area even if we remove it as a priority.

B. Traffic Priorities

1. Speed monitoring on Duncan. **Steve suggested a speed monitor be placed on Duncan.**

5. Report on Reorganization of OPD to Area 1 (Nancy Mueller)

A. PSA1 and PSA2 Combined

B. New Officer Structure:

The organization tree looks like this:

There is a Chief, and an Assistant Chief, Howard Johnson. 3 Deputy Chiefs report to the Assistant Chief. A Deputy Chief for Field Operations, David Kozicki, a Deputy Chief for Special Operations and a Deputy Chief for Investigations. Field Operations has 3 Area Captains. Each Area Captain has 5 lieutenants. Our Area Captain is Anthony Toribio which is Area 1 and includes the area north beginning with Downtown and West Oakland. Area 2 is Lake Merritt to High Street. Area 3 is High Street to San Leandro.

C. Responsible for These Activities

Patrol

PSO – Lieutenant Meeks

NSC

D. Not Responsible for These Activities

Traffic – **is still a Citywide organization (not divided by areas as the crime division)**

Investigations - **is still a Citywide organization (not divided by areas as the crime division)**

6. Minutes for November 2007 Meeting (Steve Reinlib)

A. Approval for November Meeting Minutes.

Minutes were approved. Jim acknowledged Steve for producing such excellent minutes.

7. Setting of NH NCPC Meeting Calendar for 2008 (Nancy Mueller)

A. Town Hall Meeting Proposed Schedule (Nancy)

February 6 (**note: this is the corrected date**)

May 7

August 6 – **deleted from our agenda and we will promote National Night Out Watch Groups.**

November 5

B. Steering Committee Meetings Proposed Schedule (Nancy)

January 2

March 5

April 2

June 4

July 2

September 3

October 1

December 3

8. Format Discussions for Town Hall Meetings (Nancy Mueller)

A. Town Hall Meeting Speaker & Meeting Formats (Nancy)

Speaker Format:

Single Speakers – Captain Toribio

Panel Discussions – less favored for meeting content

Length of Meetings and content discussion:

Two Hours was the favored time. There was some discussion about people at the Town Hall meeting being bored, possibly too many speakers or speakers with their own agendas. Barry suggested that we should know first what our agendas are and what we are trying to accomplish before getting speakers on. Teresa agreed with Barry. Teresa would also like to see some vendors speak, like a safety fair or identity theft. Nancy and Teresa both agreed- there should be one primary topic. Jim said that the concept of NCPC won't fade away if we have the constant communication between the neighborhood and the OPD. He said Q&A is important to have the attendees involved. Steve said we could have one expert, one OPD Member and the Q&A.

Content of Meetings: all of these are possible content:

NW Group Breakouts Time

Networking Time - Nancy felt this is very important. Steve said if we break up into groups then we need to have fewer speakers to stay on schedule.

Q&A Time

Speaker Presentations Time

Meeting Business Time

NCPC Officers Election

OPD Crime Reports

Announcements

Door Prizes Time

B. Nancy discussed sending out postcards to announce meetings. Teresa said the City will mail them for us. Paul said the City will print., label and stamp them for us. There are 3200 to 3500 addresses in our Beat 13Y.

9. Proposed Town Hall Speakers for 2008 (Nancy Mueller)

A. Town Hall Meeting Proposed Speakers (Nancy) –

Nancy asked all the attendees, “Who do you like?” Paul said there are other topics like, "How does the DA office work after an arrest is made?" The Sergeant said that OPD has experts on topics like identity theft, alarms and home security, Alameda County auto thefts. The OPD can tell us how to protect ourselves.

OPD Chief Wayne Tucker and BPD Chief Douglas Hamblton

(Emergency Police Radio Communication between Oakland and Berkeley)

(Police Protection of the Panoramic Area)

Jane Brunner/ & Zac Wald, Jean Quan and Sue Piper (City Council and the Hill Area)

Laurinda Ochoa, Deputy District Attorney, Alameda DA’s Office (Elder Abuse PP Presentation)

Private Security Patrol Presentation

Youth Uprising (Community Transformation as Public Safety)

Andy Katz, Keith Carson’s Office (Measure Y Community Outreach)

Assistant Chief Howard (OPD Geographical Reorganization)

Deputy Chief Jim Edwards (OFD Improving On-Street Parking Safety in Hills)

Claudia Albano (Neighborhood Watch)

MAY MEETING - Nancy Pagen, Wells Fargo Bank (Mail Theft, Identity Theft, Bank Fraud) and recommended with Sergeant Rhee of OPD

Gordon Piper (Management of Invasive Plants in the Hills – French/Scotch Broom and Eucalyptus)

OPD Patrol (How to Get the Hill Area Patrolled by OPD)

School Principals (Traffic Management for Our Schools)

Sue Piper (Safe Routes to Schools)

Robert Raburn and Ron Bishop, EBBC (North/South Bike-Ped Access in Beat 13Y)

Jason Patton and Ron Bishop (Bicycle Safety and Pedestrian Safety in the Hill Area)

Mayor Dellums (Overall Public Safety in the Hill Area)

Deborah Edgerly and Niccolo de Luca (Public Works and the Hill Area)

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Ann Smulka and Stuart Flashman (Fourth Bore Coalition and the Tunnel)

Raul Godinez II, Public Works Director (Stairs, Paths, and the Hill Area)

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Wlad Wlaskowsky (Stop Signs, Traffic Lights, Crosswalks and Sidewalks)

Coleen Bell (Emergency Preparedness in the Hill Area)

OPD Traffic Captain (Traffic Enforcement in the Hill Area)

NOVEMBER MEETING - John Russo, City Attorney (Prosecution of Auto Thieves and Uncooperative Construction Workers) and recommended with Officer Mark Hicks of OPD

10. Meeting Publicity (Nancy Mueller, Sara Somers)

A. Newspapers Sara,

Chip Johnson could get to us. Hana (the reporter) was here – Sara would like to train her. Sara said, “When there is the Montclair Fair, can we get a table?” Jim recommends that we go to the Neighborhood Watch night out.

B. Radio

C. TV

D. Banners

Reassignment of banner purchase/manufacturing, by February 5th meeting – Steve agreed to take this on. Nancy gave Steve the wording to use.

E. A-Frames – **Sara recommends this**

F. Email

G. Postcards – **it could be done by OPD per Paul – The OPD could even design them for us and do the mailing.**

H. Distribution of Flyers by Hand

I. Yearly Mailing:

Contents:

Yearly Schedule Announcement

Funding Appeal to Beat 13Y

Logistics for Delivery:

Title Company Mailing List

Establishment of a sub-committee to follow up

Additional funds

Bulk Mail mailing deadline January 9?

J. Graphic Artist

Ed Dremlie has not re-contacted Jim Dexter, assume he is no longer interested.

11. Meeting Door Prizes (Nancy Mueller, Sara Somers)

Discussion of people donating items. Steve said, this could help create connections to the donor or stores.

A. Sports Tickets

B. Clubs

C. Ballet Tickets

D. Symphony Tickets

E. Theatre Tickets

F. Restaurant Awards

G. Movie Tickets

H. Emergency Kits

I. Home Alarm Kits/Installation

J. Hornblower Yacht Trips

12. Status of December Crime Issues (Nancy Mueller, Teresa Ferguson, Jim Dexter)

A. Skateboarding (Nancy)

B. Illegal activity at Gateway Demonstration Garden (Jim)

Question: What does OPD do on New Years Eve?

Answer: it is a mandatory night for officers. The cops come off beat for midnight so they won't be subject to any gunfire. So many calls come in that parking and traffic are ignored. OPD does recommend that we call in all issues even though it may take 24 hours for OPD to respond and/or clear the priority calls. Priority calls include use of firearms.

Jim will recreate the priorities and the steering committee will have 24 hours to respond.

13. Status of CLUB Sales (Teresa Ferguson)

A. Plan for disposition of the nine unsold Clubs

14. Status of NO PARKING Signage in the Hills (Nancy Mueller and Paul Brekke-Miesner)

A. Current state of signage – **although new ones were put up there were also some taken down.**

B. Plans for improvement of signage

C. Schedule of Milestones for Project

At the Gateway Emergency Preparedness Area at the bottom of Hiller Drive where parents do drop offs: it was requested that there be a "No Parking" sign posted.

15. Status of Neighborhood Watch Groups (Paul Brekke-Miesner)

A. Growth of group numbers.

B. Loss of any groups?

C. Procedures for Groups in NH NCPC

16. Inter-Community Police Radio Communications Status (Nancy Mueller)

A. Situation in Oakland OPD

B. Situation in Berkeley OPD –

Paul said that the Berkeley City Manager staff meeting is coming up and it is a discussion format.

C. State of Communications with Contra Costa and Alameda Counties

17. Status of Election of NH NCPC Officers (Barry Pilger, Jim Dexter & Nancy Mueller)

- A. Nominations Report: Barry has a plan to speak with each officer and determine a slate.
- B. Plans for the January 6th Meeting to Plan Election Activities
- C. Preliminary Schedule for February 5th Town Hall Meeting Activities

18. Progress on NH NCPC Website and Yahoo! Group (Jim Dexter and Barry Pilger)

- A. Duplicate website hosted by Barry Pilger.
Barry would like a "Mission Statement" for the website. Steve volunteered to work with Barry on this.
- B. Review of MSIC website to NH NCPC website progress.
Barry has 40 to 50 people signed up and thinks it should be promoted. Teresa will help get it posted. Jim and Barry are still working on the website with lots of info available from other links.

19. Plans for Next PSA2 Meeting (Nancy Mueller & Jim Dexter)

- A. Meeting with Lt. Meeks and all PSA2 NCPC Heads on January 14th. Nancy will attend.
- B. Topics for Discussion?

20. Plans for Next NH NCPC Quarterly Meeting (Nancy Mueller)

- A. February 5, 2008, Topic is OPD 2008 Geographical Reorganization and the Hill Area
- B. Anticipated Speaker For Meeting:
Area 1 Captain Toribio
- C. Draft of February 5th Town Hall Meeting Agenda (attached)
- D. Plans for Food
- E. Plans for Recognition – Paul is handling
- F. Plans for Registration/Information Gathering
- G. Plans for Reception – **raffle tickets would work better to get people in the room faster.**

21. Open Discussion (Nancy Mueller)

Sue Piper (Jean Quan's staff member and also a neighbor) announced that there is a party on Friday the 14th at Chabot Space Center. Donations are requested at a minimum of \$10 to help get Sue Piper on as full time. Jean Quan cooks the food herself.

A new Committee was formed: PROGRAM COMMITTEE. The chair is Jim and includes committee members: Nancy, Barry and Steve.

San Francisco Magazine had a big article on Oakland this month.

Jack London Park where Barry works has an Art Murmur every first Friday of the month. There is an art loop starting at 23rd and Telegraph.

22. Closing Remarks (Nancy Mueller)

Upcoming Calendar:

NH NCPC Steering Committee Meeting Wednesday, January 2, 2008

NH NCPC Quarterly Meeting Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Adjournment at 9:01 PM.