

Greater Rockridge NCPC Meeting Agenda (12Y/13X)
Thursday, May 13, 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 (absent)

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

NSC: Ana Martinez (absent)

Frank Castro opened the meeting at 7 PM. Sixteen people attended the meeting.

OPD Report

Officer Patrick Gerrans reported on the previous month's priorities.

The smashed car windows, on North St., Dana, and Oak Grove, were actually auto burglaries. OPD sent out extra patrols in the area; Patrol never noticed any suspicious persons or vehicles; there have been no other burglaries.

On the Nude Sushi case, he and the night watch patrol haven't heard anything unusual; Ana Martinez got a lot of citations thrown at the store for code enforcement issues. The owner was very receptive.

Re the traffic priority at the stop sign on Keith: there's no where to hide in that area, so when Officer Gerrans had paperwork to do, he stopped there. So far it has reduced the number of people running the stop sign by the freeway entrance.

There's been an increase in auto burglaries in the 5300-5400 blocks of James, Vicente, Cavour, and Hudson, plus more auto burglaries and thefts. These are real crimes of opportunity; there's not a lot OPD can do, but they are patrolling. If anyone can get a photo of the thieves, maybe with a security camera, putting a picture out on the groups can help. Most of the people caught with stolen vehicles are taking joy rides. A smaller percentage are more organized for stripping the cars for resale; there's not a lot of that in Oakland.

The gang injunction has been filed and is currently set for hearing on May 27. This should be the final process of getting the injunction set. The ACLU wanted certain concessions as part of the injunction; some were feasible, some not. The injunction is not enforceable yet; notices are being sent to gang members. Then, once the injunction is approved by the court, the 19 targeted gang members will be served again. Criminal enforcement will come after that.

Ten of the 19 targets are actually in jail now for other reasons. They are primarily black and Asian males. OPD hopes it'll go through; there may be an appeals process; Officer Gerrans is confident we'll win.

A resident mentioned that there was a lot of construction on Sheridan. Was construction activity a magnet for crime? Is there something residents should pay attention to? Officer Gerrans: No, not really; construction companies do what they can to prevent theft. The construction on Highway 24 displaced a lot of homeless people; so they became more obvious.

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Status of City Attorney's Request for a Gang Injunction

Frank Castro went to a Leadership Meeting with NCPC heads and Neighborhood Watch groups to discuss the gang injunction (GI). He described the background and process (this was described in detail in the [minutes of the March 11, 2010 NCPC meeting](#)). There were 19 people targeted. The ACLU is involved. Attorney Russo is bending over backwards to ensure that the GI is not trampling on anyone's civil rights, and wanted the NCPC and NW leaders to relate that to the people of Oakland. Some parts of the GI were modified after meeting with the ACLU. The ACLU was still against it. The injunction only is for 19 individuals and the police would not be able to arrest any of them unless two or more of them are together. The police won't be able to just arrest all groups of black kids hanging out on the street. It will likely be approved because of the extraordinary efforts the City Attorney has taken to do it right. The ACLU objects to the proposal that the GI would be able to add additional individuals if there is enough evidence to warrant it.

Officer Gerrans said that they know about 40 others but don't have enough evidence yet that would stand up in court.

A resident commented that it seems like a neighborhood restraining order; Frank agreed that that was how Attorney Russo described it.

A resident asked if the targeted individuals could go into a building or private house. Officer Gerrans said there is something about whether there is entertainment. If two or more are at the same club or movie, they cannot be together inside or hang out before or after outside the building together. This is discretionary on the officers' part; it is a tool of the GI to avoid the concerns of the ACLU.

Neighborhood Issues

A resident from 13X mentioned that this wasn't crime related but she was very pleased that potholes in the area of Thurgood ?? were fixed. Frank Castro mentioned that he got a pothole fixed on College and Keith by reporting it online at [Oakland's Public Works web site](#).

Nila Kim from Jane Brunner's office reported that a resident has advised them that the transient problem has returned to FROG Park, at Clark & Redondo Streets. The homeless man is back, defecating all over. Officer Gerrans said he moves around from park to park. Nila said that she admires the people in Rockridge who usually do everything they can on their own to correct a problem before bringing it to higher levels. The neighbors have cleaned out the cardboard and other things he uses to set up a camp but the guy keeps coming back. Instead of making it a priority, Officer Gerrans wanted to talk to the resident directly first.

Merchants' Issues

Margaret Pinter, NCPC Liaison with the Rockridge District Association, said the RDA's meeting schedule was in flux but that she spoke to Chris Jackson, RDA Operations Manager. Chris said he just tells the merchants that there is activity so they'll be more aware.

An elderly woman was caught on video, shoplifting on College Avenue.

The Safeway at Claremont & College was robbed; the robbers had face masks.

A resident asked about the incident where a person was shot by police after a robbery at the Walgreen's at 51st and Telegraph; the question was, were the suspects in that incident responsible for any other incidents in the area. Officer Gerrans had no information on the subject.

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Review of Previous Month's Priorities and Setting of New Ones

The issue of smashed car windows will be closed.

The residents complained that the problem at Nude Sushi (6228 Telegraph) has not gone away. The store moved all their operations onto Telegraph from the rear parking lot, but the noise is inching back there. A resident saw that one man mopping the floor and trying to be quiet, but other employees were on the other side of the building yelling their heads off. The residents called about music with a heavy bass one evening; the dispatcher said there was an officer there. The noise continued. Some time ago a resident put a sign on the fence to remind them about the hours to be quiet but it was eventually torn down.

Ana Martinez told the residents that it may be time to file a civil action to the owner of the property. A resident said the woman is always friendly and personable but the noise still goes on. Frank reminded them to keep detailed logs for evidence to have if it leads to court. A lot of times the threat of legal action is a lot scarier than having a police officer come. When a letter comes from a law firm, things often get resolved before the lawsuit is filed. Frank recommended talking to Ana again regarding the next steps. A resident recommended videotaping the activity.

We'll keep the traffic issue at the top of Keith.

Priorities (three allowed per Beat)

Beat 12Y

1. Employees of "Nude Sushi" (6228 Telegraph) making noise in parking lot behind restaurant between midnight and 3 AM.

Beat 13X

1. No priorities for Beat 13X this month.

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

- People aren't stopping at the stop sign at the top of Keith, interferes with traffic leaving the freeway.

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

- None this month.

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

Next meeting will be **Thursday, June 10, 2010** at 7:00 PM in the Rockridge Library Community Room, College and Manila.

See you there and stay safe!

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