

**Greater Rockridge  
Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (12Y/13X) – Agenda  
Thursday, August 10, 2017  
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

Mike Ubell opened the meeting at 8:38 AM. Thirteen people attended, including 3 Oakland Police officers; attendees introduced themselves. OPD officers present: Sgt. Nicholas Calonge (Community Resource Officer Supervisor); Officer David Mac (Community Resource Officer, Beat 12), Officer Ryan Jensen (College Avenue walking officer)

**Priorities**

After considerable discussion, the NCPC board has decided to submit bicycle riding on the sidewalk on College Avenue as a priority. We asked if the walking officer could speak to bike riders and tell them it's against the law to ride on the sidewalk, as a start.

Q: How big is the problem?

A: People ride very fast into BART stations, and sometimes just on the sidewalks. There have been incidents where bicyclists were running dogs on leash alongside the cycle, threatening to pedestrians. Lt. Calonge noted that the law says only juveniles can ride on the sidewalk. College Avenue is due for bike lanes in 2018, the exact date is currently unknown.

Chris Jackson (Rockridge District Association) says he has approached the city, who has agreed to allow stencils on the sidewalks as the cheapest option. There's no money for signage. We'll have to submit the language to the Bicycle Coalition, who refuse to see the word *no* in it. The phrase *Bicycles Prohibited on the Sidewalk* has been suggested.

A resident asked about homeless encampments and monthly crime reports. Mike Ubell responded that we'll get to the crime reports when we introduce the new Community Resource Officer.

A resident living on Miles reported an aggressive homeless camp very near the casual carpool area on Claremont Avenue (under the freeway). She called Public Works, who agreed to get to it on Aug. 2. The camper has now moved around the corner. It's not clear whether anyone lives in the mess under the freeway or whether they're just storing stuff there. The city isn't moving on this very well. There's a huge encampment on Northgate. (*Ed. Note: Northgate is in a different police beat.*)

Chris Jackson said that law enforcement has a hands-off policy on homelessness; it's up to the mayor.

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Lt. Calonge said that OPD enforces laws, but doesn't displace people just because they're homeless. They will not confiscate belongings. There have been several fires (none known in beat 12Y). The city's new budget has lots of money for homeless services. Loud voices at city council support leaving the homeless alone. Officer Jensen recommended we go to city council meetings, and hear what's being said: requests are to support the homeless, and reduce police numbers.

Chris Jackson has talked to several campers from other areas and even other states; they are NOT all evicted Oaklanders. Call in homeless camps, and keep calling to report new ones.

Mike Ubell said the January 2017 homeless count found 1,902 unsheltered and 852 sheltered (about 2,700). The majority are from the local area but not all. The homeless count doesn't find everyone. Some residents think the count is even higher.

No one reported any new priorities for Beat 13X.

### **Oakland Police Dept. Status Report, beat 12Y**

Officer Jurgens-Duenas was unable to attend. There was no report for beat 13X.

Officer Mac reported that violent crime is about the same this year as last (6 incidents in the last 2 months, flat from last year). Burglaries are up from 29 in 2016 to 47. Auto burglaries are down, but a lot of auto burglaries aren't reported. Lt. Calonge says the rise in auto burglaries is providing income for the thieves with less risk than robbery, so robbery is down. The thieves cruise in a car, looking for targets, then one person gets out and cracks a bunch of windows, retrieves what they can, gets back in the car and they leave. Local thieves aren't using hi-tech car openers, they just smash windows.

Officer Jensen reported that OPD made a couple of significant arrests in the last month. Neighborhood organizations and local email changes helps a lot. Chris Jackson reported that we can walk to and from BART now without being mugged, and thanked OPD.

Mike Ubell announced that the NCPC has reserved a booth at Rockridge Out & About on Sunday, September 17, and solicited volunteers to help him man it. We don't have a booth location yet.

Chris Jackson reported that the chain link fence has been removed from the old Shell property at College and Claremont; he asked residents to watch out for homeless camps. The property has a big hole (2 feet deep), which may have to be fenced off. There's no remaining toxic waste from the gas station, it was remediated. The property is 2 separate parcels, and there are no clear plans for it at this time. Call in any activity you see there. It's private property so OPD can enforce the no-trespassing laws.

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Chris Jackson reported that the Ford GoBike station is actually in use. It's in a red curb area; otherwise it would have killed 5 parking spots. There will be one at the BART station, which BART is fighting. Ford GoBike will take all the parking in front of Wendy's. The merchants hate them.

Mike Ubell closed the meeting at 8:10 pm.

### **Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Priorities for August 2017**

**Beat 12Y:**

1. *Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Priority:* Discourage bicyclists riding on the sidewalk.

**Beat 13X:**

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

*Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council meetings  
are normally the SECOND Thursday of even-numbered months.  
Next meeting **Thursday, October 12, 2017** at 7:30 PM  
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See you there and stay safe!*

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