

**Greater Rockridge
Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (12Y/13X) – Minutes
Thursday, February 10, 2022
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
General Public: 7:00-8:30 PM**

Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC):

Michael Ubell – Chair
Jon Travis –Vice Chair
Eric Neville - Treasurer
Karen Ivy – Secretary & Information Officer
Officer Meeran Gichki – Community Resource Officer, beat 12Y
Officer Silvestre Triana - Community Resource Officer, beat 13X

Introductions

Mike Ubell opened the meeting at 7:03 PM and announced that the meeting was being recorded. He suggested we wait a moment for more people to log in. Approximately 8-10 people eventually logged in.

Carolyn Burgess: There’s an upcoming redistricting meeting, and if you don’t like the current plans, you should chime in. The current map is almost all hills.

Karen Ivy: The last time I looked, our police district was all in council district 1 except for an area south of Broadway Terrace and East of Clarewood. That area is now associated with the hills. Every time I look at the map, the rest of our police area is all still in district 1, all the way down to MacArthur, including Piedmont Avenue.

Carolyn Burgess: The hills used to be in district 1, they’re now in district 4, which goes clear over to 98th or farther. Think big picture on who you want lobbying for you.

Mike Ubell: Let’s get back to the NCPC meeting. We have a very small agenda with no speaker. I’m Michael Ubell, the chair, we have Karen Ivy, the secretary and information officer. Our other 2 officers aren’t here. Anyone else want to introduce themselves? Carolyn Burgess introduced herself as from beat 13Y, “here to learn from Rockridge.”

Oakland Police Dept. (OPD) Status Reports, beats 12Y and 13X

Officer Gichki, the CRO for beat 12, logged in, and Mike suggested that he give us a report.

Officer Gichki introduced Officer Silvestre Triana, the new CRO for beat 13.

Officer Triana: This is my second year; it will be a difficult year. We’re mostly on patrol now, for maybe another month, we can’t get to the beats at all regularly. Any questions?

Carolyn Burgess: Are you still a Community Resource Officer?

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Officer Triana: Yes. But the CROs are currently assigned to patrol, at least through March. If you have any issues, please email me. We've tried to get out, we've made some arrests. I'll put my email in the chat.

STriana@oaklandca.gov

Officer Gichki: Yes, we've lost another CRO. Oakland North is now down to 3 CROs, all covering multiple beats. All the CROs got together yesterday and made an arrest for vehicle robbery and confiscated some firearms. We're still going out making arrests. I don't have crime stats for today, I have other reports I have to get done. We still get overtime to show more officer presence in "hot spots" like Montclair. Email us with your concerns.

Karen Ivy: Don't worry about the crime stats, we understand your issues. I didn't copy you, but in my January crime stats published this week I discovered there are major holes in the January data. During an 11-day period at the end of January there were only 4 reported crimes in all of 12Y, and frankly I don't believe that. This has been reported to the city, including to Captain Bolton, but I've had no answers yet. Yesterday I decided to publish anyway, with a note that I thought the data was incomplete. I also talked to Rik Belew, who has done years of work on Oakland crime statistics. He showed me a graph of historical monthly crime report numbers for the entire city, back to 2004 (I think it came from the *San Francisco Chronicle*, which published [a major story on Oakland crime statistics](#) in January). Based on the history, it's very unusual to see fewer than 4,000 crime reports in any month in Oakland, and January 2022 showed fewer than 3,000!

Officer Gichki: Where do you get your data?

Karen Ivy: I go to [Crimewatch Maps Past 90 days](#). I've been using it since 2014. It's had problems before, and now it has another one.

Officer Gichki: Have you been to the City of Oakland web site? They have a spot for crime statistics. I'll put it in the chat. Here's the link: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/oakland-crime-statistics>

Karen Ivy: I've looked at those sites. They are not beat specific; they only show summary data for police areas like area 2 (North Oakland) or area 1.

Carolyn Burgess: People want to know what's going on in their immediate area, not in "north Oakland."

Officer Triana: We do have a daily/weekly report on what's happening in our areas, we can say what's gone on. It isn't ideal.

Officer Gichki: I just checked, and in one week in Area 2 there were 2 carjackings. Carjackings are a problem all over the city. Don't sit in your car idling. Get out of the car and go in the house. The crooks follow people who've been shopping and carjack them – newer cars are harder to steal, so they have to try to get the keys (or fobs).

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Neighborhood discussion and Oakland Police Q and A, including new priorities

At this point Karen Ivy noted that we have a resident logged in who can only communicate by chat. The resident's issue relates to beat 12. Also, our treasurer, Eric Neville, doesn't have audio capability at home, and is on chat. Mr. Neville and I have been concerned that people don't seem to know how to report some types of crimes.

I am including conversation on this issue directly from the chat.

00:14:39 Theresa Nelson (she/her): Theresa Nelson from lower Rockridge. I'm attending because of some incidents at Hardy Dog Park. Sorry I can't speak because of an illness.

00:14:47 Theresa Nelson (she/her): Have to type in chat only.

00:23:34 Theresa Nelson (she/her): Thanks for letting me address the group via chat, I'm recovering from post-covid bronchitis and can't really talk. I live on Hudson Street, and have been a dog owner and dog park user on and off for years, and helping with clean-ups and renovations plans. Recently there have been an increasing number of attacks at the dog park. Sometimes there is a notice posted, but more often people now post on NextDoor. These two incidents, one in December:

https://nextdoor.com/p/wh3tBGBr5TDP?view=detail&init_source=search&query=hardy%20dog%20park and this one in January with injuries to dogs and people, in January: https://nextdoor.com/p/TXKK_m5384k-?view=detail&init_source=search&query=hardy%20dog%20park The big concern is that they called OPD (I do not know the details of whether they called 911 or non-emergency) and no one responded. In the case of irresponsible owners or irresponsible dog walkers, this is a danger to owners and dogs. What can be done?

00:26:42 Theresa Nelson (she/her): Hardy Dog park has metal signs with rules posted, since it opened. I don't know exactly what time these incidents happened to suggest what time to stop by, but we have posted on NextDoor etc. In these cases the owners/walkers allowed an attack to go on.

00:27:23 Theresa Nelson (she/her): The two posts have further details.

Officer Gichki: There was an incident like this in beat 13, an issue with dogs off leash. The CROs walked the area, put out some flyers, and took an educational approach. We think a community approach on this is better, but we can post to NextDoor and urge people to have more control of their dogs.

Mike Ubell: This was more that dogs were attacking other dogs and even people, and the owner was not taking responsibility for the attack. There must be laws about owning a dangerous dog. Isn't that assault? The owner isn't taking proper care. People called the police and no one came.

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Officer Gichki: Let me read the post. They may not have sent an officer because it was a minor crime. Also, only the owner can report crimes, someone who just saw it can't report. If the owner calls and no one comes, the owner should call back. If they file a report on line they can then send the evidence to me.

00:27:32 Theresa Nelson (she/her): Sorry I wish I could just tell you!

00:27:45 Theresa Nelson (she/her): The January one has some bloody photos

00:28:40 Theresa Nelson (she/her): The dog bit the dog AND the owner and both were injured in the January incident.

At this point Officer Gichki said that he couldn't open the NextDoor links, and Mike Ubell copied one of them and posted the text.

Carolyn Burgess: Was a report made?

Mike Ubell: I've seen cases where people called the police and got no response.

Officer Gichki: I can see that happening. A call for a dog biting another dog might not get priority over all the calls we get for higher priority incidents.

Mike Ubell: The people had a picture of the guy and wanted to submit it, couldn't submit it online, and because it was low priority no one ever came. What do you do with evidence of a non-serious crime? We've brought this up with the captain. I'm posting the December NextDoor post to the chat:

0:29:11 Michael Ubell NCPC Chair: BEWARE AT HARDY DOG PARK. Watch out for these two. Owner doesn't care if his dog attacks your dog (and she will). He's 5'10"ish, bearded, tubby callous man. Dog is Tiger? Or Piper? light brown pit/Shepard mix. My dog is scared but not injured only because I pulled his dog off mine while he watched from the sidelines chuckling. Shame on him. Dog parks are for dogs who won't injure anyone. This asshat should be banned.

00:29:15 Eric Neville: I think the Nextdoor links require membership and login. [Ed. Note: They do. The police can't look at public posts on NextDoor, only posts that they have made. To send a NextDoor post to a CRO, you have to copy it and paste it into an email.]

00:30:18 Theresa Nelson (she/her): The woman (dog owner) in the January incidents had puncture wounds in both her hands.

00:31:15 Theresa Nelson (she/her): SO how can I send this?

00:31:29 Theresa Nelson (she/her): What is his email?

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00:32:11 Theresa Nelson (she/her): *IN the December one the dog was attacked. In January the puppy went to intensive care and the woman owner had puncture wounds.*

Officer Gichki: Is she the owner of the dog?

00:32:29 Theresa Nelson (she/her): *No I am not the owner, just involved with the park.*

Officer Gichki: She needs to get the owner to call the police, they are the main victim. Only the owner can report. The owner has to keep calling back and asking to have an officer sent. They may have to call several times and ask them to update the incident, in case the officer came while no one was home. It's hard, but with our resources it's what happens. I don't have a solution. Once they get a police report filed, they can email the evidence to me.

Mike Ubell: Other issues, comments, observations?

Carolyn Burgess: I'm from 13Y and we go through this periodically. People don't know the procedures for reporting crimes. Is there a page that says what you have to do to report a crime. We'd like to post it on our listserv. [Ed. Note: The link to the city online reporting site is on the home page at <https://rockridgencpc.com>.)]

Officer Gichki: The Oakland site <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/report-a-crime-online> has a link to "report crime." The page is self-explanatory. Not all crimes can be reported online, sometimes you have to call Dispatch and ask for an officer to be sent out. And I'll try to send a link that shows the city stats.

Mike Ubell: If no one has any other comments we'll close the meeting.

Carolyn Burgess and Karen Ivy thanked the CROs for their efforts. Meeting closed at about 7:35 PM.

Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Priorities for February 2022

Beat 12Y:

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

Beat 13X:

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

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are normally the SECOND Thursday of even-numbered months.
Next meeting **Thursday, April 14, 2022** at 7:00 PM
Zoom link is available at <https://rockridgencpc.com>, NEXT NCPC MEETING*

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