

**Greater Rockridge
Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (12Y/13X) – Minutes
Thursday, October 14, 2021
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
Angela Moore – Neighborhood Services Coordinator
Officer Meeran Gichki – Community Resource Officer, beat 12Y
Officer Aaron Johnson - Community Resource Officer, beat 13X

7:00 – 7:10 PM – Introductions

Mike Ubell opened the meeting a little after 7:00 PM and introduced the NCPC officers and the NSC. By 7:10 we had 16 participants signed in. Acting Captain Rosin was unable to attend, but Sergeant Alain Manguy will stand in for him.

7:10 – 7:25 PM – Oakland Police Dept. (OPD) Status Reports, beats 12Y and 13X

Beat 12Y

Officer Meeran Gichki introduced himself. He discussed the crime stats for beat 12Y, comparing the last 90 days with the same period in 2020.

	07/16/20 – 10/14/20	07/16/21 – 10/14/21
Homicides	00	00
Battery	08	09
Auto Burglary	19	67
Res. & Comm. Burglary	15	12
Assault with Deadly Weapon	02	02
Robbery – Armed & SA	02	05
Grand Theft	08	04
Petty Theft	05	13
Stolen Vehicle	28	37

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The only categories that changed significantly (more than 5 incidents) were car-related: Auto Burglary, which shot up to 67 from 19, and Stolen Vehicle, increased from 28 to 37. Petty Theft also increased from 5 to 13. He referred citizens who want to see the city’s crime statistics directly to this site, which shows annual, quarterly, and weekly citywide reports and separate reports for each police area or district:

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/oakland-crime-statistics>

(Ed. Note: The city site does *not* list statistics for individual beats. You can see statistics for beats 12Y and 13X on the NCPC web site at <https://tinyurl.com/y9yyke8v>.)

Crime in District 2 (North Oakland and Uptown, beats 8 - 14) has been worse than in beat 12Y. There was one homicide in district 2 in the last 90 days. During the same time-period in 2020, we had two homicides in the district. In district 2, additional violent crime affects police resources in each beat, as officers may be pulled away to deal with it. District 2 had 56 reported shootings in the last 90 days, against 27 last year. District 2 has had 243 ShotSpotter activations this year, versus 177 last year. Carjackings are up all over the city, especially west of Fruitvale.

Beat 13X

Officer Aaron Johnson reported on beat 13, particularly beat 13X, comparing the last 90 days with the same period in 2020.

	07/16/20 – 10/13/20	07/16/21 – 10/13/21
Battery	5	0
Domestic Violence	0	3
Auto Burglary	12	13
Res. & Comm. Burglary	5	5
Assault with Deadly Weapon	firearm: 1	firearm: 0
Robbery – Armed & SA	2	1
Grand Theft	5	2
Petty Theft	1	5
Stolen Vehicle	15	9

As you can see, the statistics for beat 13X haven’t changed much from last year, much the same and very low. The highest number of incidents was in Auto Burglaries, we had 12 last year and 13 this year.

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The CROs focus on our beats, we ride together, but we also help investigate crimes throughout district 2 (beats 8 – 14), not just our specific beats. We've been asked to show a presence in district 3 (Fruitvale and Central Oakland, beats 15 – 22) but we come back if district 2 has issues.

7:25 – 7:50 PM – Neighborhood discussion and Oakland Police Q and A, including new priorities

Resident: We seem to have a lot of delivery package theft. Do the police have any arrangement with package delivery companies to know when they're coming by?

Officer Johnson: Not that I know of. We focus primarily on violent crime, although we do work on property crime.

Mike Ubell asked if there were any other questions, and suggested people just unmute and hop in if they have.

Resident: Has the murder at the barbershop on College Avenue been solved?

Officer Gichki: That is still open. It was in the 5200 block of College Avenue.

Mike Ubell again asked for other questions.

Resident: There's been an abandoned car at Clifton and Manila for several months. How do we get rid of abandoned cars?

Officer Gichki: You report that on 311, they have an abandoned auto detail, but they're shorthanded trying to deal with over a thousand abandoned cars across the city. We've been very busy with gun crime, but once we get a chance to tour the beat I'll look at it and let them know.

Resident: We've reported it but they don't even ticket in our neighborhood.

Eric Neville: I saw something similar recently, where street sweeping didn't ticket an abandoned car on Broadway for months.

Officer Gichki: Do you have a description and the license plate?

Resident: It's a Cadillac, and it doesn't have a real license plate, it has a white paper plate like on a new car.

Sergeant Manguy: We'll try to take care of it as soon as we have the staff.

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Jon Travis: Do we know how many officers we have now?

Sergeant Manguy: The number shifts, as people are quitting all the time. It's probably around 680 right now. We don't know how to stop the losses.

Officer Johnson: Not all sworn officers answer calls. Officers ranked Captains and up are sworn but they don't answer calls. Even CROs don't answer patrol calls although we help out. Patrol right now is at 200 and some odd officers to cover the city 24x7. Every day there are open beats for which the beat officer isn't available.

Jon Travis: That's good information. I believe officers are no longer strictly assigned to beats?

Officer Johnson: No, they're still assigned to beats, but we're so shorthanded that District 2 officers may have to answer calls in another district, like East Oakland.

Mike Ubell: An officer from beat 12 won't answer low priority calls in other beats, but they may get called to high priority incidents like murders. This is a major cause of the overtime you see discussed. The only way to stop overtime is to hire more police. I see Captain Rosin isn't here. Sergeant Manguy, are you standing in?

7:50 - 8:10 PM – Acting Captain Robert Rosin, OPD – Fireworks and other neighborhood issues

Sergeant Manguy: Yes, I'll stand in for Acting Captain Rosin. Fireworks are a major issue in holidays. We can send officers to cite the fireworks users and take the fireworks away. But during holidays, with our officer shortage we may not have the personnel to deal with individual fireworks calls if there are also violent incidents. A broader approach might be to go after the fireworks sellers. If we could do an undercover buy, we can get a warrant and get them off the street. Some of the CRO squad have gotten fireworks off the street in that way.

Mike Ubell: We've been told we can have people talked to beforehand if we know who's going to do it.

Sergeant Manguy: We could try to make that contact and educate them about the thousand dollar tickets they could get.

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Mike Ubell: Our concern on Kales is the people who do it every year and refuse to stop. It seems to attract more people who don't live on the block, they just come to watch, and shoot off their own fireworks. We don't want the block known as the place you go to shoot off fireworks.

Sergeant Manguy: We can try to work with the Neighborhood Services Coordinator and the NCPC to flyer the area, and make sure people know it's illegal. Education may help.

Angela Moore: That's a good idea. I talked to the fire dept. about this and they're considering a city-wide flyer but it doesn't exist yet.

Sergeant Manguy: Our CROs, working on a homicide, may go out looking for video. Video is our main resource. If you see us looking for video, say hi, and let us know if you may have some.

Mike Ubell: Is Sarah Fine from the DOT here? She was scheduled to dial in but she's not on the call. We may have to reschedule her. Any new priorities? Meeting closed at 7:38 PM. 16 People were dialed in.

8:10 – 8:30 PM – Sarah Fine, Oakland DOT – City paving plan results and proposed street list for next year

Did not appear.

Mike Ubell: Any new priorities? No one mentioned a new priority. The meeting closed at 7:38 PM. Sixteen people were dialed in.

Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Priorities for October 2021

Beat 12Y:

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

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, December 9, 2021** at 7:00 PM
Location TBA pending the course of the pandemic*

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