

Greater Rockridge NCPC (12Y/13X) Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 15, 2013
Rockridge Library Community Room, College and Manila
General Public: 7:00-8:30PM

NCPC:

Frank Castro – Chair
Barbara Minton – Vice Chair
Denise Jorgensen – Treasurer
Karen Ivy – Secretary & Information Officer

NCPC Board members present: Frank Castro, chair; Barbara Minton, vice chair; and Denise Jorgensen, Treasurer. Also present was Officer Jason Trode of Beat 13X.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. There were 10 people attending the meeting.

Crime Maps/Stats

The new map gives a graphic illustration of patterns of crime. This map is for the 1st quarter of 2013. It is available on Yahoo groups and on [the NCPC website](#).

This month's crime report is for 19 days. 32 crimes in 19 days comes out to about 1.7 per day. 12Y is densely populated with residences and is also dense commercially. (*Ed. Note: As of the 2010 census, beat 12Y had 7,542 residents and beat 13X had 6,701 residents for a total of 14,243.*)

How do we disseminate all the available info to all the people? We decided that we can't. Some organizations require so much personal info that people are turned off. We don't know what they are doing with the information. How to reach large numbers of people without infringing on privacy? Yahoo groups seem to be the best answer.

The chairperson asked again for volunteers to help with NCPC activities. Let's focus on bringing information to this meeting that you who are here can use. Maybe get some placards or posters to urge people to come to NCPC and place them in merchant's windows. Some volunteers could go around and distribute these; people could put them in their house windows, too, in the week before the meeting.

PSO Reports

Officer Trode is here tonight. Officer Lane is finishing up an arrest of some juveniles for robbery and couldn't make the meeting.

Beat 12Y- Things are about level with last year, except that this time last year we had 5 home burglaries. This month, we had 13. In summer that may increase with kids out of school. Auto burglaries are high, too. Get alarms for your home and cars - audible alarms are best. Secure the front door and reinforce it. Door Guard is a metal guard for door. Consider outdoor lighting, motion sensors, etc.

There have been no major bodily injuries; we've had 1 robbery this year, 3 last year.

We've had 7 stolen vehicles, this year; we had 8 for the same period last year .

Beat 13X - They've had problem with school kids on Broadway Terrace- graffiti, kids hanging around, smoking pot, and partying even before school.

Crime in 13X: Auto burglaries, 2; residential burglaries 2; a bunch of thefts; 1 stolen car. Crime very low, 33 % lower than last year.

"It helps that officers are parked up there a lot. They park at 51st and Pleasant Valley Road sometimes, to do their paperwork."

In a major arrest, OPD took down 2 gang members, 25 people, 60 guns. All the PSO's were involved.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES:

RockridgeNCPC.com & OaklandPolice.com
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RockridgeNCPC/>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RockridgeNeighborhoodWatchNetwork/>

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Q: For people who've had a robbery the last few years, are OPD still trying to find owners of "treasure trove" of recovered property?

A: You need proof that it was yours, photos, serial numbers, etc. in order to recover.

Q: A friend had a lot of jewelry stolen. Who would she call?

A; Officer Balaoro is working on those things. Officer Trode will look in to it.

Robitussin (also called "Robo") is a very effective drug for gangs to use. Methamphetamine use is increasing too. Criminals get high to get their nerve up to do a break in. This is very prevalent in North Oakland.

Q: Now that Oakland has hired Bratton and Wasserman, what changes are taking place?

A: OPD is still meeting and planning with new advisors; there are town hall meetings; there is a plan for 5 meetings which will solicit citizen input on big crime issues; then there will be a report by Wasserman's consulting group. It's now in the citizen input stage till 3rd week of April. The town hall meetings are listed on the NCPC website. Go to a meeting, find out what it's all about, give your input.

OPD is now down down to 608 officers. 30 recruits are graduating in 2 weeks, then they'll be in training for 6-8 weeks, then out on street.

CHP helps to increase police presence. All officers are doing forced overtime, once every 2 wks.

Many juveniles are on monitored probation and reoffend even while wearing anklet. For some reason, they are not being monitored as much as needed.

Priorities

Leave priorities as they are, but add checking on school problems in 13X. Was there a problem with girls doing robberies? The area around 61st and Canning is always a problem; also the area around 58th and Canning. OPD's Crime tech, Eddie Simlin, will make his presentation on how to make your house safe. We'll need to use flyers, etc. to get people out for the meeting with the presentation. We'll plan to have Eddie Simlin here for a presentation.

Meeting adjourned.

Priorities for March 2013:

12Y:

1. Late night noise from The Hut
2. The illegal auto repair shop on 63rd St. is active again
3. Canning between 58th and 61st area – robberies, burglaries

13X:

1. Repeated burglaries on Thomas between Broadway and Broadway Terrace. There are 2 suspicious individuals, one was carrying a bag as if recycling but the bag was never full.
2. Problems with school-age kids hanging out in the Broadway Terrace area – graffiti, pot, partying before school.

Meetings are the SECOND Thursday of the month.

*Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 11, 2013** at 7:00 PM
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See you there and stay safe!

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