

RBCC Membership Meeting Minutes: June 12, 2013

May 2013 meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: \$4.36 interest. \$9.95 web hosting fee.

Community Building Updates: Kim Traverse will lead the community picnic this year. Informal vote for picnic date: majority for August 24th versus September 21st. The picnic will be at Hutchinson Playground. Look into badminton and volleyball nets, hula hoops, etc.

ArtWalk: Rainier Ave S cannot close for the ArtWalk. There is no way to re-route the bus. The City has agreed instead to provide crossing guards. A permanent ArtWalk coordinator is sought by the City. The Stranger will publicize this event. RBCC bake and drink sales. Mark where you are from on a world map, Seattle map or neighborhood map.

Youth Violence Prevention Initiative (YVPI): Marty Jackson spoke about the YVPI. Introduced by Mayor Nickels in 2005 after 5 deaths that year of youths between 12-17. Covers three neighborhoods in Seattle: SE Seattle, Central and SW Seattle. Rainier Vista Boy & Girls Club is the hub for SE Seattle which covers Skyway to Franklin HS. YVPI works with 13+ agencies for kids ages 12-17 with high risk factors. Received a "hot spot" grant. Will last for three years to identify hot spots in the neighborhood and data will lead to extra training and strategies to eliminate the problem areas. Measures of success: drops in expulsions and expulsions, improved attendance. Also gang targeted outreach for ages 8-20. All funding agencies meet once a month. The Department of Neighborhoods is offering a \$20,000 grant to community groups towards joint projects with YVPI.

SPD: In attendance: Steve Paulsen (Commander, SE Precinct), Sgt. Ann Martin, Lt. John Hayes, and Mark Solomon (Crime Prevention Coordinator). The burglaries that occurred in our neighborhood the last week of May, accounted for 24% of total burglaries in SE Seattle. Next week, that amount dropped in half. This type of crime needs neighborhood cooperation and help from prosecutor's office. SPD does not think the recent crime spree is gang related. The area surrounding the school may be more likely for crimes of opportunity. More burglaries in the summer are such crimes of opportunity where windows and doors are unlocked. These types of burglaries happen more than forced entries in the summer. SPD has caught about 30 burglars in one month's time due to extra vigilance, especially after the neighborhood walks. Call volume has dropped since that point. Burglaries are most likely to occur Tuesday-Thursday from 9am-5pm. Tip: Get to know a few neighbors who are home during the day. Clearance rate for Seattle burglaries about 7%, which is higher than national average. Prosecution rate is high once in the legal system. If no evidence is available (witness testimony, fingerprints, etc), not very likely that the case will be solved. Since 2012, there has been a 20% decrease in burglaries in SE Seattle. The mobile police unit will be back in the neighborhood this summer, dates unknown.

SPD Plan for this Summer:

- 1) Friday and Saturday Night Hot Spot Patrols: 2 officers and sergeants assigned to tend to hot spots.
- 2) Community Contact: Fund two officers to meet business owners/neighbors and engage community three days a week in Columbia City and Rainier Beach.
- 3) Parks Patrol: Frequent hot spots at parks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.