

Tom opens the meeting at 7:03

July minutes approved

Corresponding Sec. Report: Rentals coming in regularly and sometimes from people who live outside of Rainier Beach.

Membership: None

Building Report: New chairs are in place. The grant covered everything except around \$30 of the chairs and Spring party. We kept a few extra chairs, just in case. We purchased 125 chairs

Finance: We paid for the chairs. We donated money for backpacks for Back2School Bash. \$43,423 in the bank – we should receive the reimbursement from the grant for chairs soon. Su sent the Dept. of Neighborhoods a thank you letter.

Social: Sept. 22nd from 7-11pm (Saturday) will be an adult only game night. Will also be an opportunity to meet new neighbors. Flyers will go out in the neighborhood soon. Bingo! Beer will be available for Oktoberfest.

Technology: None

Grant was approved.

Back2School Bash – we donated \$500

BAAMFest – we donated \$250 (Bang the Drum Sponsorship level)

Featured Speaker – Captain Grossman and Patrol Officer Demi, South Police Dept. South Precinct

Seattle Police recently participated in Lyric challenge. Check out the video and blooper reel on Facebook.

Demi works in the Rainier Beach neighborhood from 7pm till 3-4am

Capt. Grossman has been a Seattle police officer for 22 years. We have had 12 captains in the last decade or so. Capt. Grossman would like to stay the S. Seattle precinct captain for as long as possible.

Violent crime is Capt. Grossman's top priority, specifically armed robberies and shots fired. Auto theft is another priority, as it's highest in the South precinct.

Shots fired and crime are down about 17% in the area, especially around the Othello and Columbia City Light Rail stations.

Honda and Acura are the most stolen cars in the area. Capt. Grossman is working for a grant to get more clubs to prevent the cars from being stolen.

Georgetown and SoDo are also in the South precinct. Homeless RV residents and drug (heroin) related crimes are high priorities for this specific area. Property crime is up about 25%.

Strategies for reducing shots fired:

- Remove guns from the street. Remove guns from the hands of felons. The gang and robbery units make criminal cases against the individuals that are discharging the firearms.
- Rainier Beach: A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth rewards good behavior with younger neighbors, and teaches better, safe resolution.
- Safe storage of firearms, which are commonly stolen from cars.

Bike policing has been in the area for about a year. They are split between Georgetown/SoDo and the Rainier Valley.

Patrol spends most of its time doing 911 responses, and only does speeding when they have time. There are traffic specific officers (motorcycles and some cars). SDOT looks at the data from wrecks to determine how to change the roads to slow vehicles and make it safer.

The community has more influence over neighborhood improvements and safer community measures. It may take a long time and will need many voices, but eventually with persistence things begin to change.

Announcements

Sept. 5 at 7pm - there will be a South Crime group that meets at the Southeast Senior center (once a month).

Planning committee to help plan game night – see Clansy.