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DISCUSSION & SUMMARY NOTES of 11/14/07 WSCSP meeting:

INTRODUCTIONS: Vice President Dot Beard called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present at 7:06 PM; 18 meeting participants. President Desi Russell-Seefeld was absent due to an injury.

SW Precinct Police Reports: Sgt. Jeff Durden, Officer Brian Ballew, Officer Darin Chinn, Officer Kevin McDaniel, Officer Adonis Topacio:

Lieutenant Steve Paulsen reported crime this winter remains at a two-year low, although police are beginning to see a seasonal spike in burglaries (both residential and business), car prowls and other property crimes. SPD is also receiving more reports of juvenile-related disturbances and graffiti. In the South Precinct area, five residents in three days reported BB gun/air rifle incidents, some in South Park. Similar events have been reported in the Delridge, White Center and Top Hat areas. Police believe some incidents may be "copycats," perpetrated by several groups of people or individuals.

Neighbors have complained of chronic public sex in Westcrest Park to police. SW Precinct officers recently walked through the park with Assistant City Attorney Beth Gappert, SW Precinct Liaison. SPD will continue to monitor unlawful and nuisance activity in the park, and plans to use non-criminal sanctions including the Parks Exclusion Ordinance and trespass admonishment to curtail problem activity. No "sting" operations are planned.

Police served a search warrant in the California/Juneau neighborhood after a property crime victim tracked down a seller profiting from stolen property on Ebay and Craigslist. Officers discovered a fencing operation, selling "hot" laptops and computers.

Officers Darin Chinn and Willie Askew arrested three juvenile girls who recently assaulted them and resisted arrest at the South Park Community Center. Two of the same girls had attacked officer T.J. Berg at Denny Middle School two weeks prior.

Community Concerns:

WS Junction resident expressed concerns about youth loitering near the Wells Fargo building, particularly in the afternoons between 3-5 PM. In a recent incident, one youth was attacked by another with a rock. Community Police Team Officer Adonis Topacio says the girls knew each other. A SW Precinct officer had a foot beat in the WS Junction previously, and still checks in with storeowners there whenever he has the time. Another meeting participant expressed concerns that drug activity is shifting from where it used to be concentrated in an apartment building in the vicinity of 45th SW and SW Alaska and from the former Schucks building to the WS Junction. Officers will follow up and monitor the area.

Liquor Licenses, The assumption application for the 16th Avenue Grocery has been denied and reached its final appeal. No other concerns or questions.

Hot Spot PowerPoint and discussion: meeting participants watched a PowerPoint presentation of photographs of graffiti, nuisance problems and code violations in areas where crime occurs chronically in West Seattle neighborhoods. SNG staff takes reports and complaints, investigates and takes photos, and reports and follows up on problems. Some issues are tracked in PowerPoint presentations. Due to safety and privacy concerns, others are not. West Seattle neighbors are encouraged to contact SNG staff with their concerns for future reporting and follow-up. Email lois@sngi.org or call 206-323-3150 for more information about problem locations.

Meeting participants reviewed a draft of the WSCSP 2008 Work Plan and bylaws and nominated a slate of executive officers for WSCSP leadership for 2008:

Dot Beard - President

Kay Newton – Vice President

Betty Wiberg – Secretary

The group will vote to confirm the slate of officers at the Wednesday January 15 meeting.

Announcements & tour of the newly completed SW Precinct facilities (upstairs).

8:20 pm adjourn.

Next meeting: 7 PM Wednesday January 15, 2007