

01-10-2023 General Meeting

Officers/Board in attendance: Joanie Jacobs, President; Bridgett Markillie, Treasurer; Carrie McCann, Secretary; Phil Frick; Dan Jacobs

Agenda

1. Welcome
 2. Approval of general meeting minutes
 3. SPD
 4. ANA membership
 5. Business Membership Packets
 6. We love our neighborhood / potential sock collection WSG
 7. Other
 8. Follow us
 9. Raffle
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1. President Joanie Jacobs read the ANA purpose statement and introduced officers: president, secretary, treasurer (vice president not present). Round-robin self-introduction of attendees and speakers.
 2. Approval of November 15, 2022 General Meeting minutes moved and seconded. No discussion. Minutes unanimously approved.
 3. SPD speakers: Lt. Chopay Southwest Precinct night lieutenant, Officer Barreto, outreach Michelle McClendon. Attendees reminded to ask good questions and respect the time.

General information: covering night lieutenant and vacant 2nd shift at 2:30 am requiring double shifts. Admiral is probably the best area in the City, favorite and safest spot is North Admiral which is known for general quiet. What are the usual problems? Car accidents and domestic violence are most common. What about RV litter and blocking/unsafe environment? RV enforcement, other than parking, out of their hands per City policy.

Policing agenda for nights is different; mostly 911 calls which as Priority 1 get first response; Priority 2 calls may have to wait. South Precinct is brother/sister relationship for mutual help. Precinct has 8-9 staff each night, officers and sergeants do the work and can call on the Lieutenant, and in the absence of a captain escalate to a high-level roving Lieutenant.

What about racing? Have been doing emphasis on Harbor Avenue. Try to be out on Friday/Saturday nights with volunteer officers, presence has reduced 911 calls. Random shooting at Alki further down Beach was unusual. Question: what are the top 3 things deal with that SPD should not have to deal with? Obvious: homeless, group of people who have a rough time in life-drug dealing, health issues. SPD has crisis programs, LEAD but people are set in their lifestyle and do not take advantage (based on experience with nonuniformed outreach).

Where is WS supposed to be in # of officers? Do not have specific numbers for the SW precinct but all precincts are short. Overall, the City should be at 1,500 and have 900. Lots of officers working double shifts. When see pay, due to OT and special events, looks impressive but time away from family is hard. Events use OT which takes away from availability to fill in due to sickness, vacation. One issue is negative press and track record when something goes wrong; result is have money to hire but not people wanting to do the job. Q: How mitigate? Tries to keep morale high and back staff up when do work correctly. Cars and officers have cameras, no

officer would look the other way. If anyone drops money in precinct no one will pick it up—no leeway do to anything that gives the impression of incorrect behavior. Q: Heard a lot about morale, CHOP, but seems Mayor is backing police and new chief. Is it up? Officer: Getting supervisors who moved up through ranks, like Lt. Chopay, helps. Lieutenant: captains are more aware of the lieutenants they choose to be on the line and those away from where they deal with people. Overwork is a big problem; piloting a 4/10 schedule which will change the structure of patrol but trying it out because two days is not enough to decompress. Hope do not have to or choose to use time for other shifts, e.g. events.

Q: Two guys with stolen Hyundais pointing guns at people. Got called by officer but couldn't pull over because they wouldn't stop. Why? Pointing a gun out of a window is not enough, but if specifically threaten can pursue to a certain extent. If guy driving car is pursued and there is an accident, it is the police at risk. Q: What happened in end with the incident? Went into White Center, another jurisdiction, don't know beyond that. In instances like this, if they were identified (or known to police) and officers can find where they are, they get them. Random is harder, cannot find them. If want to follow up on Hyundai and you're a victim can find out for you what is happening. Q: Can you follow up on police report if you have a case number? Yes, so officer will follow up. If had stopped, in stolen car with threats, would go to jail. Cannot chase speeding car and they know it. Q: How can change that? ANA President: as people are running for office these are good questions to ask. Q: Would it help to lobby on pursuit? The groups who pass the laws are never going to give that back. Comment: a Legislator has actually proposed, per another attendee.

Q: How does OT work? Each precinct has a budget and decides how to spend, e.g. Alki emphasis, Westwood shoplifting. Q: With bridge access issues, when stuff goes south how get resources? Mostly summer, e.g. TikTok calling an event at Alki beach—contacted “organizer” to emphasize not a good idea to repeat. Q: Is there a SWAT in the precinct? No, SWAT is department-wide, one day and one night crew. Q: Is Don Armeni closed at night and who is responsible? Live above, notice when close then shift to Hamilton Viewpoint. Parks responsible, SPD closes. Comment: Petitioned to have Hamilton closed at 10pm but people still go in. Option: Can call police and say there's a party. Not a priority, but will come eventually. Not arrest anyone except for secondary. Q: Why would you take highly trained officers to do Seahawks game traffic control? Long-standing agreement. Sworn officer required under state law in certain circumstances. NFL is nonprofit (general laughter) no, it says so on the web site! Q: What about loud cars with altered exhaust systems—anything we can do? That's a tough one, illegal but not priority and not enforced, like tabs no longer a probable-cause stop. Also, could be catalytic converter theft and victim cannot afford to replace. Music is similar, society does not want to hassle people for high decibels. Comment: Alki 90% is people whose mufflers are set up to be noisy. Q: What is it with stolen Hyundais and Kias? Hyundais are a target because easy to steal and there is a TikTok challenge with specifics on how to do it.

Last speaker, police outreach: Michelle works in SODO and WS with law officers for social contact outreach 24/7. Originally from New Orleans, wants to help get people off streets rather than have them move from place to place. Important to advocate in Olympia to hold folks accountable; conversation cannot just stay in this room.

4. Parks Department invited but declined. Fourth year Hiawatha Park has not been available for the concert series. Trying to get series going but Parks insists construction imminent. However, Community Center earthquake retrofitting and playground bidding still not done. Parks just recently informed ANA work on the track and playfield will be bid in next couple months; target done by mid-August. Play area: in process of preparing to bid, all departments have to

sign off and SPU kicked it back, and until revised cannot be sent to bid. Best case is late spring early summer therefore no access. ANA asked about room outside the Center itself but Parks cannot commit because do not know where the contractors want to stage. ANA needs set dates for grant application for concert series. Q: Anything we can do to apply pressure? Dan will send out contacts, kindly flooding Parks can be squeaky-wheel-gets-the-grease. But, given the history of the main project it's amazing they are still optimistic about timeline.

No treasurer's report due to the ANA account having been compromised. Account is frozen and paperwork underway to open a new account. Filed reports and working to address the problem.

Patrick of West Seattle Blog noted open seat in District 1, WSB is looking at how to get a candidates' forum organized. Last time there were 24 events with varied attendance. WSB looking for buy-in from ANA to get major event(s) organized mid-June (filing is mid-May). Need to get "squirrels out of the tree" then forum. ANA could help and have information table as people enter. Format would be no audience questions to keep meeting informative and not stalled on one topic. Motion for ANA to coordinate with WSB carried unanimously. WSB will provide more information as it becomes available. Note: so far, no one has announced candidacy. What about after primary? WSB is taking one event at a time. Patrick noted it is different organizing in the fall since there will be only two candidates, unlike the primary.

5. Business membership: ANA newly focused on business/neighborhood nexus. Joanie and Peter of Mission organizing morning meetings, which work better for business owners, for initiatives such as We Love Our Neighborhood. If someone has a relationship with a business could take a business outreach packet and invite them to be part of the ANA. Updated ANA web site includes core businesses map with links to their web sites. If taking a packet please sign roster of business contacted so we don't unnecessarily bug people. ANA dues are \$25 per year and \$50 for businesses. Please join, but not until new account is set up due to compromised ANA account now frozen. We would love you to be part of us.
6. Neighborhood Teams initiative. Do not want people to come to meetings and ANA officers do all the talking; become part of neighborhood teams (not committee with all the baggage that implies). For example, help with speakers, the giveaways for the General Meeting drawing, membership so people know who we are and what we do; Adopt-a-Street program needs coordinator; 4th of July Kids Parade ANA booth; concert series has many opportunities including finding venue given ongoing Hiawatha unavailability.
7. Other
 - All month, WSG is partnering with Nightwatch to collect new socks for outreach to people living outside.
 - Anything you know we don't, fun or helping event?
 - Historical Society is open on Saturdays 12-4 with half-price books and ornaments for sale. Also auction at Salty's March 4 6:00 PM.
 - This Thursday is ArtWalk. WSG has high school artists this time. Fun night, runs from Admiral all the way down to Morgan Junction. Opportunity to see local businesses may not have been to.
8. Follow us!
9. Raffle and closing: thanks for your time, we are grateful that you too find neighborhood important.