



Community Engagement NEWSLETTER PAC District 3



Agenda

Regular Meeting - January 10, 2015

10:00 AM

Community Family Life & Recreation Center at Lyon Park
1309 Halley Street, Durham NC 27707



**Report code violations,
call Durham One Call:
919.560.1200**

**911 Center Non-
Emergency Number**

Barking dogs, loud music, burglaries occurring hours or days earlier and vandalism to public or private property are just a few examples of the types of calls that can now be reported to Durham's new, non-emergency phone number.

The new number, **(919) 560-4600**, was established by the Durham Emergency Communication Center (DECC) to free up 911 lines for life threatening or in-progress emergencies.

Call to Order

Introductions of Members Attending

Action on Agenda

Action on Minutes - December 13, 2014

Guest Speaker/ Topic: Bertha Johnson, Director of the Department of Budget & Management Services for the City of Durham

Ms. Johnson will present an overview of the 2015-2016 budget development and oversight process, specifically, how the budget is developed, sources of revenue for the City of Durham and the services and programs funded by the City of Durham.

Department & Organization Reports

- Police Department - District 3
- Sheriff's Report
- Duke Police Department
- INC - InterNeighborhood Council
- Department of Parks & Recreation
- Neighborhood Improvement Services
- American Tobacco Trail Watch
- Court Watch
- Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

Coffee with Council, March 14, 2015

PAC 3 April Elections

Next Regular Meeting: Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 10:00AM

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City of Durham*

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better Durham*

Partners Against Crime (PAC3) Draft Minutes Regular Meeting - December 13, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of Partners Against Crime, District 3 was held on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at 10 am at the Community & Family Life Recreation Center at Lyon Park, Co-Facilitator JoAnn Co-mis being in the chair and Alice Breeden substituting as Secretary.

The meeting minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Introductions: All in attendance stated their name, neighborhood and or affiliation.

Guest Speaker: Josh Edwards, City of Durham, Strategic Initiatives Manager.

Topic: The Strategic Plan focuses on goals for the City for the 20 year horizon. Our goals are strong and diverse economy, safe and secure community, thriving, livable neighborhoods, a well-managed city, and stewardship of the city's physical assets.

City is asking residents and others who work or play in Durham to take the "What's Next" survey online thru December 31. Purpose is to seek direction on existing goals and future focus. Hardcopies will be mailed upon request. Input will help shape strategy for accomplishing the established goals.

There will be an opportunity in the survey to affect how often the City communicates with residents regarding the strategic plan and the methods of communication utilized for that purpose.

In January analysis of survey results will start, with plans to roll out results to the general population in March. The survey results are taken into account during the City budgeting process.

To take the survey, go to durhamnc.gov and click on the Durham What's Next logo.

District 3 Department and Organization Reports

Commanders Report: Assistant District Commander Lieutenant Mark Morais gave the Commander's report. Lt. Morais has been with the department 11 years. Among the duties he has performed are patrolling and working with the CIC mental health program.

Overall crime is still down. Burglaries are up 13 % in the district though. There seems to be two groups operating. One operates in the inner zone which is closer to downtown and one in the outer zone. They are coming in through the back door. Make these area better lit. For the inner zone group. The prints are not in the system which indicates that the group is most likely composed of juveniles. The trend is 2:00 pm - midnight. The burglars are fast and typically take small items that fit in a backpack. Examples are jewelry and small electronics.

In response to the incidences the department has increased patrols in areas. There is a joint operation over 12 jurisdictions to look at cross county patterns. Information from residents regarding suspicious people has proven to be very helpful.

Question and answer from the residents:

Q: Criminals are going under homes to steal copper piping in my neighborhood. Why are we not seeing extra patrols? A: Crime has gone up 68% in my neighborhood in the last year. There are two entry points. Can the City put in cameras at these intersections? Answer: There are budgetary and legal concerns that would need to be addressed to do that. Citizens can take a picture, but do so in a safe way.

Q: Do you use unmarked cars? A: For patrolling, we use marked cars so criminals and residents know the police are there.

Q: We are interested in hiring off duty police officers at \$25 per hour. Do you have enough officers for that? A: The Officer coordinator at HQ can provide more info on that.

Q: The protests - how can the residents help with respect to recent protests against police procedures? A: The situation is very fluid. I appreciate the statement of support from the asker. The police will seek to protect the safety of the protestors, the residents, and property. Residents can help by letting police know of what they see.

Q: What is CIC? A: Crisis Intervention Certification. We have trained over 500 first responders in the 40 hour course which provides education for managing noncriminal mental health emergency situations. The Durham Police department has 33% of the department trained and has been nationally recognized for doing so.

Parks and Recreation Report: Akwari Roberson (stationed at Lyons Park), gave the (cont'd pg. 3)

update for this month. On December 3, the police department cooperated with Park and Rec to perform outreach activity at Lyon's Park. Sgt Keith Johnson emphasized that call-ins regarding suspicious vehicles is very helpful. Please keep them coming.

INC Report (Inter-Neighborhood Council): Don Lebke reported on INC (Inter-neighborhood Council) which works to make communities better. They meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at Golden Belt, 3rd floor, 7-9 pm. However, in December there will not be a meeting. Two items of interest: (1) The city is redoing the rules for cell towers. Citizens within the visually affected residential area will be informed of when the tower will be constructed and what the cell tower will look like. (2) INC passed a resolution to ask the City to be more solar power friendly.

Neighborhood Improvement Services Report: Clarence Harris, Code Improvement Supervisor reported. He referenced the code report on page 3 of the newsletter. In November there was a decrease in proactive inspections due to short staffing. That position has been filled now though. A Plexiglas product now being used to secure vacant property. This will allow line of sight to view inside so that police and others can see inside the property. For vehicle violations, the department places a sticker on the vehicle.

Question and answer from the residents: Q: How does the City deal with litter in the right of way? A: General Services has that responsibility. Keep Durham Beautiful is a volunteer organization and is located in the same building as General Services. Tonya Dautlick (Keep Durham Beautiful) can help a group organize, or a group can support that effort.

American Tobacco Trail Watch: Mindy Solie reported November volunteer hours of 183. Calls into 911 have decreased over time.

Court Watch: Mindy Solie reported that she is following 11 criminals (about 2 cases per PAC). In district 2, one name set off bells. The victims called into the DA and let him know how they felt about the effect of this individual. The DA came very prepared with the criminal history. This resulted in the bond not being reduced (it was set at \$250,000).

TRY Report: Mindy Solie provided a handout with community talking points on drunk, drugged, and distracted driving.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Report: A new platform for PAC 3 neighborhoods to share safety initiatives, concerns, and or neighborhood issue resolutions. Mike Mayo from Falconbridge presented the first report. The Falconbridge Neighborhood recently completed the second part of a strike plate program. The strike plate on most doors is very weak. Go to you tube and search on "security strike plate". They cost \$10-\$15 at hardware. Cedar Grove Maintenance Company exchanged 50 plates over 2 days. This is a 20 minute job most of the time. The residents paid \$30 per for installation and parts including longer screws.

Old business: none

New Business: none

Announcements: In April, we will have Pac3 elections. Nominations are due at the March meeting. Any resident of PAC3, with the exception of employees of the City or the police department may run. Position openings are Co-facilitator currently filled by Conni Rivers, member at large held by Alice Breeden, Treasurer currently filled by Paul Cornsweet, and one Secretary currently filled by Carol Baldwin.

Coffee with council will occur at the March meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Neighborhood Improvement Services (NIS) Dept.

Code Enforcement Activities

District 3, December 2014

1 B/C Abatement

19 Repair Only

2 Repair or Demolish

6 Vehicle inspections

14 Weedy lot & junk and debris inspections

42 Initial inspections

66 Re-inspections

108 Total inspections

28 Cases brought to compliance

102 Pending (Open) Cases

47 PRIP Inspections in Designated Areas

104 Residential

4 Non-Residential

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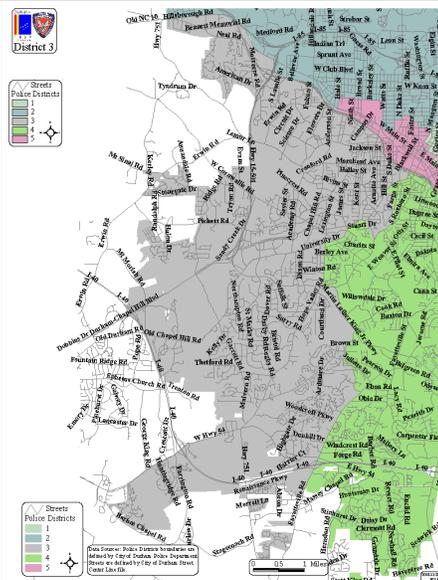
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Partners Against Crime District 3

Communities working together to find sustainable solutions to community crime and quality of life issues.

Join us!!
Second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
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Listserv: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pac3>
Website: <http://pac3durhamnc.weebly.com/>

- Access recent and archived newsletter and minutes
- Post community and neighborhood alerts and criminal activity
- Keep informed about PAC 3, City and County of Durham government organized events and news.

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