

**Laurel/Redwood/Leona Heights (Beat 25X)**  
**Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 10, 2013**  
**7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**  
**Redwood Heights Recreation Center**

Welcome, Introduction & Agenda Review

- Chair Bond called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Announcements**

- Nixle.com
- Annual holiday party at City Hall for all block captains sponsored by NWSC. Thursday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m.
- Oakland gun buyback is being held on Saturday at Oakland Youth Uprising.
- Mayor's Annual Toy Drive invites neighbors to donate a toy.
- Dumping ordinance will now allow the City to charge illegal dumping as a misdemeanor. Visit the City's website for more information on the illegal dumping ordinance, [www.oaklandnet.com](http://www.oaklandnet.com).
- Council is offering a reward for reports of dumping that result in a conviction. Mountain Blvd. between Carson and Calaveras is particularly a problematic stretch of road.

**Crime Trends & Updates**

- The Daisy Street property in the 4800 block is "being worked on" by NSC Sykes and the Problem Solving Officer (PSO). The owner has not responded to a letter sent by the NCP.
- 3500 block of Masterson. There was a homicide there about a month ago. NSC Sykes doesn't have details about this incident.
- 3600 block of Lily. There is a probable marijuana grow on the block. If residents are in the area and observe suspicious activity, they should call the drug hotline at 238-3784 (DRUG).
- A Burglary/Robbery workshop was held in November 2013. During the holiday season it's particularly important not to leave packages visible in cars, on porches etc...
- Graffiti can be reported online at [www.oaklandnet.com](http://www.oaklandnet.com).
- NSC Sykes reviewed the history of the 7-11 Store at Enos & MacArthur. The store owner is seeking community support requesting the Dallas headquarters grant approval to close the store earlier (midnight) to reduce crime. NSC Sykes will send out an email requesting residents contact the regional office about the early store closure.

**District 4 Council Updates**

- Council member Libby Schaaf and her aide Shereda Nosakhare were in attendance.
- Full police staffing policy will provide clearer information to citizens about how many officers are in the City's budget. There will be a monthly report submitted to Council regarding the number of officers in the police department. The City is down (29) positions. Money is available but the City is unable to get new trainees into the pipeline. The policy requires OPD to use alternate methods (e.g. have other law enforcement agencies provide training). Only four of the seventy individuals that applied for the "lateral" academy (officers from other agencies)

were accepted. The new policy requires OPD to provide a quarterly progress report. Goal is have 707 officers by July 1, 2015. Currently at 630.

- **High & MacArthur senior project.** Approved by Council and it's moving forward with some changes and modifications including a redesign of the retail spaces to make them more attractive and have real businesses in them. Parking for retail will be within the complex with entry and exit on MacArthur Blvd. There will be an air purification system and triple-pane windows. Contamination cleanup still has to be completed before construction can begin. EIR showed "no unmitigatable environmental problems. Another condition is the apartments must be marketed for "active" seniors.
- **Safeway (Lincoln Square).** The biggest change is a developer partnering with Safeway has purchased the property and plans are being reworked. It will be a while before anything more happens; they are involved in the Rockridge and 51<sup>st</sup> & Broadway store restoration.
- Still looking for a spot in the Laurel to build a park.

### **Community Concerns**

- Beulah Home
- Geri Wong reported on and provided two documents for earthquake preparedness (both documents can be downloaded):
  - 1) Emergency Financial First-Aid Kit, (P-532 FEMA)
  - 2) Inventory Guide Doc. #408. Visit [insurance.ca.gov](http://insurance.ca.gov). (how to take home inventory and document property)
  - 3) ABAG document on backflow devices for sewer lines.
- More free CORE classes are coming up. Stay tuned for future dates.

With no other items up for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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