

Community Task Force Community Workshop #1

8:30 am-11:30 am at the Ethiopian Community Center, 8323 Rainier Ave S.

Saturday, December 7th, 2013

Hotspot: Rainier & Henderson (R&H)

Facilitators:

- Barb Biondo
- Zoe Vitter

What Days Work to Meet?

Group expressed a preference for meeting Tuesday evenings

A. Gap Identification and Questions

What's missing from the Community Resources section?

- Discussion of impacts of redevelopment of Holly Park to New Holly: families were displaced, relocated to Kent or Renton but youth still return to Rainier Beach to hang-out
- Rainier Beach Community Center (RBCC) was closed for 3 years: closure disrupted and reduced youth programs even though alternative sites were used for programs like "Late Nite". Closure impacts continue to be felt as some youth may not feel at home in the new facility while others may be trying to "claim" the RBCC territory
- A majority of users at RBCC in afternoons are teens
- The large volume of youth at R&H is from close proximity of 4 schools **and** youth passing through on transit – R&H is an epicenter for youth gathering
- Youth are in the process of "branding" R&H subsequent to the recent changes at the intersection
- Recent legislative changes are having social impacts: legalization of marijuana, increase in medical marijuana dispensaries in surrounding neighborhood, changes in alcohol sales
- R&H and Rainier Beach is diverse but divided socially and socio-economically, a challenge to collective efficacy

What's Missing From the Victimization Data?

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- Youth crime data is under-represented – why? Is there a way to estimate actual criminal activity?
- What other criminal activity is occurring that does not generate a police report? (Look at 911 calls for service)
- What can other data tell us about youth incidents at R&H? We're thinking about school security, retail security (B of A, Saars, Rite Aid), Community Center and Library incident reports?
- What does Sound Transit and Metro Transit data tell us about youth incidents at R&H?

What's Missing From the Crime Data?

- What is the difference between simple and aggravated assault? Seriousness of the assault. All assaults with weapons are charged as aggravated assault, although more than a quarter of all aggravated assaults in 2013 involved only bodily force (ie, no weapon).
- What accidents are occurring in vicinity of R&H that involve youth – auto, pedestrian and other?
- What about accidents and incidents ~~occur under~~ that involve youth as offender or victim where youth are “under the influence”? How does this compare to the City average?
- What does social media tell us about youth crime at R&H?
- What does other police and school tracking data tell us about youth crime at R&H?
- (Zip code maps) Why and who are the people coming from downtown (98104) Seattle to Rainier Beach?
- What impacts are gangs having on youth crime? Are gangs a factor in the observation noted above?

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B. "Action Plan" for Gathering Additional Information (listed in order of priority)

What	Who	Where/When
<p>The R&H Team suspects SPD data under-represents actual levels of youth crime & victimization. What is happening w/ youth crime & victimization that is not reflected in SPD data?</p>	Zoe	SPD 911 Call for Service data
		School, Parks & local business's private security data (Saars, Rite Aid, B of A)
		Social media
<p>Are gangs a factor with youth crime?</p>		School staff & security, Parks staff & Security, SPD Gang Unit
		Social media
<p>At what rate are youth involved in accidents (traffic, pedestrian & other)? How does this compare to the City average</p>	Zoe	Extent City/Public Health data
<p>Why are people coming from 98104 to hang out in Rainier Beach?</p>		Focus interview