

Community Task Force Community Workshop #2

5:30-8:30 pm at Southlake School, 8601 Rainier Ave S.

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

Hotspot: Rainier & Henderson (R&H)

Facilitator:

- Barb Biondo

Feedback on SPD Panel Discussion

- Concern raised that perspective on criminal activity and youth in Rainier Beach presented by officers on the panel was limited by lack of racial and cultural diversity of officers on panel. R&H Team would like the record/data gathered through the panel discussion to reflect that limitation.
- R&H Team suggested gathering additional information on criminal activity and youth from law enforcement professionals by interviewing officers who work more closely with the community and youth (Detective Cookie, Captain John Hayes, Jojo Cabernero, Mark Mullins suggested). The Team also suggested that getting input from youth workers will present a more accurate view of youth activity and crime in RB.
- Team member noted caveat that any “data” represents a distinct and often narrow perspective that can be limited and inaccurate and strongly recommends augmenting information gathered through SPD panel discussion with additional information as suggested above.
- Team member shared observation of historical trends stating R&H was not a hotspot in the 1970s-80s but noted that criminal activity at R & H seemed to spike in 1991. He recommends looking deeper into the history of RB to understand when R&H became a hotspot and why.

Review/discussion of January 2014 Supplemental Data

- Due to limited time, R&H Team reviewed data packet and raised the following questions listed below. **Action item: Team had consensus about participating in on-line survey to rank types of crime prevalent at R&H for Team to rank in order of priority. Results collected on 2/11/14:**
 1. **Violence against persons (includes Aggravated Assault, Simple Assault, Disturbance and Threat)**
 2. **Robbery**
 3. **Theft**
 4. **Burglary**
- Team member suggested that Workshop #3 date of Saturday 2/22/14 is not a good one as it falls during the week of spring break for Seattle Public Schools

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Questions on January 2014 Supplemental Data

1. What crimes fall under category of “disorder”? Answer: Disturbance- something that disrupts 'peace and order'. Examples range from loud music, shouting that is sustained and/or angry, a suspected fight, or a group of people behaving in boisterous or unsafe manner.
2. Team members want to see most recent data represented in time of day, day of week and month of year format.