

Community Task Force Community Workshop #3

9:00-11:30 AM, Emerald City Bible Fellowship, 7728 Rainier Ave S

Saturday, February 22, 2014

Hotspot: Rainier & Henderson (R&H)

Facilitator:

- Barb Biondo

Discussion and observations during review of New CAD data and Notes from SPD Focus Group Feb 12, 2014

- Calls for service by hour is very stark with increases at lunch time and after school hours
- School officers observation that school release times for 5 local schools (including Asa Mercer and Aki Kurose Middle Schools) contribute with confluence of youth at Rainier & Henderson starting at 3:30 pm, noting that CAD data shows police calls at R&H hotspot increase at 3pm and peak at 8pm, hours many youth are unsupervised
- **See attached Place-Based Risk Factors Table for further observations**

Data Questions/Requests

1. Team would like to see CAD data broken out by school year as percentage of total calls in month, day and time of day.
2. Team would also like to see calls for service for priority crimes (and related calls) broken out by type to look for patterns
3. Team is interested in looking closer at narratives for police reports for assault, fight disturbance and robbery to get more detail on circumstances and locations

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Place-Based Risk Factors	Lack of Supervision or Guardianship	Policy	Environmental Design	Low Collective Efficacy
School release times 5 nearby schools + transit access contributes to confluence of youth @ R&H as gathering place – RB CC, Library, Plaza, businesses etc		X		
After school many youth with unstructured time. Ratio of youth to formal or informal guardians @ R&H after school hours is high – School Security is not present	X	X		
<p>Many youth feel like the new RB CC was not built for them. Structured programs currently offered by RB CC not meeting needs of youth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desired activities like basketball or swimming are limited due to other scheduled uses of facility - users from outside RB neighborhood • Entry fees may prohibit some local youth from access to RB CC programs/activities • Programs currently offered by RB CC do not appeal to many local youth 		X		X
Adults in community need to clearly communicate rules & boundaries and youth will follow				X
In the absence of adults setting clear expectations for behavior in public spaces (above), youth are trying to “claim” RB CC and plaza as turf for “Southend” gang				
Make-up of R&H business community is not conducive to pro-active ownership of space (language & cultural barriers). Mix of public facilities with business & residential is another challenge - Limits natural guardianship	X			X
Historic image of R&H is place claimed by gangs with violent crime and drugs				X
RB CC, Southlake & Southshore Schools, B of A businesses in Rite Aid Plaza have internal orientation – no site lines to street			X	
RB CC shortcomings identified:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front desk is not oriented to main entrance (north) and has no site lines to south entrance. Staff cannot monitor entrances 	X		X	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design: Front desk does not allow staff to greet guests as they enter 	X		X	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth who use center are anonymous – no policy that youth need to show ID to enter 		X		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No posted “Code of Conduct” or guides for behavior 		X		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing levels inadequate to numbers of youth using RB CC 	X	X		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turnover of staff don’t allow staff to build relationships with youth 	X	X		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff not trained/supported to reach out to youth, build relationships 	X	X		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playfields and tennis courts behind schools and RB CC provide easy places to hide and avoid detection (lack of lighting, site lines, guardians) 			X	
R&H Plaza (aka to youth as “Fight Circle”) shortcomings:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No delineation of Parks from School property. No signage for rules or “Code of Conduct” 		X	X	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buildings that border (Southshore & RB CC) do not have line of site to plaza (Uncertain whether Parks or Schools has any security cameras on plaza) 	X		X	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few organized activities taking place on plaza 	X		X	X
There is limited communication between public facility managers & police re; problem youth or behavior (Schools, Parks, Library)	X	X		X
Parks and Schools on RB campus have independent trespass policies and administrative systems for tracking. Reporting between schools and parks systems and to and from police regarding trespass is inconsistent (at best)		X		X
Rainier & Henderson are major arterials & transit hub with volumes of traffic passing through daily w/out any ownership of or connection to the <i>place</i> or <i>people</i> of R&H. Businesses & public facilities are set back from street & sidewalks			X	X
Cultural & language diversity & mix of business w/ residential buildings & public facilities (plus above pt) make it challenging for R&H community to connect as a “community of place”				X