



**CITY OF OAKLAND  
COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, February 3, 2021  
6:00 PM  
Via Teleconference**

**Board Membership:**

Chair, Creighton Davis (Mayoral), Vice Chair, Colette McPherson (Dist. 2),  
Paula Hawthorn (Dist. 1), Carol Wyatt (Dist. 3), Ravinder Singh (Dist. 4),  
Jorge Lerma (Dist. 5), Donald Dalke (Dist. 6), Kirby Thompson (Dist. 7),  
Art Douglas Blacksher (At Large), Nancy Sidebotham (NW),  
Geraldine Wong (NW), Daniel Ettlinger (OUSD), Ericka Parker (OHA),  
Yonas Gebremicael (Mayoral), Vacant (Mayoral)

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and the organization they are representing, if any.*

- 1. Open Forum -- 6:00 - 6:10**
- 2. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes -- 6:10 - 6:15**  
December 2, 2020
- 3. OPD Report – 6:15 - 6:45**  
Captain Bolton and Community Resource Officer Max D’Orso  
Discussion of the purpose and strategy behind #OPD Cares
- 4. NSS Updates and NSC Report 6:45 - 7:30**  
Update on NSS Transition to the City Administrator's Office  
Joe DeVries, Director Interdepartmental Operations  
  
NSC Report  
Felicia Verdin, Neighborhood Services Supervisor
- 5. Re-Imagining Public Safety Task Force Updates and Discussion 7:30 - 7:55**
- 6. Winter/Spring NCPC Town Halls 7:55 - 8:05**
- 7. Berkeley Law + CPAB Pro Bono Partnership - 8:05 - 8:20**
- 8. Staff’s Report and Agenda Building 8:20 - 8:30**



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**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, December 2, 2020**

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Via Teleconference

**Board Membership:**

**PRESENT:** Chair, Creighton Davis (Mayoral), Vice Chair, Colette McPherson (Dist. 2), Paula Hawthorn (Dist. 1), Carol Wyatt (Dist. 3), Jorge Lerma (Dist. 5), Donald Dalke (Dist. 6), Geraldine Wong (NW), Daniel Ettlinger (OUSD), Nancy Sidebotham (NW), Art Douglas Blacksher (At Large),

**EXCUSED:** Ravinder Singh (Dist. 4)

**ABSENT:** Kirby Thompson (Dist. 7), Ericka Parker (OHA), Yonas Gebremicael (Mayoral)  
VACANT (Mayoral)

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Chair Davis calls meeting to order @ 6:00PM

**1. Chair Davis opens floor for open forum. 1 speaker – 1 Minute**

- a. Assata Olugbala - Racism in Oakland is overlooked and unaddressed

**2. Approval of DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

- a. September 2, 2020
- b. October 7, 2020

Board Member Ettlinger makes a motion to approve the minutes, Board Member Sidebotham seconds. Roll Call  
All that are present approve the motion

**3. Oakland Police Department Updates:**

Community Policing Updates

Chair Davis outlines a new talking process when talking about OPD and Community policing in meetings. Acknowledges work of Captain Bolton and Felica Verdin in the submission of the monthly reports. As of this meeting, Chair Davis would like to skip the oral report of the police review of the crime report data and the Neighborhood Services staff as it is included in the agenda materials. OPD and Neighborhood services will provide highlights.

Captain Bolton discussed the rotation in and out of police captains in attendance at CPAB meetings. This will help to shed more information on community policing and projects from different districts.

Captain Bolton provided information about the increase in homicide and violent crime.

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East Oakland – Districts 3, 4 and 5. The results of the 60-day plan are staggering and there must be a greater research into the root causes of gun violence.

- a. 96 arrests
- b. 11 Assaults with a firearm
- c. 41 unlawful possession of a firearm
- d. 77 firearms recovered

Captain Bolton provided information about the new community policing project in his monthly report. The areas which need the most collaborative support from the CPAB are areas 5 and 6.

Chair Davis opens up question to members of the CPAB Board Member Ettliger asks about OPD Cares and how it is helping the community. Captain Bolton is unaware of data collection efforts of OPD CARES and will request details of the strategy for next month's meeting.

Board Member Dalke asks about the goal and intent of the OPD purchasing the Saranet database. Purchase approved by the City Council for the sum of \$1.00 and is used by CRO's for community projects. Captain Bolton will provide details on projects at future meetings.

Chair Davis asked about strategies in high crime neighborhoods. Captain Bolton stated that OPD acknowledges that they realize that "Hot Spot Policing" the practice of additional officers in high crime areas is not currently practiced in stressor beats do not result in racial disparities and inequities. OPD utilizes precision-based policing/intelligence led policing to reduce officer bias and assist in the reduction of crime. Captain Bolton states that the main way high crime areas are dealt with is less personnel and more community effort:

1. Stressor Beats
2. Positive High Visibility Patrols

Board Member Lerma ask about the legitimacy of hotspot policing and how effective it is and if it could be combined with a racial policing taskforce. Captain Bolton answers that his policing departments don't have those resources yet as there is a lack of capacity, but his departments have learned how to categorize and attack crucial issues of crime prevention. Issues may be identified as a "problem solving project" by CRO's.

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Board Member Dalke asks about how long has OPD has had data to quantify a stressors beats. Captain Bolton says that this term is a colloquial term that was used from observations, but he says that he will look into the word and find the legitimacy of it.

Chair Davis opens up the discussion to question from the public.  
1 Speaker, 1 Minute

Assata Olugbala ask about the elimination of predictive policing will it deter the credibility of OPD? Captain Bolton clears the confusion around the term stating that this term is not the ideal of the OPD rather this move is to try and eliminating any possibility of policing on racially biased backgrounds.

**4. Neighborhood Services Updates:**

Chair Davis opens up the discussion about the update

Felicia Verdin talk about problem solving and community policing within the community without the support of OPD. Effective January 11, 2021 Neighborhood Services will be transferred from the OPD to the City Administrative Office.

Chair Davis open up the floor to questions

Board Member Dalke seconds the effectiveness and clarity of the report.

Chair Davis questions how to better implement the unhoused effort of B14 and 16X areas? Felicia Verdin stresses the importance of even the community learning descalation practices

Captain Bolton wants to add Joey Murton as a guest speaker/activist to aid with the unhoused effort.

Chair Davis opens up the floor to questions

Participant Olugbala asks why there is such a disproportionate rate of black officers representing CROs and CRTs?

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**5. CPAB Reimagining Public Safety Taskforce Member Update:**

Carol Wyatt – District 3 Representative  
Re-Imagining Public Safety Task Force Member (RPST) Update

Board Member Wyatt provided related materials of her update to the board. There is a group of taskforce members talking about police reforms vs another group talking about defunding of police. There needs to be more NCPCs in high crime areas as that is one of the places that need to be chaired or supported the most.

Chair Davis open up questions to the members of the CPAB  
Board Member Blackshear asks to be contacted to try and help support the efforts of Board Member Wyatt.

Chair Davis further wants to press the issue on how to better allocate resources of NCPCs in high tension areas

Board Member Wyatt highlights that members of the community can look out of certain addresses or location the overall health of the community will improve.

**6. Discussion of CPAB & NCPC Town Hall – Monday, 12-7-20**

Chair Davis states that the goal of this next townhall is to create space for the CROs, CPAB, and NCPC to improve the actions taken for the community

- a. Guiding Questions
  - i. How can the CPAB and its associates better engage the community
  - ii. What public safety challenges and solutions that your neighborhood has faced and implemented
  - iii. What neighborhood resources are needed to help organize members of your community against crime and crime prevention
- b. Agenda
  - i. Opening
  - ii. Role of CPAB
  - iii. Roadmap of 2021
  - iv. Open Forum Discussion lead by the guiding questions

Chair Davis open up discussion to questions from the CPAB

Board Member Hawthorne asks how is the CPAB reaching out to the black members of the community to participate in these townhalls and these projects.

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Chair Davis states that the engagement of the community is one of the most pressing issues that the CPAB board has because community representation is paramount to a proper solution to community policing.

Captain Bolton says that a possible use of the community advisory boards for the OPD could be used to spread the message.

Felicia Verdin states that doorhangers, community events, and NSCs group meetings could be used. The board members are more than open to using their social mediums to push the message.

Board Member Wong states that there could be a push to the councilmembers to promote the event and that would reach a different level of people in the community.

Chair Davis opens up discussion to question from the public –  
3 Speakers, 1 Minute

Ms. Stage wants to find some way to get new and younger families who are able to help and support the community to learn about Oakland's vast community programs?

Ms. Ziliak wants to get rid of the crime part of the title for the Neighborhood Crime Prevention Councils name so that it can draw in more of the community.

Ms. Olugbala wants the information to be more transparent and more outreaching

Board Member Dalke wants to further bring in NCPC Joe into the CPAB matters

Board Member Hawthorne makes a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by not clear on recording.

All present approved the agenda

**7. Revisiting of CPAB Goals Document:**

Discussion of Goals, Vision and CPAB Roadmap for 2021:

This agenda item has been moved to the CPAB retreat to be held on 12-7-20

**8. CPAB Member Open Forum:**

Discussion of Steps to Address Systemic Racism and January Agenda Building



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Board Member Wong raised a concern with the wording for the firefighter resource update and she states that there is no need to give a resource to firefighters that the city already has.

Chair Davis begins the agenda and states that this issue is a deeply seeded problem that plays a part in many aspects of community engagement

Board Member Wyatt highlights the conflicts of racial division and housing issues as a keystone cause that is leading to the further disengagement of the community. She cites the fact that housing policies that the councils is set to pass will harm the historical black community. Failure to obtain bank loans and rent modifications.

Board Member Lerma wants to acknowledge the fact that racial bias is natural and there should be an anti-racist doctrine that even prohibits these natural tendencies.

Board Member Dalke wants to utilize Daryln Flynn to better address Board Members Lerma's concerns.

Board Member Ettliger wants this issue to be addressed without all of the red tape he wants true impact to come to the community.

Chair Davis address this and states that the work that the CPAB is doing is directly influencing the effect of community policing on anti-racism

Chair Davis provides an update with his partnership with the pro bono sector of Berkeley law. He has successfully rallied the director to allow the community of Berkeley law to work with the CPAB as interns to provide a better outlook on racism.

Board Member Ettliger wants to have a larger conversation about the goals of the CPAB and if there are any other stakeholders that they can bring into the conversation.

Board Member Wong wants more reports from the district board members to better get a grasp on the situation in those communities

Board Member Blackshear wants more community members to get more involved in the NCPC and CPAB meetings.

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Ms. Olugbala wants to recommend a starting point of the next townhall being a description/definition of personal racism and that will lead to a greater insight onto the feelings of the community

**9. Meeting Adjourned:**

Board Member Ettliger motion to adjourn meeting  
Board Member Wong seconds the motion  
All present approved the adjournment

# OPD Monthly Report

In an effort to ensure more effective data-gathering and more efficient use of CPAB meeting time, the CPAB has created a process by which you will submit, on a monthly basis, updates from your community policing projects and strategies. These updates will be reviewed and discussed by the CPAB and will offer an avenue for more targeted and efficient dialogue. Please submit your responses to the questions below.

**\* Required**

## **1) Full Name and Title \***

Sergeant Eric Kim, Police Area 3 Special Resource Section

## **2) Relevant OPD Crime Statistics with Explanation \***

Please see Citywide and Police Area 3 Year-To-Date Crime Reports for the last available period. The significant decreases in residential burglaries, auto burglaries, and robberies in Area 3 continued from last year. It is noteworthy that most of our community was under a “stay-at-home” order for the entirety of the last quarter of 2020. The circumstances are thought to have decreased opportunities for these crime types, however, decreases have also correlated with numerous community policing SARA problem-solving projects which entailed site evaluations, tips, and targeted responses to trends by Community Resource Officers and Crime Reduction Team Officers.

The increase in violent crime when comparing this year against last is concerning for Area 3 and the city as a whole. Significant time and energy is expended by Area 3 Special Resource Officers to conduct investigations into criminal activity associated with unlawful firearm possession and violence. Additionally, Ceasefire responses and continued work between the OPD and judicial system stakeholders has occurred to help ensure that appropriate mechanisms of deterrence, custody decisions, charging, and rehabilitative efforts are leveraged when arrests for serious and violent crime occur. These services and decisions have been impacted by circumstances of COVID-19.

## **3) Community Policing Projects and Updates**

Project: 15X-20-002 – Lakeshore/Lake Merritt

CRO: Ofc. M. D’Orso 9274

Supervisor: Sgt. E. Kim 8822

### Background:

This project was opened on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 due to community concern, complaints, and citywide focus to solve issues in the Lakeshore corridor south of MacArthur Blvd. The issues were identified as:

- Large crowds with amplified music
- Unpermitted vending including alcohol and cannabis sales
- Traffic congestion and related public safety concerns with use of roadway/emergency response
- Illegal parking
- COVID-19 Health concerns and complaints

The illegal parking and traffic congestion on Lakeshore in past years had caused heavy traffic to the point that emergency vehicles were unable to use this main thoroughfare to respond to calls for service. This created a public safety issue which needed to be fixed due to the potential that ambulances, fire engines, and police vehicles would not be able to effectively respond to calls for service in the area to include emergencies.

Additionally, residents in the area voiced concerns regarding amplified music, smoke, and the health concerns it may cause for them.

The previously encountered issues were significantly added to with the arrival of the COVID19 pandemic. For the first few weeks, the shelter in place orders kept the area quiet for the most part, however once mid-late April came around all of the commonly seen issues were back with the addition of several others.

- A large portion of those gathering at the lake were choosing not to wear masks and calls were made to dispatch by residents who wanted enforcement on those not abiding by the shelter in place orders.
- Illegal vending was taking place on a large scale which was adding to the difficulty with regard to those in the area staying properly socially distanced.
- Feelings of hostility toward police following the incident in Minneapolis Minnesota made police presence and enforcement more difficult. The project prioritized the use of strategies to deescalate potential scenarios and find methods of problem-solving that were not reliant on OPD enforcement.

Services were provided in the following ways:

- Officers requested the assistance of the OPD traffic section to place cones or other traffic control devices all along the Western sidewalk on Lakeshore in problem areas from 1200 Lakeshore all the way up to MacArthur Blvd. The Department of Transportation partnered on the traffic control measures, placements, and methods. Signs were placed to bring extra attention to parking issues.

- This made it much easier to address illegal parking because for anyone to park illegally on that stretch of road, they needed to drive between the cones to get to a parking spot. This made parking violations fewer and further between and also improved the flow of traffic.
- Officers also shut down Lakeshore to through traffic during peak hours and remained at traffic control posts during these peak hours. This kept the area safe for the many pedestrians in the area and also ensured that emergency vehicles could easily travel through this stretch of road without delay when necessary.
- Officers also requested the assistance of parking enforcement to help with issuing parking citations all around the area of the lake. This was helpful so that officers could focus on positive engagements with the community, amplified music, and safety related violations.
- Officers communicated with Council Member Fortunato-Bas' office and a team of civilians was formed to walk around the lake on weekends and pass out free masks and educate on social distancing.
- A citywide taskforce was created to include Councilmember Fortunadeo-Bas and staff, OPD commanders, the City Administrator's Office, Parks and Recreation, Department of Transportation, Oakland Fire Department, and others. The taskforce also requested assistance from the Department of Race and Equity to help evaluate responses and problem-solving measures given complaints that focus on the Lake Merritt issues may be influenced or may be perceived to be influenced by racial bias.
- Illegal vending was handled by the city code enforcement team led by Ricardo Salas. Instead of officers confronting illegal vendors, an "education first" approach was taken by Salas and his team. Those who continued to illegally vend were issued citations from the city via mail. Community Resource Officers assisted in these efforts in ways that would mitigate police and community confrontation and risk.
- Eventually, a vending pilot was started by city officials to allow vending in specific areas of the park. This required additional traffic control on El Embarcadero which officers and additional PST's assigned to the Lakeshore detail added to their list of responsibilities. This development required the partnership of vendors and community members who met with taskforce representatives and helped to devise solutions and communicate the need for compliance.
- Large, illuminated signs were obtained from the city to remind those in the area of the most important guidelines to follow. The signs were placed at the most heavily traveled areas of Lakeshore and read something similar to: No amplified music, No illegal parking, Practice social distancing.
- For the duration of this project, each Saturday, and Sunday, as well as holidays, 4-8 officers were assigned from late morning into the night to ensure the safety of those in the area.

It should also be noted that only two arrests were made by officers assigned to this detail over the course of this year. One was a shooting which occurred around the corner from an officer assigned to the detail. The officer responded, engaged in a foot pursuit with the suspect, took the suspect into custody, and safely recovered a firearm. The other arrest occurred when assigned

officers were advised by citizens in the area and directed to an intoxicated individual who was unable to care for themselves. This person was arrested for being intoxicated in a public place. These results corroborate that the goal of this project and the goal of assigned officers was not to enforce, but to educate and to have positive interactions with community members as well as to provide a sense of comfort to those visiting the lake. The project considered and acknowledged that enforcement may result in racially disparate results. In line with OPD risk management practices, where a racial disparity may be predicted the project identified ways in which enforcement was not used as a consequence.

One of the main focuses of this project, aside from high visibility, was to give officers a chance to engage with community members. Although the environment surrounding policing across the country was turbulent to say the least, officers were able to have countless positive interactions with members of the public during this time. Interactions like this will only improve the relationship between the community and the police department.

**4) Please provide data on the number of non-emergency 911 calls that were successfully diverted to community partners or alternative first responders.**

Diversion programs are not yet in place.

**5) Please indicate areas in which the CPAB can support, and engage NCPCs and block level ambassadors in supporting, community policing strategies and initiatives.**

The relationship between NCPC's and like groups, block ambassadors, etc. could be improved upon by continuing to promote transparency and by improving upon the way we communicate and collaborate as a department. Open forums where uniformed officers can provide answers to real questions asked by community members and representatives. These forums could be created to build a bridge between the women and men of the police department and those who are distrustful. An emphasis would be placed on providing details on how and why certain things are done the way they are by OPD as well as reasons that they need to be done in this manner. This would be an opportunity to have the difficult conversations that everyone could benefit from if they are willing to have the conversation in a constructive manner.

**6) Please feel free to share any other updates, areas of progress, concerns or complaints**

From Captain Bolton, CPAB Liaison:

The OPD recently released the below information regarding illegal "sideshows." I am aware that "sideshow" complaints are common from our NCPCs that have suffered a disproportionate amount of past activity. While "sideshow" activity may be excused as low-level nuisance related complaints, the officers' accounts (corroborated by social media video) depict hundreds of vehicles, persons, and frequent discharges of firearms in public by persons in possession of semi-

auto and automatic firearms. Problems such as these require community based and community problem-solving centered discussions and solutions. Some may have expected patrol officers to intervene, but best policing practices must weigh the risk of intervention – and the consequences of intervention – to reduce the probability of escalation and injury when required resources are not sufficient.

“On January 23, 2021, around 11:45 pm, approximately 500-600 cars and 800-1,000 spectators descended upon the City of Oakland for an illegal sideshow event. OPD had no advance intelligence or information that this was to occur. The illegal sideshow participants drove recklessly throughout various areas of our city. OPD officers could see and hear gunfire from the illegal sideshow participants. Officers recovered over 200 rounds from both East and West Oakland neighborhoods associated with this activity. No injuries have been reported at this time associated with this event; however, illegal sideshow activity certainly impacts neighborhood residents and our city overall. Due to the recent budget cuts, OPD only had regularly scheduled staffing available, which was insufficient to address the large size and associated danger of the sideshow. Until the budget reductions, the department ran Sideshow Details including extra resources and specialized units that could more effectively enforce and abate illegal sideshow activity. Social media posts have shown that sideshow participants are aware of the budget reductions. Social media activity has also suggested that sideshow groups are planning to make Oakland the central hub for Bay Area sideshow activity. This follows efforts by OPD in 2020 that significantly reduced sideshow activity with the use of the additional resources. Our priority is keeping the public informed and safe. Illegal sideshows are dangerous. Acts of reckless driving and negligent firearm discharges endanger our community and potentially delay life-saving first responder services and responses to calls for service.”



# Weekly Crime Report — Citywide

## 18 Jan. – 24 Jan., 2021

<b>Part 1 Crimes</b> <i>All totals include attempts except homicides.</i>	Weekly Total	YTD 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2021	YTD % Change 2020 vs. 2021	3-Year YTD Average	YTD 2021 vs. 3-Year YTD Average
<b>Violent Crime Index</b> (homicide, aggravated assault, rape, robbery)	112	389	422	415	-2%	409	2%
<b>Homicide – 187(a)PC</b>	6	8	1	12	1100%	7	71%
<b>Homicide – All Other *</b>	-	-	-	-	PNC	-	PNC
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	60	182	189	199	5%	190	5%
Assault with a firearm – 245(a)(2)PC	12	16	19	38	100%	24	56%
<b>Subtotal - Homicides + Firearm Assault</b>	18	24	20	50	150%	31	60%
Shooting occupied home or vehicle – 246PC	15	20	30	45	50%	32	42%
Shooting unoccupied home or vehicle – 247(b)PC	7	10	9	21	133%	13	58%
Non-firearm aggravated assaults	26	136	131	95	-27%	121	-21%
<b>Rape</b>	1	12	16	7	-56%	12	-40%
<b>Robbery</b>	45	187	216	197	-9%	200	-2%
Firearm	23	69	67	87	30%	74	17%
Knife	2	7	14	16	14%	12	30%
Strong-arm	11	82	93	61	-34%	79	-22%
Other dangerous weapon	4	5	11	9	-18%	8	8%
Residential robbery – 212.5(a)PC	1	6	12	6	-50%	8	-25%
Carjacking – 215(a) PC	4	18	19	18	-5%	18	-2%
<b>Burglary</b>	20	801	1,159	252	-78%	737	-66%
Auto	9	621	987	188	-81%	599	-69%
Residential	4	125	109	35	-68%	90	-61%
Commercial	5	46	52	16	-69%	38	-58%
Other (Includes boats, aircraft, and so on)	1	9	11	10	-9%	10	0%
Unknown	1	-	-	3	PNC	1	200%
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	67	456	494	383	-22%	444	-14%
<b>Larceny</b>	31	410	569	225	-60%	401	-44%
<b>Arson</b>	3	10	7	13	86%	10	30%
<b>Total</b>	233	2,066	2,651	1,288	-51%	2,002	-36%

**THIS REPORT IS HIERARCHY BASED. CRIME TOTALS REFLECT ONE OFFENSE (THE MOST SEVERE) PER INCIDENT.**

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# Weekly Crime Report — Area 3

## 18 Jan. – 24 Jan., 2021

<b>Part 1 Crimes</b> <i>All totals include attempts except homicides.</i>	Weekly Total	YTD 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2021	YTD % Change 2020 vs. 2021	3-Year YTD Average	YTD 2021 vs. 3-Year YTD Average
<b>Violent Crime Index</b> (homicide, aggravated assault, rape, robbery)	20	72	78	84	8%	78	8%
Homicide – 187(a)PC	-	2	-	1	PNC	1	0%
Homicide – All Other *	-	-	-	-	PNC	-	PNC
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	11	21	33	35	6%	30	18%
Assault with a firearm – 245(a)(2)PC	3	3	4	8	100%	5	60%
<b>Subtotal - Homicides + Firearm Assault</b>	3	5	4	9	125%	6	50%
Shooting occupied home or vehicle – 246PC	3	1	5	11	120%	6	94%
Shooting unoccupied home or vehicle – 247(b)PC	1	-	2	1	-50%	1	0%
Non-firearm aggravated assaults	4	17	22	15	-32%	18	-17%
<b>Rape</b>	1	1	1	3	200%	2	80%
<b>Robbery</b>	8	48	44	45	2%	46	-1%
Firearm	6	19	11	21	91%	17	24%
Knife	-	1	1	4	300%	2	100%
Strong-arm	2	22	20	14	-30%	19	-25%
Other dangerous weapon	-	2	4	1	-75%	2	-57%
Residential robbery – 212.5(a)PC	-	2	3	1	-67%	2	-50%
Carjacking – 215(a) PC	-	2	5	4	-20%	4	9%
<b>Burglary</b>	5	125	139	55	-60%	106	-48%
Auto	1	73	108	37	-66%	73	-49%
Residential	1	44	22	12	-45%	26	-54%
Commercial	3	6	9	6	-33%	7	-14%
Other (Includes boats, aircraft, and so on)	-	2	-	-	PNC	1	PNC
Unknown	-	-	-	-	PNC	-	PNC
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	20	107	109	104	-5%	107	-3%
Larceny	9	68	106	44	-58%	73	-39%
Arson	-	2	1	2	100%	2	20%
<b>Total</b>	54	374	433	289	-33%	365	-21%

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## Memo

January 27, 2021

**To:** Community Policing Advisory Board

**From:** Felicia Verdin  
Community Programs Supervisor  
Neighborhood Services Division (NSD)

**CC:** Joe DeVries, Director, Interdepartmental Operations  
Neighborhood Service Coordinators (NSC)  
NSD, Police Service Technicians (PST)

**Subject:** Monthly report from NSD

### Successful community partnership/priorities

- There have been several fires, structural damage, and an unstable building in Northgate, beat 8x. This property on 316 38<sup>th</sup> Street, has routinely been broken into by the nearby encampment and poses significant further risk. The City has decided to demolish the building along with 3820 Manila because they share a common wall. This is a huge success for the community.
- In Adams Point, beat 14X the NSC is working with two steering committee members to rebuild Adams Point Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) membership. Due to the pandemic, many members left the group. We are very close to reorganizing the website and beginning outreach. The steering committee has already purchased banner flags for their community.
- In beat 28x, the community raised concerns about a property with a significant amount of yard debris that had caught fire during a recent wind event. In the spirit of supportive community organizing, the Neighborhood Council began to discuss organizing a workgroup to support the neighbor in their cleanup efforts. As the case became more involved, a partnership with the Oakland Fire Department and NSD was developed. During a site-visit, the NSC and OFD worked with the residents to develop a set of commitments and a path towards mitigation. The NSC will work with the Neighborhood Council to monitor progress and OFD will return for follow up support in a month.

- Residents reported that an oversized RV was parked in a residential area and causing a traffic hazard. The resident had reported the vehicle to 311 and nothing had been done. The resident cc'd the NSC on an email with abandoned auto which included a picture. The NSC forwarded the email to the Community Resource Officer (CRO) who found out the RV was owned by the pastor of the corner church. The pastor had no parking for the RV on his property. The CRO informed him that he could not use the public street as storage. The pastor moved the RV from in front of the complainants property and is now looking for adequate storage.
- The NSC, PST and CRO finalized and distributed a resource tool and contact list to Beat 14Y/16X merchants interested in participating in Merchant Watch. We hope this tool and contact list will provide useful tips to address issues, use the appropriate interventions and contact the necessary resource directly. The hope is this will eliminate the desire to call OPD for every issue, rather place one with the direct resource/person. The NSC announced to the Lakeshore/Grand Avenue merchants that there will be ongoing Zoom trainings with participating Merchant Watch groups that will complement and hopefully improve merchants' access to city, county and other resources.
- At 106<sup>th</sup> & MacArthur, the community reported an unsheltered individual living under the over pass. The NSC coordinated with Rosa Velazquez in Councilmember Treva Reid's office, Daryel Dunson and the CRO to go out and offer the individual services and resources.

#### Select beats with challenging projects

- In beat 35x, residents are concerned about dirt bikes and ATVs accessing King Estates Open Space. In early 2020, the 'fifth and final' park rule signs was installed after years of requests from the community. While the signage clearly communicates that the area is a City of Oakland Park and certain activities are prohibited, enforcement remains challenging. While the CRO conducts numerous security checks, nuisance behavior continues. Compounding the issue is the danger involved in conducting a dirt bike or ATV stop.
- In beat 23, we continue to have increasing number of RVs and encampments along High Street and Alameda Ave. This is after the City of Oakland has already established an RV parking area. This continues to negatively impact local businesses and their patrons. For many years this area was maintained but now with the shift in City policy it continues to be a huge problem with no end in sight.
- In December 2020, a beat 18/19 resident indicated in an email that it seemed like OPD had the issue of prostitution under control. This month there are several reports stating that is no longer the case. There was a change to the CRO for Beat 19X so the NSC reached out to inform him about the problem to determine what can be done to address the issue.

- In West Oakland, beat 7x as identified several challenges involving gunfire near the area of Union and Fitz which was confirmed by OPD shot spotter. The group also identified ongoing criminal issues in the area near 24<sup>th</sup> Street near Adeline/Magnolia/Chestnut streets. The community is very engaged with the Area Commander, CRO and NSC to resolve these issues and advised to continue reporting suspicious activity to the OPD non-emergency number at 510-777-3333 or 911/510-777-3211, in addition to the drug hotline 510-238-DRUG.
- Traffic safety at 9th Ave. and Foothill Blvd is an ongoing challenge. Beat 17 residents began raising the issue of speeding and traffic safety with the NSC and Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDot) in 2016, however, the OakDot actively began looking into it beginning in 2017 after a student at the school was hit by a drunk driver. In 2018 a neighbor's son was killed in an accident at 9th Ave and Foothill Blvd which is on the corner of Franklin Elementary School. There have been several subsequent near miss pedestrian vehicle incidents since the aforementioned accidents.
- The NSC is reporting that during each NCPC meeting, via email and phone calls that community members are complaining about reckless driving and speeding on City streets.

#### List of select community priorities

- In beat 30Y, the area of 68th between Foothill and Bancroft is being used by an individual to repair vehicles. This is causing a disruption for the neighbors who live on the block in that their driveways are often blocked, and the roadway is impassible. Furthermore, the debris left over from the repairs is acting as an anchor for ongoing illegal dumping. The NSC requested the hazardous vehicle tow team actively monitor the block to tag or tow whenever possible, code enforcement has been engaged, the Community Resource Officer is monitoring and assisting when possible, and the concerned neighbors are hoping to attend the next Neighborhood Council meeting.
- In beat 8X, Northgate neighbors has seen an increase of debris, bicycles and bicycle parts in Mosswood Park. The NSC is working with the 8X Northgate NCPC and the City's Public Works Department to establish a community cleanup in Mosswood Park.
- Rockridge 12Y/13X- There have been several complaints regarding speeding and cars running the stop sign at 61st and 62nd street. NSC is working with the Beat CRO as an open project to give ticket citations to violators, when possible.
- There have been extreme safety issues in the North Hills (13Y) regarding dead and dry trees. The NSC serves on the Wild Fire Prevention working group, which is a collaboration to curtail this safety hazard.

- NSC is working with OPD and the Montclair Village Association in beat 13Z to stop armed robberies at the Rite Aid and the CVS stores. We are examining how resources can be used to reduce loss prevention.
- One of the major issues citywide is abandoned autos. In every Beat this issue comes up and it can take 2-3 months to get an abandoned car towed away. The NSC often has to identify hazardous issues and request assistance from our CRO to address. This is very challenging since CROs have more pressing issues to address.
- In progress, 21xy CRO stated he has been requesting regular patrols in priority areas to deter drug dealing and loitering. He stated that he has seen a reduction in issues at locations prioritized by the NCPC and requested feedback from the residents. One resident did indicate that she did notice a reduction but stated that she felt that it was due to the weather. NCPC chair stated to revisit this issue in February NCPC meetings to see if others have noticed a reduction.
- The NSC is coordinating meetings between the Community Business District, Ambassadors Program and the CRO to address crime related issues in Frank Ogawa Plaza.
- Homelessness has been a persistent issue in Sobrante Park. In working with residents, the NSC determined that there had been 5 abandoned cars in Beat 31Y for months and the overflow of trash and debris, which started to encroach on a business owner's property has been a recurring issue. Due to the coordinated effort between NCPC leadership, residents and their CRO, to date, that area has been free of abandoned vehicles.
- On the 2900 block of Minna Avenue the community is concerned about a house causing nuisance issues in the neighborhood. It was reported to be a grow house. That activity was cleared out, however; there are still complaints of prostitution and drugs. The CRO, NSC, Neighborhood Law Corp attorneys and residents are still working to stop the illegal activity at this property. (still in progress)

#### Examples of Successful block level projects (in progress)

- The Police Service Technician led a Walking Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) with neighbors in the 22X area. This was attended by 6 members of the community. Participation was limited due to social distancing rules. They walked the Dimond business district and residential neighborhoods and identified areas for improvement. Recommendations were discussed at Neighborhood Council meeting.
- CPTED conducted in 24Y beat on Culver street which was attended by home owner. The PST made recommendations to install working surveillance cameras, install signage indicating property is under video surveillance. Improve lighting in the backyard, install proper gate lock and remove items near the home that could be used to climb on to gain entry into the home.

- PST Conducted a retail CPTED at Walgreens on 18<sup>th</sup> Street with four attendees including the CRO. Store experiences daily shoplifting and has had a series of armed robberies of front registers. Discussed principles of Natural Surveillance and Access Control as applicable to store and lower stocked shelving. Recommended installing cameras to capture license plates and issuing Stay Away orders to criminals caught on scene. OPD has been authorized to allow OPD officers to be on sight at this Walgreens and other locations during store hours. All present believed that OPD presence will contribute significantly to store safety.