

Police Community Advisory Board (PCAB)  
3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Columbia Parc at the Bayou District  
The Club Room  
November 19, 2015

Meeting called to order by JT Hannan & roll call of attendees. Kiper, Pepper, Bennett, Guidry & Boutté present. Quorum achieved.

Update from Board Chair

- “Operation Relentless Pursuit” overview. JT was called into a meeting two weeks prior with various representatives from the city including the Mayor and Chief of Police. The attached handout was reviewed and the Mayor solicited comments from the various neighborhood representatives. Emphasis was on ‘increasing police force’, ‘Improving police response times’, ‘reducing crime across the city’ and ‘recruiting aggressively’ (JT asked board members to get word out about NOPD hiring.) The meeting was very productive, would like to see more of these types of City meetings.
- JT’s suggestion at this meeting was to post meeting minutes from all PCAB’s on the city website so neighborhood leaders could all see what was discussed at each PCAB. Maybe one suggestion in another district can help the 3<sup>rd</sup> etc.

Update from Commander Marchese of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District NOPD

- Crime is down 18% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> district
- Overtime is available for Officers
- Department has been revamped - redirected shift changes to overlap, more Officers are on duty at 10:30 am. This seems to be helping with the backlogging.
- Traffic call responses have gotten better; a new process has been implemented for writing reports.
- Meeting was held to approve to hold 50 students per call will be an estimated of 3 classes per year.
- Officers are still handling accidents on I-610; PCAB will readdress with both incumbent and new legislators whose districts touch 610 in 2016.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> District will be moving to where the academy classes used to be held.
- Reserve Officers are coming back.

Neighborhood Reports from Board Members:

- DeSaix area still trying to get a flashing school zone sign at the beginning of Trafalger
- Katrina 10 project was a success, DeSaix had over 50 volunteers for drain cleaning
- Auto burglary is becoming a concern in our area – DeSaix Area Neighborhood Association keep asking folks to lock their cars.
- Lakeview area...crime was down dramatically in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2015. Overall Auto Burglary and Theft were up considerably but home burglary down 55% year to year. Crime was up in the summer and down in the fall and winter.
- The lower Lakeview neighborhood corresponds to the LCPD's area E-01-W and E-01-W where Canal Blvd. is the primary N-S axis, City Park Avenue is the lower or Southern boundary, I-610 is the Northern boundary, I-10 is the Western boundary, and Orleans Avenue is the Eastern

boundary. Lower Lakeview includes the entire Delgado City Park Campus, Greenwood Cemetery, St. Patrick Cemetery No. 3, NOFD Communications Center, and the abandoned MTA building.

- During the preceding quarter Jerry Pepper performed an area canvass of the following major businesses and establishments located within the lower Lakeview neighborhood: (1) The Bulldog Pub, (2) St. Patrick Cemetery office, (3) Greenwood Cemetery office and funeral home, (4) Delgado Community College, City Park Campus, (5) PJ's Coffee House, (6) Cafe Navarre, (7) Lakeview Cafe, (8) Cut Loose Hair Studio, (9) Dolly's Gas/Diner, (10) Dollar Tree store, (11) Sherwin-Williams paint store, (12) Deluxe Cleaners, (13) Take5 Oil Change, (14) Lakeview Tire and Automotive Repair, and (15) WYES-TV station.
- During the preceding quarter Jerry also made a daily visual inspection of the exterior of the closed MTA building.
- The major area of continuing concern for lower Lakeview is the abandoned MTA building. While the building itself is secured against intrusion, the parking lot lights are nonfunctional and the neighbors remain concerned that this poses a threat in the form of safe harbor for criminal activity. (QoL issue to discuss with Sgt. Garry Guggenheim)
- Neighbors report and appreciate that NOPD 3rd Dist. and LCPD marked units are visible in the parking lot at night while officers write reports, and that the DPW keeps lot clean, clear of trash and debris, and mows grass regularly.
- Neighbors and businesses report overall drop in crime since July peak and attribute it to re-opening of school year and infer that majority of property crimes (auto burglary esp.) being committed by non-neighborhood high school age juveniles driving in from Eastern portion of the city on I-610.