



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

**Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, September 1, 2021  
6:00 PM  
Via Teleconference**

**Board Membership:**

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

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Persons addressing the Community Policing Advisory Board shall state their names  
and the organization they are representing, if any.*

- 1. Open Forum (6:00 - 6:10)**
- 2. Discussion on Neighbor Actions to Limit Street Fireworks (6:10 - 6:15)**  
Comments from Former CPAB Member Paula Hawthorn
- 3. OPD Report (6:15 - 6:45)**  
Follow-up to our July discussion on best practices / resources that can be shared with NCs to leverage resources and resolve issues and disputes (BM Dalke to initiate discussion)
- 4. NSC Report (6:45 - 7:05)**
  - Update on CPAB and NC Budget Allocations
  - Neighborhood Council Funds - Prohibitions and Permitted Uses Survey
- 5. Updates and CPAB Next Steps: (7:05 - 7:25)**
  - Update on Police Commission - OPD Community Policing Policy Ad-Hoc Committee
  - Neighborhood Council Certification Process
- 6. CPAB Website Launch (7:20 - 7:30)**
- 7. Community Issues that have the potential to escalate into violence (7:30 - 7:55)**  
A discussion on issues, preventative measures and resources
- 8. OUSD Outreach (7:55 - 8:05)**
- 9. Berkeley Law Interns (8:05 - 8:10)**
- 10. Nominations / Elections for Chair and Vice Chair (8:10 - 8:20)**
- 11. DRAFT Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2021 and July 7, 2021 - (8:20 – 8:25)**
- 12. Agenda Building, Staff Update (8:25 - 8:30)**

# 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

Robert Rosin, Area II Acting Captain

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

Please provide the crime statistics in the format you typically recite in CPAB meetings. These statistics and the explanation of them should indicate general trends, increases / decreases in occurrences of particular crime and targeted responses to the trends.

Please see attached reports on year to date crime as of 23 Aug 21. The most significant trend continues to indicate increases in citywide murders and shooting offenses. These serious and violent crimes disproportionately impact communities within Police Area 5 and BFO2 as a whole. In addition to disproportionate violent crime, standing police calls for service are far greater in BFO2 than in BFO1. In an effort to reduce the aforementioned service call disparity and to maximize community service efforts, when the need arises, OPD regularly shifts police officer resources from BFO1 (typically Area 2 police beats which have the fewest calls for service and violent crime) to BFO2 to assist with the call volume.

Earlier this year, a shooting occurred near the Target store on Broadway. The suspect discharged a firearm at two victims who drove in a vehicle. The victims sustained moderate injuries as a result. OPD police officers responded and initiated a preliminary investigation. The following day, Area 2 Community Resource Officers returned to the scene and conducted additional follow-up work. After an extensive video evidence search, the suspect was observed purchasing items at the Target prior to shooting the victims. Area CRO2 collaborated with Criminal Investigations and a warrant was issued for the suspect's arrest. After the suspect was safely arrested by an outside agency, CROs assigned to Area 2 conducted an interview with the suspect. The suspect confessed to the shooting. This is an example of focused work by Community Resource Officer teams to address serious and violent crime with abilities of flexibility, time, and resources not typically available to the average Patrol squad.

Additionally, Beat 8X has seen an uptick in violent crime as a whole. The 600 block of 23<sup>rd</sup> St has become a problematic area as a result of a murder, an unrelated shooting and an armed robbery that occurred the day after the shooting. It was determined some of the crimes which have plagued the 600 block of 23<sup>rd</sup> St may be linked to an encampment which has been setup in

the immediate area. In order to deter the violence, I authorized the deployment of two officers (on service restoration overtime) to remain on post at the 600 block of 23<sup>rd</sup> St at peak hours for criminal activity (identified by OPD's Crime Analysis Section). After a week of presence, violent crime slowed and the resources were redirected. I tasked the Community Resource Team a deliverable to work on solutions with the City's Encampment Management Team and the Beat 8X NCPC so that potential root causes or conditions of criminal activity are addressed long-term.

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

Please indicate the specific community-oriented policing strategies you implemented in the past month, the work you have engaged in with community organizations and partners and the progress / outcome of these strategies and partnerships.

Lake Merritt Boathouse - 568 Bellevue Ave. Collaboration and stakeholder participation in shared project goals for location that generates chronic nuisance complaints, COVID19- Health Order Violations complaints, traffic related complaints, illegal sideshow and narcotics activity, trash at the park and nearby areas, and reported endangered species present near the Boathouse which, if exposed to persistent loud noise, could force the animals out of a natural habitat. Problem-solving identified unpermitted activities and non-compliance as root cause issue.

Stakeholder and partners consisted of NCPC leaders, neighborhood group, City Administrator's Office, Nuisance Abatement, Lake Merritt working group, and Parks and Recreation.

Partnership, communication, education, officer presence, collaboration with code enforcement and a OPD/NSC hosted community meeting achieved a mutual understanding that DJ hosted parties at the Boathouse would be generally allowed until a reasonable hour, and event organizers would be provided information and encouragement to obtain a special events permit as outlined in the Oakland Municipal Code. The City's Department of Transportation has agreed to lock gates to the park after hours more frequently and efficiently and has also agreed to install road strips on Bellevue Ave to prevent people from driving the wrong way and entering the park after hours. OPD has received many accolades from community members and stakeholders impacted by the above issues. Most importantly, we have been successful with this project with the absence of any related custodial arrests, uses of force, or internal affairs complaints.

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

The City's MACRO program is still in development; calls for service have not yet been diverted to alternative responders. The OPD remains supportive of all solutions which may safely decrease call volume and increase call efficiencies.

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

Related to #3 and specific to Lake Merritt security as a whole, Council President Fortunado-Bas has been an advocate of replacing OPD officers (who are assigned on overtime at the Lake on Friday nights and most of the weekend) with City Ambassadors or other security teams. As OPD is challenged with decreased staffing and higher than average levels of attrition, such an approach would allow officers now assigned to the Lake to be used to impact serious and violent crime and 911 calls for service instead through service restore overtime. The OPD remains supportive of all solutions which may safely decrease call volume and increase call efficiencies so that officers may better address calls for service and serious and violent crime.

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

The OPD's use of mandatory overtime for dedicated "sideshow" prevention and enforcement continues along with public information and collaborative and preventative Department of Transportation strategies. The number of "sideshow" related assaults with firearm incidents so far for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021 remains at zero after a total of two in Q2 and nine in Q1. Similarly, calls for service mentioning "sideshow" activity or reckless driving ("23103VC") in general have continued to decline since the peak in February 2021 of 810 calls that month. As of 26 Aug 21, the total number of calls is 390.



# Weekly Crime Report — Area 2

## 16 Aug. – 22 Aug., 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)	7	434	432	399	-8%	422	-5%
<b>Homicide – 187(a)PC</b>	-	1	1	7	600%	3	133%
<b>Homicide – All Other *</b>	-	-	1	-	-100%	0	PNC
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	4	159	187	189	1%	178	6%
Assault with a firearm – 245(a)(2)PC	-	7	14	30	114%	17	76%
<b>Subtotal - Homicides + Firearm Assault</b>	-	8	16	37	131%	20	82%
Shooting occupied home or vehicle – 246PC	-	5	10	10	0%	8	20%
Shooting unoccupied home or vehicle – 247(b)PC	-	6	2	8	300%	5	50%
Non-firearm aggravated assaults	4	141	161	141	-12%	148	-5%
<b>Rape</b>	-	14	22	10	-55%	15	-35%
<b>Robbery</b>	3	260	222	193	-13%	225	-14%
Firearm	1	119	51	72	41%	81	-11%
Knife	-	8	25	12	-52%	15	-20%
Strong-arm	1	106	125	73	-42%	101	-28%
Other dangerous weapon	-	10	6	11	83%	9	22%
Residential robbery – 212.5(a)PC	-	9	7	6	-14%	7	-18%
Carjacking – 215(a) PC	1	8	8	19	138%	12	63%
<b>Burglary</b>	14	2,510	1,921	1,478	-23%	1,970	-25%
Auto	7	2,122	1,415	1,129	-20%	1,555	-27%
Residential	3	282	300	212	-29%	265	-20%
Commercial	-	91	166	87	-48%	115	-24%
Other (Includes boats, aircraft, and so on)	1	15	29	23	-21%	22	3%
Unknown	3	-	11	27	145%	13	113%
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	5	498	786	823	5%	702	17%
<b>Larceny</b>	8	997	1,009	789	-22%	932	-15%
<b>Arson</b>	-	7	12	12	0%	10	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4,446</b>	<b>4,161</b>	<b>3,501</b>	<b>-16%</b>	<b>4,036</b>	<b>-13%</b>

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# Weekly Crime Report — Citywide

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<b>Violent Crime Index</b> (homicide, aggravated assault, rape, robbery)	83	3,712	3,735	4,183	12%	3,877	8%
<b>Homicide – 187(a)PC</b>	3	47	55	78	42%	60	30%
<b>Homicide – All Other *</b>	-	3	5	4	-20%	4	0%
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	48	1,771	2,027	2,302	14%	2,033	13%
Assault with a firearm – 245(a)(2)PC	9	194	274	399	46%	289	38%
<b>Subtotal - Homicides + Firearm Assault</b>	12	244	334	481	44%	353	36%
Shooting occupied home or vehicle – 246PC	6	164	231	368	59%	254	45%
Shooting unoccupied home or vehicle – 247(b)PC	2	82	120	177	48%	126	40%
Non-firearm aggravated assaults	31	1,331	1,402	1,358	-3%	1,364	0%
<b>Rape</b>	1	137	145	86	-41%	123	-30%
<b>Robbery</b>	31	1,757	1,508	1,717	14%	1,661	3%
Firearm	9	647	465	698	50%	603	16%
Knife	3	90	113	77	-32%	93	-18%
Strong-arm	9	760	663	520	-22%	648	-20%
Other dangerous weapon	-	62	47	45	-4%	51	-12%
Residential robbery – 212.5(a)PC	1	62	56	53	-5%	57	-7%
Carjacking – 215(a) PC	9	136	164	324	98%	208	56%
<b>Burglary</b>	48	8,594	6,503	5,495	-16%	6,864	-20%
Auto	31	6,915	4,738	4,328	-9%	5,327	-19%
Residential	6	1,156	849	639	-25%	881	-27%
Commercial	5	416	745	350	-53%	504	-31%
Other (Includes boats, aircraft, and so on)	1	92	128	107	-16%	109	-2%
Unknown	5	15	43	71	65%	43	65%
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	84	4,192	5,872	5,579	-5%	5,214	7%
<b>Larceny</b>	40	4,527	4,261	3,420	-20%	4,069	-16%
<b>Arson</b>	2	92	120	116	-3%	109	6%
<b>Total</b>	257	21,120	20,496	18,797	-8%	20,138	-7%

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# Memo

August 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

- Beat 25X and 28X are partnering together to do community clean ups.
- Ujima Friends 8X Community Action Team and Tru-Sav held a barbeque to feed the unsheltered at the corner of Northgate and 25th street.
- The numerous successful National Night Out events in Ujima Friends 8X, Adams Point 14X, Temescal 12X, Montclair 13Z, and Greater Rockridge 12Y/13X.
- NSCs are working on coordinating "Conversations Towards Solutions" with Chief LeRonne L. Armstrong in all my beats.
- In beat 2x/5x, members of the Neighborhood Council completed a successful community cleanup where bags of trash and green waste were collected at Filbert and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets on Saturday, July 24. The City of Oakland, Environmental Services Division's, Stewardship Program supported the cleanup with tools, trash and green waste bags.
- Due in part to persistence from the NSC, PG&E repaired the damaged sidewalk caused by the repair of a gas line on 53<sup>rd</sup> street in beat 10x.
- Neighbors in 10x joined officers for a meet & greet with businesses along the San Pablo Avenue corridor.

## Some challenging projects that NSCs work to address

- 19X has an ongoing issue with human trafficking/prostitution. Residents had stated that they would like to have lights to help deter this activity. Currently there are only lights on one side.

CPTED was done before the pandemic and lights were recommended. Traffic calming measures are also being discussed.

- Adams Point 14X needs dedicated cameras at each intersection where officers and technicians can contact property owners to retrieve video footage near crime scenes to help identify suspects.
- In beat 6x, the Hoover-Foster neighborhood is addressing blight concerns throughout the community. They have established as priorities to address the homeless encampments located on Martin Luther King, Jr. Way and West Grand Avenue and the underpass at 30<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets.
- Cloud Kitchen in 10x is open for business and neighbors are worried about parking issues.
- Homeless encampments in 19x have caused businesses to close and constant fires are happening at the encampments.
- Montclair Neighbors 13Z has been working on getting Montclair Park clean of trash, have the playground resurfaced, get a pump to dry out the amphitheater, repair Moraga Avenue fence, remove the vegetation and graffiti, install bike racks, and clean the pond, etc.

### **New Neighborhood Services Acting Supervisor, NSC Araina Richards**

NSD has an acting supervisor again in the Bureau of Field Operations (BFO) 2, NSC Araina Richards. The goal is to post and permanently fill the position in the next few months.

### **NSD/PST Block Level Update**

The PSTs hosted community Zoom meetings and supported Neighborhood and Merchant Watch groups. They as conducted CPTED's at numerous locations including the Gap on Lakeshore. Presentations were also made on Personal Safety techniques.

### **National Night Out (NNO) 2021 Wrap Up**

NNO is one of our favorite nights of the year! This fun event brings the community together and builds neighborhood spirit and unity.

Thanks to our volunteer party hosts across Oakland, we had another successful NNO this year. There were about 250 registered block parties with an estimated 9000 adults and 3900 children attending

events across the city. The block parties ([see map](#)) were just as diverse and interesting as our lovely neighborhoods are known to be. We heard from many party attendees about how exciting it was to reconnect with neighbors and feel a stronger sense of community.

This year's theme was disaster preparedness. In support of the theme, each registered party was provided with a first aid kit for the host and resource information on "12 Ways to Prepare" and materials from the Oakland Fire Safe Council.

A huge thank you to City of Oakland staff and council offices who visited NNO parties. All of our amazing Neighborhood Service Coordinators, Police Service Technicians and admin staff from the [Neighborhood Services Division](#) coordinated the event and attended parties. A huge thank you to the Agency Directors and the City Administrator Offices for visiting numerous parties.

The [Fire Department](#) also visited numerous parties and coordinated the engine companies, staff from the [Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies](#) and fire inspectors to collectively visit 113 of the parties. The [Oakland Police Department](#) command and civilian staff and Community Resource Officers visited nearly 100 parties and did a great job of attending parties in every [community policing police beat](#). Our community was pleasantly surprised by visits from city staff.

We can expect many more registered parties next year as we continue to recover from the pandemic and engage our beloved community.

Save the date! NNO is always the first Tuesday in August and will take place in 2022 on **August 2**.

A huge thank you to the Oakland community and remember:

***When Neighbors Know Each Other, Neighborhoods are Safer!***

### **Neighborhood Enhanced Service Teams (NEST)**

NSD is working with the Director of Interdepartmental Operations to support NEST in the East Oakland community policing beats of 30x and 34x in police area 5. The goal of NEST is to improve service and

program delivery in neighborhoods heavily impacted by crime. NSCs are working to assist the NEST by informing the team of priorities for each beat and opportunities to better support the community.

A proposed metric for service delivery is to track the speed with which service requests are addressed prior to the project versus after launch. Also, the speed of response times in the target area versus citywide.

Proposed performance metrics for the program delivery is to track the total number of new people enrolled in programming that could include businesses provided loans/grants, number of youth assisted with bike repairs, attendance at NCPC meetings, participation in parks and recreation and library programs.

In late August, the entire team will have a “week of action” during which the team will have a visible presence in the target area. This will include addressing pending service requests such as illegal dumping and abandoned vehicles and will include proactive service such as repainting red curbs, crosswalks that are faded, etc. The week will also include the program team and Neighborhood Services Division performing canvassing outreach with resource materials. Follow-up outreach will occur once an assessment of the canvassing is performed.



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**Absent/Excused:** Kirby Thompson (Dist. 7), Ericka Parker (OHA), VanCedric Williams (OUSD Representative), Yonas Gebremicael (Mayoral), Daniel Ettlinger (Mayoral)

**Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by Chair Davis**

**Roll Call – No Quorum –**

**1. Neighborhood Council Town Hall**

Chair Davis gives opening remarks: CPAB organized Neighborhood Council Town Halls to create a space for neighborhood councils to collaborate and discuss. Grateful for the members and neighborhood council members who were able to attend, mentions the survey (priorities, funding recommendation, etc.) for those who weren't able to attend. Shares survey results- majority supported training and increased funding allocation for neighborhood council leaders.

Valerie A - sitting in for Katy from Glenview Neighborhood Association

Karen Ivy (Secretary of the Greater Rockridge Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council) - GRNCPC already operates on a much larger budget than other NCPCs/NCs, startled by the suggestion to increase the budget. Priority over the past couple of years has been homeless issues.

Mary Forte (Parliamentarian for 35X NCPC) - Priorities include solving public disturbances by outsiders coming in and drinking, loitering, playing loud music, etc. Have been able to find solutions. Another problem is speeding in certain areas, mentions the lack of funding for patrols in the OPD. In the previous NCPC meeting, a new priority was found- towing abandoned vehicles. Spend budget on raffle prizes, beautification, and giveaways.

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Eric Hughes (Co-Chair of Grand Lake Neighbors) - refers back to Ms. Ivy's comment of not being able to spend the money they have now. Mentions the restrictions in place on the ways to spend the money. Increasing the budget is a good idea but should also work with Neighborhood Councils to ensure we can spend the money in alignment with our priorities. Mentions disconnect between priorities and spending that are in place right now. The scope for empowerment needs to be broader and more flexible.

Justin Hu-Nguyen (Co-Chair of Cleveland Heights) - agrees with Mr. Hughes about the restrictions on the ways to spend the budget. Focused on solving the wide range of issues around the lake and using the budget to help communities (programs, non-profits, homeless encampments). Investing in NC leaders is helpful.

Jenny Zilliac - Bloc grants was the top choice in response to the priority survey. Suggests that we can use creative thinking to help people in need in our communities (homeless, illness, etc.) Mentions Community Fridge in nearby communities (neighborhood food distribution/sharing platform). Agrees with Mr. Hughes and expresses the need of space to execute creative thinking and spending. Supports raffles/gift cards for local small restaurants and communities in need.

Keith - Broadening the scope of empowerment and being inclusive of more neighborhood groups and organizations can increase collaborations in more projects, which can be useful in moving the city in different directions.

Kesha Henderson - Supports a Community Fridge community at Foothill. Suggests it's a good idea for NCs to support and donate nutritious food. Another concern is the effectiveness of city services. Agrees crime is increasing and OPD needs to be more proactive. The city has made crime feel more comfortable, especially in under-resourced areas. Mentions the lack of inspectors/personnel in the law enforcement departments in the city and thinks more money from the budget should be allocated towards public safety/security. Thinks that each district should have 20-30 inspectors to handle property crime.

Otha McCain (Co-Chair of 32X) - primary problem is no CRO availability. Problems in the community include quality of life, speeding, and other vehicle-related problems. Have been able to spend the allocated amounts according to the guidelines given.

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Nathan Moon (8X) - in favor of the budget recommendations. Look forward to using the funding to create a peace center (provide essential services such as mail for the unhoused).

Carol Wyatt (District 3, Chair of 7X) – The neighborhood has a tremendous history of crime and homelessness. Provides an example of a property being taken over by squatters and drug dealers, property owners are not monitoring their properties, amplifying the crime in the community. Emphasizes that her community needs the increased budget because they need a voice.

Jorge Lerma (District 5) - CPAB is going through the same changes the NCs are. The key issue for us is confronting the obstacles that have never been questioned. What needs to change is the way we mobilize and group together, so that we can move through the obstacles, sooner or later.

Valerie A - Restrictions on ways to spend money are strict and criteria are very narrow. Not workable for NCs. Regulations and the whole process need to change. The city is not as responsive as desired towards issues in communities.

Karen Ivy - Problem with property management at Rockridge. Despite funding, problems with properties exist (e.g. rats in homes).

Jenny Zilliac - More investigators and inspectors (Ms. Henderson's concern) is a great priority for the City Council. Training for community organizing is important and can lead to achievements.

Eric Hughes - Request for someone to take responsibility to make sure online info about the CPAB and Oakland Public Safety is accurate. People go on these sites for info, so we need to make sure all of that info is accurate.

Chair Davis closes out with the next steps- supports periodic meetings, emphasizes the importance of the feedback of NCs, NCPCs, and communities. Encourages collaboration/communication between NC leaders and for communities to reach out to their council members.

Valerie A - Moving forward, it would be useful for us to create a prioritization list, so we are a more united front going to the City Council.

Jose (Chair of 28X ) - Communication, Cooperation, and Collaboration are all very important. While it is important to reach out to the City Council, the City Administrator is the one who implements those policies. Don't overlook small claims actions.

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Deputy Chief Bolton (Deputy Chief of Police) – regarding CROs is complicated, cannot give explicit date/time. Citywide we are down 8 CROs. In each police area, depending on the operations of the local officer, there may be at least 1 or 2 beats that do not have a dedicated CRO. However, this does not mean any beat is deprived of CRO services, it just means the spread of CROs is thinner and wider citywide. Citywide, every CRO on duty right now is addressing Oakland’s 115% increase in carjacking’s. Addresses the lack of active officers to fill in CRO positions. Restoration of CROs requires the combination of getting approval and having sufficient personnel resources to fill positions.

**Second Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Creighton Davis (Chair, Mayoral), Carol Wyatt (District 3), Jorge Lerma (District 5), Donald Dalke (District 6), Art Douglas Blacksher (At-Large), Geraldine Wong (Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee Representative 1), VanCedric Williams (OUSD Representative)

**No Response in Second Roll Call:** Colette McPherson (District 2)

**Absent/Excused:** Kirby Thompson (Dist. 7), Ericka Parker (OHA), Yonas Gebremicael (Mayoral), Daniel Ettlenger (Mayoral)

**Roll Call- Quorum**

**2. OPD Reports**

Deputy Chief Bolton – Reviewed the OPD Monthly Report, Area Crime Report the Citywide Crime Report and gun crime-related statistics.

OPD is responding to serious violent crimes with more targeted, deliberate, and thoughtful approaches including a ceasefire strategy and a unit called the Violent Crime Operation Center (VCOC), which has a total of 20-25 officers. Since early April, VCOC has made about 18 homicide-related arrests, a total of 22 arrests tied to violent crimes. VCOC has also safely recovered (without any serious use of force or shooting) 22 illegally possessed firearms. No harmful pursuits (on roads or sidewalks) have taken place and zero complaints/allegations of misconduct have been received. It's important to acknowledge the positive impact the VCOC has had since its creation and to promote communication/collaboration between communities and OPD.

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Sideshow calls for service peaked in February with 384 calls for service in that month. Only 128 sideshow calls for service were recorded in February 2020. Starting 02/24/2021 through March and April, OPD began to request overtime funding. Once funding was approved, sideshow calls for service in March fell to 283, and further reduced to 173 calls in April. Beginning 05/01/2021, OPD received approval for consistent staffing and funding, sideshow calls for service in that month totaled 176. January 2021 to May 2021, 47 shooting offense reports that referenced sideshow activity in some respect (571% higher than the total in 2020, only 7 total reports in 2020). Negligent discharges of firearms and targeted offenses were the main causes for calls for service. Overall, the collaborative effort is leading to positive changes. Discussed Risk Management meetings and that OPD is willing to bring the information to the CPAB.

Keisha Henderson, 27Y - Area 4 – What is DC Bolton’s standpoint on under policing in under resourced, high crime communities? DC Bolton responded that the crime reduction strategies is to prioritize violent crime – OPD is understaffed based on population in like cities. OPD takes into account racial disparities when responding to some activities if there is a racial impact. They try to utilize their resources strategically. Chronic and repeated offenses should be addressed in Neighborhood Councils. Will make the work of OPD more focused and efficient.

Board Member Dalke – Risk Management concept is interested, and if Angela Mendoza is in charge of it, may make a request that it be on a future CPAB agenda.

**3. NSD Reports – Neighborhood Services Manager, Felicia Verdin**

Manager Verdin discussed the NCPC funds and the use of a purchase card process. NCPC chairs received information on allowable and non-allowable items. She then provided an overview of the report submitted. NEST (Neighborhood Enhancement Service Team) will be a pilot in Area 5. Highlighted National Night Out – August 3, 2021, 6:00pm – 8:00pm, website is pending.

Board Member Dalke asked if ZOOM costs will be added to allowable item? Asked about Environmental changes to discourage loitering, Manager Verdin that neighborhood beautification can sometimes decrease loitering.

Chair Davis requested that NSD and the CPAB revisit the way money is NCPC’s have been spent. Manager Verdin responded yes.

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**4. CPAB – Center for Youth Development through Law Summer Intern**

Chair Davis provided information on the focus for the upcoming intern will be Social Media and Community outreach.

**5. Discussion and Vote on August Recess**

CPAB board discussed the impact of cancelling the August 4, 2021 meeting. Board Member Blacksher made a motion to cancel the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chair Davis. All approved.

**6. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2021**

Draft meeting minutes submitted, motion to approve as submitted by Board Member Dalke and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chair Davis. All Approved.

**7. Open Forum – No Speakers**

**8. CPAB Member Open Forum, Agenda Building and Ad-Hoc Committee Focusing on Summer / Fall Goals**

Board Members Dalke and Lerma have joined the Ad-Hoc committee, a meeting will be scheduled soon, and other members are free to join. Board Member Wong requested a report from the OUSD representative Van Cedric Williams – 3 -5 minutes on removal of police and would like to have a report. Board Member Williams agreed to provide a report and provided a brief summary of the progress.

**9. Adjournment –**

Motion to adjourn by Chair Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Member Lerma meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.



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**Board Membership:**

**PRESENT:** Creighton Davis (Chair, Mayoral), Carol Wyatt (District 3), Jorge Lerma (District 5), Donald Dalke (District 6), Art Douglas Blacksher (At-Large), Geraldine Wong (Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee Representative 1) Ericka Parker (OHA), VanCedric Williams (OUSD Representative), Daniel Ettlinger (Mayoral)

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Colette McPherson (District 2), Kirby Thompson (Dist. 7), Yonas Gebremicael (Mayoral)

**No Quorum – Meeting began with Open Forum**

**1. Open Forum 2 minutes –**

**1 Speaker – A. Olugbala** – Over-policing at Lake Merritt, overtime for OPD officers and parking at Fairyland.

**Roll Call – Quorum achieved – Meeting Called to Order**

**2. OPD Report** – DC Bolton reviewed the submitted report. Provided information on the OPD / DVP event - on Saturday, July 10, 2021, from 12 PM – 2 PM, at Lake Merritt, to rally and “**Stand Up for A Safe Oakland**”.

BM Dalke asked about sideshow activity on the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend – DC Bolton responded that activity was focused at the Lake and OPD is under resourced.

BM Wong stated that there is no CRO for Area 4 – and asked how issues should be addressed? - DC Bolton offered to reach out to the Area 4 Commander.

BM Ettlinger asked how does OPD communicate with NCPC’s on OPD’s limited resources. DC Bolton responded that OPD focuses on issues that are important to the community and the solutions that are possible with community partners.

Chair Davis asks how to focus concerns for problems such as nuisance abatement? DC Bolton responds that the CRO’s are the point of contact.

BM Wong provided information on the Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee created a book of “How To” for Block Captains to use. NSC have access to the How To document. BM Dalke is not aware of a document and is not shared widely. Chair Davis would like to review a copy of the document and to create a process for nuisance abatement that can be added to website.

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BM Williams asked of resources to the DVP actually help prevent violence? Youth involvement in the city. DC Bolton there is partnership between OPD and the DVP. OPD does involve Youth in stemming crime and they will be involved in the July 10<sup>th</sup> event. OPD also partners with community organizations to address the issues.

Chair Davis stated that the CPAB intern from OUSD is involved to aid in Community Engagement.

BM Lerma wants to see the NC's become advocates and activists for the community. BLM and other social movements have opened the door to question relationships.

Public Speaker – 1 Minute

Assata Olugbala – Parking is limited at Lake Merritt – why is the Chief holding an event there? Asks if DC Bolton has instructed Officers at Lake Merritt to not interact with people at the lake. DC Bolton assured the board that he has not and would not direct officers to treat anyone that way.

**3. NSC Report** – Director DeVries reviewed the submitted report.

As of June 15<sup>th</sup>, NSC's are working part-time in the office. Senior NSC's are partnered with Junior NSC's to do outreach and training together.

Discussed National Night Out on August 3, 2021 focus is on Emergency Preparedness and the re-vamping of the CORP and CERT programs with OFD.

Enhanced Service Delivery Teams in Area 5 begins on July 9<sup>th</sup> on Beat 30 & 34. Multiple city departments will be involved.

BM Dalke asked if the departments will be in the field. Director DeVries responded that yes to begin with but will be in the field as needed. BM Dalke asked if the NSC's will be pulled from their beats. Director DeVries responded that Area 2 will take the lead.

BM Wong asked how many NSC are on board currently. Director DeVries responds that there are 7 NSC's and 1 supervisor. The New Budget adds 2 NSC's and 1 Supervisor – recruitment could take 6 to 8 months.

BM Ettliger is this program based on other cities and how do you know it will work? Is there a better way to make the public aware of events? Director DeVries states that Service Delivery Teams were implemented in 1999 or 2000....they faded away during the recession. Coordinated service delivery has worked. The Neighborhood Services Department is rebuilding their website.

Chair Davis referred the rebuilding of the CPAB webpage – and the process to take for Nuisance Abatement – and referred to the NWSC handbook. Chair Davis wants to work in partnership with NSD.

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BM Wyatt asked Director DeVries about how to engage and align the CPAB and the NSC's in a collaboration? Director DeVries responded that the handbook needs to be updated. New budget for NCPC leadership training has been approved. NWSC is being reactivated. CPAB can make policy recommendations to the Departments and to the Council for the NSD to implement.

BM Wong noted that the handbook was updated in 2019 and 2020. Would like the CPAB invited to the meeting. Completed book was handed over to Marlin Gusman (sp) Document needs to be located BM Wong has the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the last revision.

BM Blacksher concurs with BM Wyatt on policing your own community.

BM Dalke wants to have the NCPC's teams and the CPAB involved with the new approach.

Chair Davis asked for updates on the Neighborhood Council's funding was it increased? Director DeVries cannot recall. Budget will be published shortly.

Clarity on the new goals of the CPAB – Engagement and Empowerment and wants to coordinate with NSD. Director DeVries responded that the CPAB has an inward (advisory) and outward (NCPC's) facing role.

**4. Introduction of our CPAB Intern** - from the Center for Youth Development Through Law: Hermon (Henry) Aragwi from Oakland Technical High School introduced himself. He was welcomed by the Board as their intern for the summer of 2021.

**5. A Discussion of NC Survey Responses** – Chair Davis reviewed the survey results.

96% supported CPAB recommendation to fund training and workshops for NCPC leaders.

BM Ettliger noted that the Department of Transportation has a lot of red tape, how should the CPAB advocate with our neighborhoods with the DOT. BM Dalke there was increased funding by Council Members Taylor and Thao – will review budget when it is published. Chair Davis – NCPC's requested more input on the spending on their funds. And the CPAB should work with the NSD to create flexibility. A Survey will be sent to NCPC's and results will be shared with the NSD. Director DeVries stated that the funding should be used to increase awareness of the NCPC's.

**6. Discussion of the Role and Mission of the CPAB** – Ad Hoc Committee (Davis, Dalke Ettliger, Lerma) met and put together the recommendation. Board members discussed the role and mission.

BM Dalke recommends a change – “Oversee the governance including the certification of neighborhood councils and monitor compliance of neighborhood councils in alignment with and in the context of the objectives the Resolution, Neighborhood Services and the CPAB – working with Neighborhood Services and the CPAB in partnership.”

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BM Wong stated that it is semantics, there is nothing here that the CPAB has not done. Chair Davis noted that the potential of changing the language may increase participation in Neighborhood Councils.

7. **Vote on Role and Mission of the CPAB** – Motion made to accept the documents as final with the recommended changes by BM Lerma, 2<sup>nd</sup> by BM Dalke. Motion approved with 1 abstention (Wong). Mission and Role will be shared with the Neighborhood Councils and added to the website.
8. **CPAB Elections in September** Discussion was held, item will return to the Board at the September 1, 2021 meeting for Chair and Vice Chair of the CPAB.
9. **Approval of DRAFT Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2021** – Meeting minutes not approved due to the lack of a quorum. Will return in September.
10. **Agenda Building**
  - a. CPAB Elections in September
  - b. DRAFT meeting minutes of June 2, 2021
  - c. OUSD information – Board Member VanCedric Williams
  - d. Police Service Technicians – discussion and a report on how to better utilize

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:49 PM**