

Draft Proposal for Action. PIC Public Safety Committee.

Peaks Island Council Workshop

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Community Issue: Community policing practices on Peaks Island

Background

Unexpected police enforcement actions taken two weeks ago on Peaks Island have prompted many islanders to express a wide range of viewpoints in response to the event. This proposal is intended to attempt to focus our collective energies on a series of next steps which hopefully will direct that energy in a positive and productive manner. This particular event was controversial two weeks ago, and may still be. It is our opinion that it is also an opportunity to move us forward to create circumstances which will foster better relations and understandings between the residents of Peaks and the Portland Police Department.

Statement of Purpose:

The Portland Police Department will provide law enforcement services to the residents of Peaks Island in a manner that is an ongoing exercise in evaluation and improvement.

The Peaks Island Council will take the lead in creating an environment on Peaks Island that increases the understanding of the policies and practices of the Portland Police Department.

Goals and Strategies:

To develop a community process that will have a primary goal of defining Community Policing on Peaks Island.

- Identify a list of community concerns and issues which will become the primary focus of policing on Peaks Island
- Develop a list of common expectations relative to the enforcement of each issue and concern
- Develop a system of consistent enforcement procedures relative to each issue and concern

To develop a respectful and collaborative dialogue and an effective communication system between the Peaks Island community and the Portland Police Department

- Establish communication protocols between the PIC and the PPD which would identify primary contact representatives of each group
- Develop a community dialogue process which will encourage effective interactions between the Peaks community and the PPD

To develop an effective evaluation system between the Peaks Island Council, the Chairs of the PIC Public Safety Committee and representatives of the PPD

- Establish a regular system of meetings and interactions that evaluate the progress made on community policing goals
- Develop a framework with which both parties can evaluate the progress of community goals