

West Edge Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2017 6:00 PM at Friends of Waterfront Seattle Space

Meeting was called to order by President Jo VanDerSnick at 6:04 PM

- Jo thanked our hosts, Friends of Waterfront Seattle, and asked attendees to introduce themselves.
- M/S/P unanimous approval of the October 2016 minutes.

Speakers:

- New West Precinct Captain **Michael Teeter** introduced himself, commenting on the challenges faced in the precinct zone (mostly drug activity) but also noting the recent decrease in overall crime rates in Downtown Seattle, as well as the consistently low rate of violent crime relative to comparably-sized cities. He encouraged attendees to send him any notes of concern to mike.teeter@seattle.gov.
- Crime Prevention specialist **Terrie Johnston** encouraged members to reach out if they would like to subscribe to eAlerts, Smart911, learn more about Human Service Providers, or have an event at their building to educate residents on becoming partners in crime prevention.
- West Precinct **Sergeant Rob Brown** spoke about the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program, or LEAD. The LEAD program offers non-violent drug offenders an opportunity to access social services without putting them in an exclusively punitive criminal track.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.