

Beat 2422 Minutes Wednesday, January 9th 2008

In attendance:

Officer Clay, 3rd Watch

Officer Ranzino, 2nd Watch Foot Officer, special duty Gale School

Sgt. Skipper Beat Team Leader

Officer Hank Jacobs

Police Statistics

Top 10 Crimes for Beat 2422 from December 1 to December 31 2007

Domestic Battery, Simple	11
Retail Theft	10
Narcotics Possession of Cannabis 30 grams or less	9
Criminal Damage to vehicle	8
Battery, Simple	6
Theft, \$300 or under	6
Criminal trespass to land	5
Criminal Damage to property	4
Other offence, Harassment by telephone	4
Robery, Strongarm – no weapon	3

Crimes were not broken down by location

Total of arrests for the month of December 2007 November 2007 Arrests

1 st Watch	9	8
2 nd Watch	1	6
3 rd Watch	13	10
Tactical	27	33
Gang	11	12
Other Units	9	32
Total	70	101

Information on Problems and Concerns from previous meetings included an update on 7603 – 09 N. Greenview. Phil Collins, the Police Area 3 Housing Officer has been working on bringing this building into the DGHES Program, (Drug and Gang House Enforcement Section) and into the Troubled Buildings Initiative.

Within a years time, November 06 to November of 07 there have been 60 calls for service to this Greenview address. Since 1991 to the present 40 arrests have taken place on the premises. Some of the arrests include: assault, domestic battery, simple battery, robberies, narcotics, possession of firearms, gun fire, damage to property, criminal trespassing, various quality of life problems, gambling, drinking, prostitution,

etc.. Since 1991 to the present 66 people who have been arrested in other parts of the city of Chicago have given 7603 – 09 N. Greenview as their place of residence. The property is owned by G. Milic Marjanovic.

Complaints over the years have done little to get the owner of 7603 – 09 N. Greenview to clean up his act. The property has been a public nuisance for too long and it is time to put more pressure on Mr. Marjanovic and get him into court and/or get the building out of his possession into the hands of a more responsible owner.

Inspectors were assigned to come out and investigate building code violations. As of date I have not seen or heard of any inspections that have taken place.

Eva McCann stated that she will contact Phil Collins, Rich Heinich, the 24th District Housing Officer and Mary Jane Haggerty from the Rogers Park Community Council to find out when court dates will take place and to work on a plan of action to get Mr. Marjanovic to straiten up or get out of the neighborhood.

Two more reports of gunfire have occurred over the past two months at the Sheridan Road Sargon Isaac apartment building next door to the former Bidy Mulligan's. Officer Jacobs reported that one of the incidents (3 gunshots heard) was gang related by higher-ranking gang members giving warning shots to lower echelon members they suspected of pilfering either drugs or money owed. The shooting was in close range so if they actually wanted to shoot to kill they could have easily done so. No one will give the names of individuals involved. It is rumored the other gunfire had to do with affairs of the heart. No one was actually shot in either incident.

Sargon Isaac was ordered to attend Beat meetings in the summer of 07. He attended the three meetings ordered by the court and has not been seen since. The problems in his Sheridan Road apartment building still exist and therefore we need to get him back in court to resolve these issues. It was suggested to get the alderman involved at a sit down meeting with Mr. Isaac to discuss problems and to put pressure on him to eliminate his problem residents.

There are no new updates on the Sol Azar Building at the intersection of Birchwood and Ashland.

Mary Jane Haggerty from the Rogers Park Community Council, who was looking into this building has been off from work with food poisoning. She is now back, and will get caught up on building work and we will begin working on a solution to this never ending problem property owner.

7600 N. Bosworth, The Broadmoor, is, as always on the list of problem buildings. The new owner Lou Sopcic says he is working on cleaning up the building and getting rid of problem tenants. It is suspected that the building is more than he can handle with the continuing patching and covering of problems instead of going behind the walls to fix the underlying cause of the problems because of cost. Asbestos remediation is required if

walls are taken out to repair pipes. People are still hanging out in front of the property and the building security is not being diligent in chasing them away. I have tried to contact building management on several occasions who have not returned my phone calls.

A complaint about the blatant smoking of blunts at the bus stop across the street from the Foot Locker on Howard was brought up. Although that is on the Evanston side of the street, Chicago officers have jurisdiction to make arrests there if a crime is reported.

A woman has been gaining entry into the Gateway Senior Apartments at 7450 N. Rogers by ringing doorbells until someone buzzes her into the building. She then goes through the building from door to door begging for money by telling people that her mother lives in the building and is sick and she needs money to get her mother to the hospital or doctor. Many people feeling sorry for her have been giving her money. She usually comes on Sunday or at times when Management is not in the office. Attendees at the meeting who live in the building were told to inform the Management office and to call 911 when they are aware this person is on the premises. They need to also keep track of the dates and times when this woman is entering and roaming the property so they can give this information to Management and to the police.

There is concern by residents about the liquor store, Around-the-Clock, being across the street from the new Community Center that will be opening soon on Howard Street. Residents fear young people leaving the building may be tempted to try to purchase alcohol and cigarettes or have someone else purchase these items for them. Officers stated that Around-the-Clock employees do a good job of carding people who purchase these products although there is nothing they can do about someone of legal age purchasing these things for someone under age.

Whether there will be adequate security at the new Community Center was mentioned. I let them know the Chicago Park District informed me there will not be full time security on the premises while the building is open. We were told by one of the officers that in some higher crime neighborhoods it can be included in the parks budget to have on site security. In order to have this, the alderman and community groups must put pressure on the Park District to have on site security. The money to pay for this amenity also usually comes from eliminating a park program.

The question of whether a petition needs to be submitted to get a speed bump in the alley that leads to the employee parking lot of the Clark Manor Nursing Home was brought forward. The alley entrance is on Rogers between the yellow condo building across the street from the Gateway Senior Apartments and the two brownstones at the northeast corner of Clark and Rogers. Cars come through that alley without stopping or honking and near accidents have occurred with both pedestrians and other cars coming down Rogers at the alley's intersection. Ambulances also use this entrance and do not slow down when entering and exiting the alleyway.

It was suggested to speak to the Nursing Home Management about the problem as well as addressing the alderman's office with the concern. It was noted that there is a stop sign there, but no one pays attention to it. Getting a petitions signed by neighbors is also a good start and contacting the Department of Traffic and Streets and Sanitation may also help in an effort to get a speed bump.

North Point Manager Kimberly Boyd stated that they are going to try to have another series of tenant meetings beginning possibly in July. At this time they are continuing their efforts to improve the properties and eliminate problem residents.

Community Announcements: North of Howard Parks Advisory Council meeting, Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at the Howard Area Community Center, 7648 N. Paulina, 7:00 p.m..

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday, February 14, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Beat meetings minutes submitted by CAPS Beat 2422 Facilitator, Eva Mcann.