

Rogers Park, 24th Police District, Beat 2431
CAPS Meeting, February 12, 2007
Rogers Park Community Council Office
1530 W. Morse Avenue
www.caps24.org

Officiates:

Jayne M. Hoffman, Co-Facilitator, CAPS Beat 2431
 Sergeant Baranowski, Beat Team Leader, Chicago Police Department
 Mary Jane Haggerty, Notes Recorder

Meeting notes are paraphrased, and quotations are marked accordingly. See Jayne Hoffman with comments.

I. Welcome and introductions.

7:00pm: Jayne Hoffman opened with explanation of Kevin O'Neil's temporary absence. Sgt. Baranowski explained that there had been a mix-up with PD materials and the day of the Beat meeting. Jayne gave brief introduction on the CAPS program. Sgt. Baranowski introduced the beat officers who were in attendance. Introductions went around room – small group of Northwestern journalism students attended with Professor Michael A Deas.

II. Police crime report.

Sgt. Baranowski summarized from memory – approximately 100 incidents, 50 arrests since the last CAPS meeting. Jayne suggested “to access website at <http://caps24.org>” for the actual statistics. Later some stats arrived from district.

III. Updates on old problems.

• **1340 W. Morse/1345 W. Lunt.**

On January 30, 2007, Beat Facilitator Kevin O'Neil, Alderman Joe Moore, and Jacob Handelman (Assistant Corporation Counsel for Drug and Gang House Unit) met with the attorneys and managers of 1340 W. Morse/1345 W. Lunt buildings for an update on reparations of the properties: A summary was provided by Kevin O'Neil. (See Kevin or Jayne for a copy of the memo.) Sgt. Baranowski read the outline from meeting:

Since 10/31/06 there have been 7 evictions,
 Filed 2 more cases; could be 60 to 90 days for possession orders,
 Continue to screen applicants with credit/criminal/skip trace reporting,
 Substantially completed building code violations at Morse,
 Security Guard will be utilized on a random rotating basis for a period of time,
 Security deposits are required for all new move-ins,
 Letter banning individuals who have been evicted or are known to be criminals has been distributed allowing for arrests for trespassing,
 Exterior lighting has been added,
 Criminal complaints have been filed against several individuals where and when appropriate.

Sgt Baranowski said that management has signed complaints and has been very cooperative. Mr. Rider said he has identified two more apartments with problems. Citizen1 said he filmed two guys breaking in on January 21, and asked why two people were on premises, but only one was arrested. Sgt. Baranowski did not have that information. Citizen2 suggested that more tenants should attend the CAPS meetings: He suggested finding tenants to be regular contacts. Jayne acknowledged tenants had been attending

CAPS meetings regularly, and asked Citizen2 if he would be willing to encourage further attendance. Citizen2 responded, “[that] is not my responsibility.” Tom Gongora, the building engineer who resides on the premises with his wife, has been suggested as an attendee. Citizen1 complained that no one from larger community was at January 30th meeting. Sgt. Baranowski offered that these meetings were held between the administrators.

Tom came in late and was asked if the buildings' issues were being resolved – he said yes, as did his wife - and they live in building. Tom estimated a 75% improvement since *Operation Morse Code*. Jayne asked Tom about the issue with someone blocking the lock on the front gate of the 1340 Morse entrance that was raised at the last meeting. Tom said he confronted the guy, a tenant who said he had lost the key, so they got tenant a new key. There have been no other problems with blocking the gate lock since.

- **Double parking at Giordano’s** – Jayne asked the citizen, who had offered to talk with Giordano’s at the previous meeting, about their delivery drivers that were double and triple parking near the corner of Farwell and Sheridan. Citizen said she’s going to talk to them about it. One Police Officer said they asked them to stay off of Farwell, and that they have been responsive.

- **1405 W. Morse:** Citizen asked about updates on the broken windows from last month. Another citizen requested a response from PD about checking the camera, or investigating broken windows, pointing out that this report was the 3rd in a series. Jayne offered that there was a question as to whether any theft had taken place on any occasion. Police indicated detectives are obliged to follow up once report is made, but there is a question about how far an investigation will go if no theft were reported.

IV. Identify new problem areas.

- **Citizen** asked about crime stats since she came in late – said there was a burglary at their building. Jayne explained that the updated crime stats will be linked to <http://caps24.org>.

- **Living Waters Church:** Citizen stated that windows had been broken at the Living Waters Church. Jayne asked if a report was filed. Citizen was not sure. Jayne asked the citizen if 311 was called. Citizen did not call 311 because citizen did “not belong to the church.” Jayne suggested that any community member who witnesses vandalism, or sees that vandalism has been done, should call 311.

- **1600 W. Morse Avenue:** Gang graffiti reported. Jayne and Sgt. Baranowski suggested to call 311.

V. Announcements

Sgt. Baranowski: Other CAPS activities to be discussed at the March meeting include the spring clean up, and the summer efforts will be planned. The next beat meeting will be **Monday, March 19, 2007**. With the March meeting we return to our normally scheduled meetings that fall on the third Monday of the month.

Meeting adjourned by Sgt. Baranowski at 7:36pm.
