

Rogers Park, 24th Police District, Beat 2431
CAPS Meeting, April 16, 2007
Rogers Park Community Council Office
1530 W. Morse Avenue
www.caps24.org

Officiates:

Jayne Hoffman, meeting Facilitator, CAPS Beat 2431

Sergeant Baranowski, Beat Team Leader, Chicago Police Department

Mary Jane Haggerty, notes recorder

Meeting notes are paraphrased, quotations are marked accordingly.

I. Welcome and introductions.

7:00pm: Jayne introduced herself and offered that Kevin should be back in May. She provided a summary of the history of CAPS and informed that more information is available at <http://caps.org>. Introductions went around the room. Sgt. Baranowski is present.

A citizen suggested a moment of silence to honor the students killed at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Virginia.

II. Police crime report. Sgt. Baranowski presented top ten – Battery simple - 9; domestic battery simple - 8; possession narcotics, cannabis - 7; criminal trespass to land - 5; burglary - 4; theft - 4; criminal damage to vehicle - 4; theft under \$300 - 3; telephone threats - 3; battery aggravated to P.O. - 2. There were 59 arrests this period; 46 in the previous period. The all crime comparison shows crime down 19.37% for the year so far.

III. Updates on old problems.

Some citizens met with the alderman to deal with homelessness – plan attached. The basic plan is to make sure homeless are warned, and if they leave belongings after they leave they'll be picked up. Police have been given "Special Attention" to focus on this as weather warms up. Discussion followed with questions about how this will work. Once bike teams arrive they'll also be helpful. Bike patrols will come in May, and will work 2 different shifts. See Jayne for a copy of the *Overview*.

Hugh Rider, the city attorney handling the 1340 Morse/1345 Lunt complex presented updated on the complex. Thomas, the building manager is currently out of the country tending to a personal emergency. There are two more tenants to evict from the Lunt side – one should go end of April – and one in May. Security has been there on weekend nights for the last three weeks, per the resolution agreement with the city. There was a lock reported missing on the Lunt building, and the locksmith was out today. Two Morse tenants who have lived there for 22 years say "it's better than since last year. The security guard helped a lot." "If you fix things, it makes for [good] people to want to stay there."

A new neighbor who recently moved from Manhattan asked about whether she should be more scared. Officer Steve Cohen referred her to police website and Chicago crime.org. She asked if

anyone could give her a fear factor number – she feels the density isn't as much as in New York City. People offered her their perceptions.

IV. Identify new problem areas.

Friday evening walks – they've happened the first Friday during the summer months for the last couple of years around 7 PM. Question: start in May or wait for June? We'll start May 11 at 7:00 PM at 1340 W. Morse. Discussion about dog regulations – the law says dogs must be on leash, and people are already calling the police with complaints. One meeting participant says the alley between Lunt and Morse in the 1200-1300 blocks is full of dog crap. He suspects a female dog walker who drives a black SUV and lets the dogs run off leash.

V. Announcements

- The next beat meeting will be **Monday, May 21, 2007.**
- Howard Area Youth Center announced a small grant from CURL (Center for Urban Research and Learning, Loyola University) to do participatory evaluation on Youth-Police relationships. They'll be doing research on perceptions of both police and youth, and what the ideal relationship would be.
- Friday night walks resume on the first Friday of each month over the summer. Meet at Morse & Glenwood just east of the EL at 7PM.
- Cease Fire week will be June 9-16. There will be community marches and are they are looking for participation.
- A neighbor announced the RPCC has free cell phones for seniors; explained beat walks to people; and passed out beat maps and bike rules.
- Meeting adjourned by Sgt Baranowski at 8:02 PM.