



Citizens' Advisory Council Monthly Meeting

Metropolitan Police Department

Fifth District

September 25th, 2008

Commander Greene gave stats; will continue Trinidad mandatory checks; continue to work with CSOSA; will see light towers moving to focus on b=robberies as well; overall 10% reduction in crime; 28 homicides, 9 closed, 10 others very close to being solved; question about robberies of citizens; Commander said there are pockets, mostly young guys doing it; 3600 block 18th street some folks hanging out and getting high; Also a group at 1st and Newton probably selling drugs; Also 8th and Newton; there was a question about the DASH building; Commander will look into it; Report back how many arrests in that area; Robberies on Rhode Island, 2nd and Todd, 3rd and V, 3rd and Adams; some activity shifting out of Trinidad onto Bladensburg Road; 61D – vending without a license; Commander will send a car; a resident reported a drug deal to police, never got a visit from MPD; on Lawrence Ave NE an older gentleman living in his car, gave license plate but no intervention; resident does not feel safe; Commander said please continue to call 911; it may take a while for the officer to get there; calls are prioritized; resident – thank you for the walk trough, very effective way to interact with community; someone asked how is shot spotter monitored; they look for shell casings reports prepared etc.

Councilmember Mendelson – Lot of committees working on about 20 bills; 2 gun related bills including criminal penalties as well as gun registrations; we must now permit handguns for self protection in the home; child access – gun must ne locked; it is a felony if a child injures someone with gun; keeping in place prohibition of large capacity machine guns; also a law t put in place witness ID process; also bill to make juvenile penalty be imposed closer to the day of the crime; also bill to help reduce penalty for parole violations so they don't lose time out while not committing crimes. Bills will be reported out this fall; Marshall Phillips – what are your views are there mandatory sentences for drive by shootings and car jacking; mandatory minimums are used by defense lawyers to plea bargain; Mendelson is generally not in favor of them; our laws are strict and our sentences are longer than most states; Research shows that catching and certainty of sentences is what deters crime; Kathy Henderson asked about fireworks, please consider them a quality of life issue; one wholesaler licensed in DC his name is on his fireworks;

most complaints are about exploding fireworks and all exploding fireworks are illegal; research shows moving to allow sparklers but banning explosives reduces injuries; may not need new legislation just more enforcement; Alice Harper asked about the bill that would allow those released from jail to keep their street time

Awards Dinner – Jim Berry – Two handouts and a flyer with information; Frank Braxton commended Jim and others; Please try to attend; we've come a long way since 1979 and there is a Frank Braxton Community Service Award; A rep from Holiday Inn came in and we thanked him for the use of the room

Ms. Carrington from US Attorney's Office 5D Community Prosecutor; works here in 5D and also in the courthouse in the intake section to help determine what type of hold request; her number is 202-514-7394 Trena Carrington; there are mandatory minimums in place for things like armed; car-jackings; Marshall Phillips spoke at length about terrorism; Trena's email is trena.carrington@usdoj.gov; Kathy Henderson asked about someone recently released back into the community. Trena had nothing to report at this time

ANC5A Chair Angel Austin – 2 concerns traffic and folks hanging out; and robberies on 13th street = the response time was too long; MPD says by all means give the description; Commander said there is a 2nd sighting law – you can call 91 and we can arrest the person without a warrant; and at every roll call they review previous robberies;; Anc5C wondering if our area is too large; if we were 2 smaller psas would it be better; also new crews seem to be moving in 3rd and P for example; we place a lot of calls for service and we are tired of being tired; there are 5 gangs identified in Trinidad; Commander was at Dunbar to help them deal with fighting

Proposed Tavern License – 1st and T streets NW – resolution proposed; 8486 T street NW; the proposal was handed out and discussed; trash, noise; hours of operation; , etc; discussion stressed the voluntary agreement be good for the community; only specific people can testify; would be a new establishment nothing there now; owner did not show up at Bloomingdale meeting; Jim Berry said it would be a precedent setting thing; *Dianne B motion to accept; Frank B 2nd; motion passed*

Commissioner Shelton (5B) says meeting with folks to develop programs to combat crime; 5B meets 1st Thursday of the month

Joyce Robinson-Paul – concerned about 1st and O (guys have just gotten out of jail); need help; also Hanover meeting Saturday 9:30 am can an officer come? 1338 North Cap street; NW

Alice Harper – announced city wide event September 30th Tuesday Kellogg Center, starts 6:30; refreshments served, awards will be given out

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Michael J. Henderson, recording secretary