

3/8/2007 Beat 2422 CAPS Meeting

Due to illness, Beat Facilitator Eva McCann was represented by a temporary fill-in, Toni Duncan.

The following data is for the month ending February 28, 2007:

Beat Wide

Calls for Service: No data given
Contact Cards: No data given
Arrests in 2422: No data given

TOP 10 CRIMES BY TYPE

Domestic Battery Simple:	15
Narcotics – Cannabis:	11
Retail Theft:	8
Battery Simple:	6
Theft From Building:	6
Criminal Property Damage:	6
Criminal Trespass:	6
Theft \$300 and under	4
Criminal Vehicle Theft:	4
Theft by Pocket Picking	3

Beat Priorities:

- 1. Howard Street**
- 2. Ashland/Jonquil**
- 3. Paulina (7600-7700)**
- 4. Greenview/Jarvis/Fargo/Ashland**
- 5. Bosworth**

Unsecured buildings in Target Areas

Building Updates:

7706 Marshfield Building – Update on court hearing of March 6 given by Kevin Cosgrove of Ward 49 office. He was in attendance as were several neighbors attending as court advocates. He reported of the 46 code violations #29-39 were serious, that the building owner, Jay Johnson had rectified some problems but had to obtain permits to repair the three units. One citizen inquired about the hearing and it was clarified that the March 6 was for building code violations found during an

inspection after the fire. There is a separate lawsuit involving the families who lost 6 children in the fire and the owner.

In February, **1546 Jonquil** was listed as being owned by an LLC. Beat Facilitator McCann was working with alderman's office to locate the new owner. Since February's meeting, the new building manager had given Eva a disconnected phone number. Kevin Cosgrove concurred and had not located the new owner.

The manager had stated that several eviction notices had been given and only a few tenants remained. It has been a problem building and Kevin Cosgrove stated that he and Joe Moore, who was present at the meeting, had held meetings to persuade the previous owner to sell. On the subject of problem buildings and problem owners, Cosgrove also stated that when there are also code violations involved with problem buildings, he knows the corporation counsel and judges and has some sway in cases to clean up bad buildings. If enough legal pressure is put on problem owners, they either comply or sell. It was noted by the temp facilitator that certain problem buildings had been allowed to convert to condos without being held accountable to correct said violations before being permitted to sell.

Northpoint – On-site building manager, Kimberly Boyd stated an inspection of one of the Ashland buildings resulted in code violations that had been complied with. Also noted, the long requested 'No Loitering' signs had been properly posted to assist police in moving groups of people on the public domain.

Good News Properties: Richard Marks, Manager of the Jonquil Hotel stated they were sprucing up the Noah's Ark building. There were no further details given.

Other Topics In Open Discussion:

One attendee stated a neighbor was mugged at the Greenview/Howard/Rogers corner on his way to work at 5:30AM and inquired about the police camera. Discussion was held on the recording distance and manning of the camera. Also noted was to inquire with Lost Eras to see if their cameras had recorded the crime.

A neighbor on Greenview complained of negligent dog owners not picking up after their pets. This is a common problem in the neighborhood. One can make a complaint via 311 with the owners name and address. A fine can be issued.

April Wiencek of Touhy Park announced that a \$500 seed grant had been awarded Triangle Park.

Ways to work together to be the eyes and ears of Beat 2422:

Porch Sitting

Safety Walks organized by block or block clubs on different nights

Safety watches utilizing phone trees

Community walks

Positive Loitering

Office Cooper stated another way to involve neighbors and police was to hold coffee and donut sessions in front of homes on Saturday mornings. He stated it's been a successful way to meet the neighbors and the beat police.

Kevin Cosgrove mentioned Greencorps, a city program where neighbors plant flowers on street corners to beautify the area.

Announcements:

Vern Jones of Ceasefire announced that June 3-11 is Ceasefire week and, as last year, the organization will be holding events to reach out to youth. More information will be released as the dates approach.

The North of Howard Parks Advisory Council meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 20 at 7PM at the Howard Area Community Center on Paulina.

The police camera has not been installed at Ashland/Jonquil.

A progress report was requested of Ald. Moore on the Gale Park Field House. Moore stated that Michael Land would be the person to contact but also stated the extremely cold weather had halted progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.