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Historic Brewers Hill Association (HBHA)
Minutes of the Special Neighborhood Meeting
February 19, 2015

I. Roll Call and call to Order

Ms. Mambu-Rasch called the meeting to order at 6:35PM. HBHA Board members present: Terry Mambu-Rasch, Dewayne Bishop, Molly Booth, Larry Roffers, Logan Dawson, and Ashley Booth. Representatives present from Milwaukee Police District 5: Captain Stigler, Lieutenant Norman, Community Liaison Officer Lori Lammers, and Officer Dan Resnick. From the neighborhood, 20 residents were present.

II. Recap of February 11, 2015

Ms. Manske explained the incident that occurred on February 11th between her husband, Loren, and an apparent drug dealer who engaged Loren and fired a shot in his direction in the 2100 N. 1st block. Since then, MPD is actively investigating the incident and possible suspects and continue to consult Loren who is assisting as he can.

In terms of the violence/aggressiveness of this incident, Captain Stigler spoke that the nature of the deal/sellers is similar to what they've experienced with a "crew" who has continually dealt heroin both in District 5 and throughout the City. Characteristics of this crew include using stolen vehicles which they've altered the windows to be heavily tinted and using temporary plates, and buyers generally being white male or female individuals from the suburbs. This crew is extremely dangerous and armed. We should not be approaching any vehicles or engaging the dealers in any way.

III. Discussion

Captain Stigler went on to discuss that narcotic officers are assigned to Brewers Hill as part of a long term drug investigation. Officers look to apprehend the buyers as they can get more info from them. The officers discussed the signs of buyers-- typically, it's white male/females sitting in a running vehicle for a period of time, window(s) might be down, on their phones, or possibly smoking. The drug of choice is typically heroin as it's cheap & potent. This is not a new drug issue, or an issue exclusive to the City, as municipalities across the state and country are dealing the rise of heroin addicts, particularly in the suburbs. All District 5 representatives present said to report ALL suspicious vehicles. Even if the vehicle/occupants turns out to be non-drug related, let the Police deal with making that determination. Go with your gut - if it doesn't feel right, it probably isn't so call it in.

III. Closing

To conclude the meeting, Captain Stigler said that himself and District 5 are aware that Brewers Hill is subject to frequent drug deals. Location-wise, it's accessible from the freeway and has a "safe" perception for buyers. Brewers Hill has District 5's attention; they understand how much

we care about our neighborhood and the investment we've made in our houses and the City, but he acknowledged they have to work with what their resources allow -- 151 officers spread over 9 shifts everyday.

Ms. Mambu-Rasch asked what Brewers Hill can do to assist District 5. Captain Stigler responded that his advice was for our neighborhood to keep caring, stay involved, and know your neighbors. Log suspicious vehicles that you see. If possible, get the plate #, make, model. You can email your logs into CLO Lammers as she can run the plates to see if anything pops up and can then forward that info to the narcotics officers.

Additionally, Officer Lammers stated that in the last week, eight vehicles that were left idling and unattended were stolen in Brewers Hill. The officers think that juveniles are involved with stealing the idling cars. Their motivation seems to be joyriding; the vehicles don't appear to be ending up in further criminality (i.e., drug deals).

The meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Molly Booth
HBHA Secretary