

**Rogers Park, 24<sup>th</sup> Police District, Beat 2431**  
**CAPS Meeting, October 15, 2007**  
**Rogers Park Community Council Office**  
**1530 W. Morse Avenue**  
<http://caps24.org>  
<http://www.beat2431.org/>

**Officiates:**

Kevin O'Neil, Facilitator, CAPS Beat 2431

Sgt. John Baranowski, the Beat 2431 Team Leader, Chicago Police Department (off sick)

Jocelyn Meyer, Notes Recorder

*Meeting notes are paraphrased. Quotations are marked accordingly.*

**Welcome and introductions:** 7:00 pm

- I. Police crime report:** An officer presented the Top Ten crimes for the month of September. They can be found here:  
[http://www.beat2431.org/files/Beat2431\\_09\\_2007\\_Top10Crimes.pdf](http://www.beat2431.org/files/Beat2431_09_2007_Top10Crimes.pdf) .

**II. 1340 Morse/1345 Lunt Update:**

New owner of 1340 Morse/1345 W. Lunt attending the meeting and stated he plans to attend meetings going forward. Newcastle Limited, acquired all 110 units in late August 2007. (55 per building)

From Newcastle:

Plans are to renovate the building extensively and keep as rental. They are in it for the long haul, long term- 20-30 years. To renovate the buildings, they have to be vacated and are in process of vacating. Currently 50% vacant. Looking for 100% vacancy by 12/07. Renovation will include: New roof, new windows, landscape, façade, new boiler, unit remodels.

Estimated completion of project fall 2008. Increased security being addressed now and for during renovation. Off duty police will be patrolling the grounds for 15 hours/week initially. This will be increased when the property is vacant. During construction there will be full time security. Lighting also to be increased around the property.

Beat Facilitator: Building was identified as a problem building for many years. Substantial progress made over past year. Drug arrest made this past year for resident of building. Put building into Drug & Gang House Enforcement (Strategic Task Force) allowed Alderman's office to work on remediation with property such as screening tenants, evicting bad tenants, security, lighting issues.

Alderman Moore: His office pressured the owner to sell building, which eventually happened. Building became too much trouble. Additional leverage from Strategic Task Force designation was key to being able to address these issues.

BF: Successes in CAPS are usually a long time coming. This is a partial CAPS success story. Now Newcastle must bring the victory all the way home and get good tenants and make it a positive part of the community rather than negative.

Citizen1: Asked about cameras.

Newcastle: Yes, cameras are being looked at.

Officer: any affordable housing?

Newcastle: Market Rate

Officer: When 1<sup>st</sup> round of occupying? Complete?

Newcastle: Roof starts soon then windows when building is vacant. Leasing person on premises.

Trying to make prime rental season of September.

RPCC: Security on after building is open?

Newcastle: Yes, will look at for the first year.

RPCC: encourages 1<sup>st</sup> 6 month's security.

Newcastle: Realty & Mortgage managing through the emptying of the building. Rental prices not yet determined. No section 8.

Sgt: Staying 110 units

Newcastle: layout functional. Mix of units 35% studio, 35% 1BR, remaining are 2BR

Bike storage, leasing office, better w/d

### **III. Updates on old problems:**

#### **1300/1400 blocks of Pratt issues (Ashland/Bosworth)**

Officers said this area is receiving special attention. Foot patrol at Pratt/Bosworth every day.

Sgt: 3 pm watch through 2 am are problem times, parking lot at Kilmer school, spills over from other beat.

#### **Near Loyola Park: ongoing problem with homeless. Still a problem.**

Officer: Repeated arrests and write tickets for public drunkenness. Try to keep it under wraps but being homeless is not a crime.

BF: Call the police.

Citizen: People trying to force their way into her building. Her child was knocked down by one of these loiterers.

Officer: Goes by 4 times a night. Suggests that a certain amount of tolerance must be practiced because homeless population not going away. Compromise and go a block south and play a bit away from them. There has to be tolerance for them.

### **IV. Identify new problem areas:**

**On Morse Avenue.** Gang bangers hanging out while children are going to school and being confronted by gang bangers. Ask, "Are you straight? Do you need something?"

Citizen: Drugs have been a problem for a long time. She said she has made calls and it takes too long for the police to get there. Young adults ducking in alley and in stores.

Officer: Has asked business owners not to harbor them and allow them to duck inside.

BF: Need to get a good description.

Officer: Does foot patrol. Encouraging calls with descriptions.

Citizen: Suggested camera at east side of L stop.

Newcastle asked about a camera there also.

Officer: I am at the Morse L every morning and no calls are coming in

DevCorp: Camera will be added to Morse east of L.

Convenience stores removing signs from windows so there is better visibility.  
Across from 1340 W. Morse building is the problem. Gates at Wayne strip mall building broken and people go behind and urinate. Vacant storefronts old Laundromat.

Alderman's office would like to see the owner sell to a responsible owner. Property address is 1319-1331 W. Morse.

Recap: Morse L dealing drugs. Call in with detailed descriptions so police will have probable cause to stop them and do a gang & narcotics dispersal. Working with building owners & SSA to get cameras on east side of L and also working with owner to secure the building.

### **Bike by Shooting on Sunday**

19 year old black male was shot by other young men on bikes at 10:10 pm Sunday evening. Victim was very uncooperative. Officer thinks gang related. Supposedly there was a previous altercation earlier that evening. Glenwood/Lunt. Fled westbound on bicycles.

**Bicycles on sidewalks-** Citizen brought this up and sometimes says something.

### **6910 N. Lakewood building**

Diamond arrested 11/19 1:30pm Belmont/Western Amanda Sabin. She is about 27 years old but looks like 35 years old.

Officer: Needs to get keys to check the building.

Alderman said they can get keys from the management company.

### **Ceasefire question**

Citizen asked if the absence of Ceasefire is noticeable.

Officer: Said she could not tell the difference. Didn't find them very police friendly.

Officer said they would stare them down.

Some general comments about the HACC youth offices on Morse.

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**V. Announcements:**

- Garden Club Meeting October 30<sup>th</sup> 7pm Presbyterian Church on Greenleaf/Greenview
- The next Beat Meeting is on [Monday, November 19th].
- Kevin adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.