

**Safety Forum**  
Thursday, April 27, 2006  
6:00 PM St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center  
5000 West Chambers Street Milwaukee, WI  
Sponsored by Burleigh Street CDC

**6:07 pm Welcome from James Hiller, Pres. Burleigh Street CDC**

- Description of the CDC and mission of the meeting
- Stakeholders
- SOS name of event "support our safety coalition"
  - Proactive and smart approaches for safety for all
  - Addressing issues tonight

**Description of Agenda**

- **Introduction**
- **Speakers**
- **Questions**
- **Solution**
  
- **Law Enforcement officials**
  - **Deputy Ehlingburger**

**Politicians**

- **6:11 Mayor Tom Barrett**
  - **Intitiatives occurring with common council and affects community**
    - Meeting with the Burleigh street CDC and mayor discussing the project and surveillance cameras.
    - Located in the four business areas of the mainstreet
    - Cameras will be located in mainstreet or in areas of issues: : Big brother issue
    - Cameras are portable, prevent/deter crime, and will be helpful in court allowed in Chicago and in cour.
    - Cameras are currently located in library zones, housing authorities, etc
    - Haggerty, Mayor, etc in support and will be looking for funds to take care of this situation
    - Community of Milwaukee is in a bad situation; drownings, Jude Case
    - Mayor Barrett is not happy with the outcome of the JUDE case

- Snitching rule; individuals who don't tell on crime because they are scared to tell. Mayor calls on commends police and tries to point out that police needs to rebuild relationship with community
- Illegal guns: disappeared from agenda at national level and all mayors have come together and are the ones who are visible in the neighborhood. Will move this issue forward on agenda
- Police resources: Doing what city can to put officers on the streets, three more classes are graduating in next few weeks.
  - Imposed psychological testing of all recruits and many failed so the class was smaller therefore there may be another smaller class added
  - Vacancy number is about 250 but the force is smaller but has not grown or shrunk. Legislation mayor pushed while in congress has been shut down.
  - Mayor wants police officers on street and steps to do so would be a step to pay a differential to those police officers who are shipped off to Iraq. Vetoed the measure because of sympathy for soldiers. Mayor want collective bargaining on the issue. Proponents on the issue are those who want to cut pay after firing of police officers. Appeal of firing is necessary to ensure fair firing. Mayor proposal: if person is fired and charged then stop paying. Automated 45 day extension withdraws and costs money. Mayor wants that extension costs to give to police who are soldiers in Iraq.

## **Law Enforcement Officials**

- **6:28 Deputy in charge of all officers**
  - Motor Vehicle thefts, parts, are down
  - Burglaries are up 30 compared to 22
  - Robberies are up also
- **March 31 events**
  - 8:00 pm 55 39 W Melvina
    - Heard shots, subjects approached him (A Americans 16 yoa
    - Told man to empty his pockets

- **15-16 years of age 5127 W Keefe**
  - individuals demanded money, possible weapon, searched weapon, no victims hurt

Apr 20: Attempted armed robbery, man confronted in home, victim struggled, victim fled and obtained bicycle by following in car.  
13-14 yoa

Burleigh and 56<sup>th</sup> Streets: Wreckless safety, three suspects 2:14 am, weapon was discharged, suspect shot and wounded

Similarity in suspects was a concern and have saturated areas with police officers to find criminals

**Leut. Ehlinbergerf** 7<sup>th</sup> district Leut

Dispatcher of all crimes. Bike and foot, horse patrol. 20<sup>th</sup> and center and now Sherman are now hotspots for patrol and has led to arrests and has deterred crime. Officers deployed on bikes and will then be able to walk or run.

Rollcall contact with citizens will be important to redevelop relationship with department and the community: Sherman Park the most diverse community In the neighborhood.

Initiatives; Prevention, response. Please report suspicious acts, etc. Walking slowly and cautiously will prevent crime. Look out for neighbors and identify out of place items. Call for any service problems with officers, etc. Educating officers

**Alderman Michael Murphey**

Represents a part of Sherman Park. What common councilmen can do: Public nuisance problem: if police called for more than 2 times to a property, landlords will be fined. Block watches: will come to meeting. Cruising: Sponsored legislation to tow vehicles that cruise because these take away police protection from the rest of the neighborhood. Increased bike patrol in city. Shut down troubled bars or revoke liscence.

**Steve O'Connell**

SPCA Director

Attacked twice since he has lived in community. House broken into last year and looked at mistakes. Three weeks later, garage door got kicked in. Put bars up in the window. Last week he was doing cleanup in a lot and man approached him and questioned his happening. Wants 1000 block captains in a community of 42,000.

If there is a crime, report the crime! Working on making the police force more visible, responsible, and community caring. Take action, be responsible, and report all crimes!

## **Open Mic. Nite**

### **Diane Natural 51<sup>st</sup> BLVD, Principal**

Stresses becoming apart of the community and taking the 7<sup>th</sup> district back one block at a time. Can't loose diversity within the city and problem is moving westward. Individuals need to take action in the blocks.

Rabbi Brian

How are we supposed to get crime down in the community if graduation rates is 50%?  
Increase education and increase graduation rates so decreases crime.

Joe Phraser

Addresses poor who go through alleys and go through garbage cans and push shopping carts. Should beggars, etc be reported

Leuit: Please report all incidents or people because they may have past offenses, could be casing neighborhood.

Man who was attacked Friday night:

Street lights are out, trees block lights, but police was very accommodating but will not be there anymore. Street lights are out and need to be fixed. Big knife on street, reported 2 times by police and it is still there.

Alderman: Response like this is unacceptable: See alderman asap. After meeting.

Woman: Timer system is better on East side

Alderman: Call alderman

Jennifer Harvey: Issue was brought up at block meetings and was told infastructure was old. Monthly block cluster meeting and concern about crime, etc. Attend block meetings and participate!

Man: How many block captains but how many video cameras are there? Dress like undercovers

Woman: Question of about how many beat officers there are: 4 ma'am. There are over 42,000 citizens. Not that many because they of volume of calls and limited resources.

IS district 4 bigger and how does it compare: You get your money's worth, have largest force, largest call orders per night. We need more resources. There is currently a study in changing police districting

**Laura Fitzgerald Block Captain:** Youth a problem, picking up truancy is high, generation in crisis. Need to fix the youth truancy problem! Schools have tried, police tried, need to reach parents, faith orgs. Enforce curfew, hold parents accountable.

Phyllis Whitney Block Captain: She had a garage weekend and it took two hours for police response. Way too long.

Woman: lived in Baltimore and any criminal who was sent to court was given highest criminal punishment

Alderman: Use victim witness testimony to punish

Newspaper editor: Publish anything in the newspaper and he can help. Former school board member and addresses the dropout issue. Don't let them dropout, avg. cruiser 43.

Man: the group attendance tonight is not representative in Sherman park. Look at people in front. Diversify leadership in Sherman Park Community. Engage in diversity

Tim Perkins: Need to know about asst. district attorney in community as community prosecutor.

Mconnel: The DA takes statements. City attorney will take care of nuisance properties but you need to come in and tell them. Phone number 444-9803 Sherman Park Community Association

Lisa Stohlmann: is there a track system in schools? Suggesting track system because it keeps kids busy.

Justin Cook: SE Sherman, Involvement is very important such as crime stats meetings, etc. So many ways to report crimes 800 numbers, do not tell them the name, info used in court, etc. If crimes are not called in, then no hot spots are identified

Ester Green: Was walking to car and she could smell marijuana. Does police want to know about it?

Leiutenant: Report and will pursue an investigation

Jim Miller: community drivers at night and helped patrol neighborhood. Citizens on patrol needed again.

Woman on Board: Restorative Justice Project, members of community get to participate in the justice program

Woman: Cruising, when hunters hunt illegally, everything can be confiscated. Is it possible to create legislation and result in confiscation of car

Leiut: Haggerty in favor of confiscation and city lobbies are trying to pass legislation.

### **What 3 ideas are the most effective**

1. Increase Participation and block clubs
2. Greater Police Presence
3. Safety Patrols
4. Landlords

Stakeholder Work Group- consisting of residence who will enforce these groups.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Reactivate Driving program within next 3 days

Stakeholder work group starting very soon

SPCA [www.shermanpark.org](http://www.shermanpark.org) will provide timeline for safety issues.

## Vision of Sherman Park

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### Tom Lifvendahl

- Outline an action/implementation of plan for Community Development
- How to get involved in next stage 3 of the project

#### Stats

Community is diverse, middleclass community, lots of buying power for growing/starting businesses

Growing assets to increase economic well-being of community. Saw in safety meeting that un educated youth and crime can be deterred with a safe neighborhood

Desire for a safe or decreased criminal activity and can do that by increasing economic prosperity

Encourage increased involvement of citizens will increase economic viab

Increase communication of statistics to all stakeholders

Were these findings useful? Consensus from crowd.

Grow community economically is worthwhile? Yes

Is there a sufficient buy in of community?

Question: There is are other groups not represented in these meetings. Is this group going to move forward without the other groups who are not interested in Sherman Park.

“Sherman Park is a target of opportunity not a target of weakness”

It is a drive through thoroughfare.

Concern: People from outside of community messed it up. The people within the community had an activity : Sherman Fest.

Park became the magnet for development. Burleigh Street becomes a magnet for development.

Suggestion: Develop outside communities and make them more desireable.

“street itself is interlinked between Burleigh and outside streets” Need entity and cooperation between Burleigh and outside neighborhoods. “Burleigh Street is not

part of Sherman Park and no one does commerce there. Need to super build Burleigh Street. Jewish Market for Example. People have to support the street”

Concern: “People who commit crimes are outside of the community. We want wide, viable thoroughfares and they need to be attractive. Improve Burleigh Street. Compare with E. Brady, etc and compare crime rates. People will never show up to meeting. People who show up to meeting and are motivated to influence change. One’s willing to work should make the decisions.”

Concern: “Young people who are unsupervised are a problem. Garbage spills are a problem

What would you like to buy in Burleigh:

Concerns

“There are more service based neighborhoods, etc.” Need a Walgreens.

Jim re-explains the Sherman Park development project

We need to increase realtors in the community (Yes)

Install visual gateways or markers in the community (Marker should display diversity within the neighborhood!

Enhance media coverage local and city wide