

Dear Mayor, Board of Directors, and City Administration,

Recently, representatives from the fire and police departments met with approximately 16 residents from the Boston/ South W Neighborhood problem solving area defined as the 1600 – 1700 blocks of Boston & South W Streets to discuss our six-week progress in addressing crime and disorder problems.

I would like to thank Ward 1 Director Steve Tyler for attending the meeting.

The problem solving process originally conducted on May 14th, 2009, revealed the following five priorities as identified by the residents: In order of priority, they include

1. Regency Limited/ Relax Inn
2. Speeding
3. Sex Offenders
4. Noise
5. Burglary/ Theft

I would like to recognize Chief Chris Driggers (Fire), Cpt. Ed Smalley, Det. Matt Holloway, Det. Paul Smith, and Det. Mike McCoy for making presentations addressing a variety of the 17 problems originally listed by the residents at the October 13, 2008 meeting. Also present to assist was Animal Warden Eric Best.

I would also like to thank members of the police department for their reports on enforcement that has taken place in the target area. Officers performed 22 Directed Patrols in this area since our last meeting, resulting in a number of citations being issued and arrests made. Sergeant Danny Baker and the Street Crimes Unit made 10 arrests in the area for Patronizing a Prostitute. K-9 Officer Brian Rice made 4 vehicle stops during his patrols that resulted in a number of drug arrests.

With an unanimous approval of the residents, we will meet again in late September, three months from now, to conduct an update on the status of neighborhood problems.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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