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From: Tom Hennies

Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2006 2:24 PM

To: marcia elkins

Cc: craig Tieszen

Subject: Fw: Stats on 12th and Saint Joseph St (Heads up about a possible frustrated citizen)

Marcia,

After our last commission meeting, I told the chairman and the vice-chairman, that I would ask for information regarding the crime rate on St. Joe Street between 12th and West Blvd. What follows is a series of emails to and from the Chief of Police and attached is the analysis of which they speak. If you recall, Mrs. King has asked for a zoning change in that area and her request was mainly predicated upon a high crime rate which prevented her from getting renters.

It appears that Mrs. King would prefer that the statistics match her belief...and as I thought...the crime rate does not match for her.

I would ask you to copy these analysis's (is that a word) and have them available for us at our next meeting. I would also ask that you email them on to the other commissioners for their edification.

I have the permission of the Chief of Police to allow all of these emails to be used.

Thanks for your help.

Tom

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From: [Tieszen Craig](#)

To: [Tom Hennies](#)

Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2006 2:03 PM

Subject: FW: Stats on 12th and Saint Joseph St (Heads up about a possible frustrated citizen)

From: Estes Ron

Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2006 1:54 PM

To: Tieszen Craig

Subject: Stats on 12th and Saint Joseph St (Heads up about a possible frustrated citizen)

Chief,

[Here's that email I previously sent you.](#)

Ron

From: Estes Ron
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 4:28 PM
To: Tieszen Craig; Lang Mike; Hofkamp Ed; Allender Steve; Jegeris Karl
Subject: RE: Heads up about a possible frustrated citizen

Chief,

I also visited with her today (her name is Lisa King and she resides at 1021 Saint Joseph St) and provided her the following information as listed in my email below:

Hello Lisa,

Attached are three reports for you to look at. Two reports (labeled "cfs rd402") give the calls for service in the reporting district (RD 402) in which you reside. One of these reports lists the calls during 2003-2004 while the other report lists the calls from 2004-2005. Unfortunately, this data only goes back to 2003. To go back further would require a longer time in order to access it.

The third report (labeled "complaints") lists the crimes - those incidents which result in a case report being generated - for the same reporting district, RD 402. This report shows a table with years across the top and streets and crimes down the left side. From this report, you can see which streets and which crimes are prominent. You can also see how the crime on those streets changes with time.

As a reminder, you're looking at two different yet complimentary ways of collecting crime data - one by all the calls received by our Emergency Services Communications Center and one by crime reports generated from those calls (the number of crime reports will be less than the number of calls since not all calls result in a crime report). So, hopefully, the two means of looking at the existing crime over time gives you a better view of what's happening in your area. If you need further assistance, please let me know and I'll be happy to help.

She mentioned to me that she has visited with officers who've responded to calls at her place or nearby and she remembered Officer O'Reilly as very helpful. I told her she could contact Officer O'Reilly if she needed. Obviously, she's hoping the stats will back her up, but on her street (St Joe) the calls for service during 2003, 2004, & 2005 are 76, 52, & 58 respectively while case reports on her street are nearly identical if you compare the 1st five years (17 cases) with the 2nd five years (16 cases) of the 10 year period - so there doesn't appear to be a "worsening" condition.

Ron

From: Tieszen Craig
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 4:01 PM
To: Lang Mike; Hofkamp Ed; Allender Steve; Jegeris Karl
Cc: Estes Ron
Subject: RE: Heads up about a possible frustrated citizen

She can do all the research she wants and we will make a reasonable effort to help her. However, I will also tell the council that I do not agree with her assessment of her neighborhood as unfit to live in. The reason we are not aware of her complaints is because we have not categorized it like she has! CT

From: Lang Mike
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 3:18 PM
To: Tieszen Craig; Hofkamp Ed; Allender Steve; Jegeris Karl
Subject: Heads up about a possible frustrated citizen

Hi Chief,

I received a phone call today from a female subject (possibly named Lisa Swan, or something similar to that) who was asking for my assistance. She said she lives at the corner of 11th St. and St. Joseph St. and she had recently gone before the city council to try to get the zoning ordinance changed for her residence from "residential" to "commercial business." This lady told me that she and her significant other (boyfriend?) had lived in that house for about 8 years and recently felt it was necessary to move her daughter way from that neighborhood for safety reasons. She provided several examples of "criminal activity" that have occurred in that general area (including a "drug bust"). She said her boyfriend and she would like to convert that residence into an office for their business. Lisa also said that the landlord (Les Odegaard, assistant principal at Dakota M.S.) and she went before the city council to get the zoning status changed to allow her to do this, and the city council apparently sent her a letter indicating that they were going to deny her request to have the zoning changed for that structure at 11th and St. Joe. She called me because she feels that the city council might change their mind though if she can show them several police documents to support her claims that it is not a safe neighborhood to raise a family. I told her that the police department does not normally make specific information available to citizens, however I advised her to check with you, or Captain Hofkamp, or Captain Allender, to get approval to get this information. She told me that this is public information and that she has a right to get it.

I'm sending this to you as a heads-up that she may be calling you. Also, she will probably relay this to you also, but she went on to tell me that she thought I wasn't doing my job (as the C.P.O.), since I wasn't familiar with any of the "criminal activity" that she described to me. She is also dismayed that there is not a single officer that she can contact who is knowledgeable about the current happenings in her neighborhood. She said that although she isn't a police officer, she knows that the police have to keep abreast of what is happening in their community, in any certain neighborhood, so that they know where to assign officers to work their "beat." Anyway, I wanted to give you an overall idea of the conversation that we had. This is just a HEADS-UP that she may be calling one of you gentlemen.

Mike