

3 November 2011

Mr. Edward A. Flynn - Chief of Police

Dear Chief Flynn,

Milwaukee Eastside Neighborhood Associations (MENA) leadership is a loose collaboration of NAs that work on issues of common concern. We represent community members in an area bounded by the Shorewood city limits to the north, North Avenue to the south, from the lake to the Milwaukee River. We would like to thank the MPD Administration for its decision to reassign the policing responsibilities to the 1st District. Community feedback has been positive with a general sense in an increase in police presence.

The District 1 command staff and line officers, led by Captain Basting, have demonstrated an open and collaborative leadership approach. Their innovative programs have renewed a sense of optimism that improving the deteriorating quality of life in our community is possible. We feel that Capt. Basting and the members of the 1st District have worked with us hand in hand to develop the Report It/Record It Campaign and are committed to deal seriously with quality life issues. Their actions have been instrumental in our community's renewed sense of confidence in the MPD and have opened new lines of communications to reach community members.

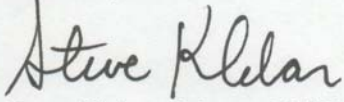
We support the 1st District program and commitment to follow up on nuisance calls that cannot be addressed at the time of call for service. Offending individuals who had been avoiding consequences for their inappropriate behavior are now being held accountable.

We would like to take special note and support the response to an incident by the 1st District that speaks directly to type of behavior that adversely affects the quality of life in our community. The 1st District responds to an all too frequent nuisance noise complaint from a resident having been awoken in the early morning hours. Upon arriving on the scene the police officers were talking to the offenders when residents in the adjacent property began to heckle taunt and yell obscenities at the responding officers. The responding officers determined that a follow up visit was the best course of action for the situation. On the follow up visit to the adjacent property the person engaged in the behavior the previous day was present and found to be argumentative and was subsequently arrested, charged under a state statute.

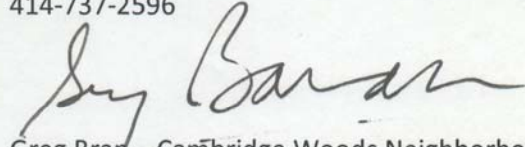
We feel that the MPD's 1st District personnel have demonstrated that they are stakeholders in our community. We look forward to an ongoing successful collaborative relationship that is making a difference in the quality of life for everyone on the eastside. Thank you for your leadership of the MPD and your support for the District 1.

The leadership of the Milwaukee Eastside Neighborhood Association would welcome the opportunity to set up a community meeting for you to discuss the challenges that we face, the successes that we have achieved and opportunities to collaborate with the MPD and our 1st District.

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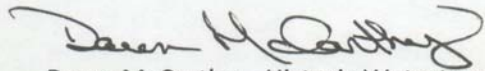
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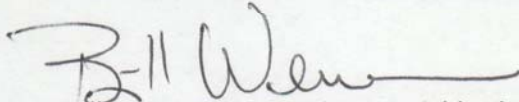
Greg Bran - Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association



Michael Maierle - Greenwich Neighborhood Association

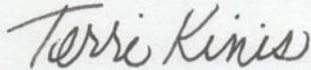


Dawn McCarthy - Historic Watertower Neighborhood Association



William Werner - Mariners Neighborhood Association

Terri Kinnis - Riverside Neighborhood Association



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