POST-MEETING NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Mount Adams Neighbors:

This morning, I received a telephone call from Sgt. Hank Ward, one of MACA's liaison CPD Officers from District One.  Hank informed me that he investigated the 'delay' of CPD in getting to the 'Gunshot Scene' in Mount Adams that was the topic of grave concern for many of our neighbors who were understandably upset by the

incident.  Several folks complained that CPD took over a 1/2 hour to arrive on the scene.  I had asked that people give us time to investigate the circumstance of the 'delay.'

Sgt. Ward explained that the incident in Mount Adams was at the tail-end of a spate of 'gunshot calls' reported to the CPD at about the same time as the Mount Adams incident.  In fact, there were 5 gunshot complaints in a matter of six minutes. The CPD got to Mount Adams as soon as it possibly could given the number of gunshot complaints and the severity of some of them from other communities.

Once the CPD got to MA, it investigated the incident and, with the great assistance of the owner of the home in question, made appropriate arrests and hauled off alleged perpetrators in hand-cuffs.

These serious situations are never as simple as they seem and CPD is certainly entitled to time to get its investigative facts together. Our CPD Officers are well-trained and work diligently to do their very best given exigent circumstances.  As residents, we simply must allow the investigative process to run its course before making comments that do not have the benefit of being based on all the facts.  Now that we have the benefit of all the facts, it turns out that our beloved CPD Officers have done a splendid job and I, on behalf of MACA, extend our abiding gratitude to them.

The issue of 'homeless people' was also broached last night.  Our CPD is bound by internal regulations when addressing these situations and also want to show basic respect to people who are, more likely than not, frail in complex ways.  Our CPD has ramped up its service in this area, but never misunderstand that they will run rough-shod over internal regulations and civil rights of others.  MACA will not tolerate

any conversation about people who express their interest in independently taking matters involving homeless folks into their own hands as occurred last night. This position was enunciated last night and is amplified in this message.

We have a wonderful neighborhood up here on The Hill and will continue to work so that our neighbors won't have to endure another situation like the incident that 0ccurred at the Barracks.  A simple formula is for even more people to get involved in our community affairs.  We welcome absolutely everyone up here, regardless of excluding qualifications.

Thank you for caring!

Kurt Meier

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