



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 289-2006

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: November 30, 2006

SUBJECT: Thank You Letter from the Coalition for a Safer North Beach

The purpose of this LTC is to provide you with a copy of a thank you letter submitted by the Coalition for a Safer North Beach.

The Miami Beach Police Department (MBPD) and members of the Administration have been working with the residents of North Beach in coordination with North Beach Development Corporation and the Coalition for a Safer North Beach in order to address the concerns that have brought forth both to your individual offices as well as to mine.

MBPD has been very responsive to the issues raised by these residents, and have in turn made modifications in order to better service them. The following initiatives have either been on-going or will begin immediately:

- Report review will be held there by all three shifts
- Watch order on Parkview with a north end unit going on the island calling it off on the radio
- Increase CST presence on both shifts to address perceived gang activity
- MAGTF sweeps of Island when they are working in the city. Next detail is Friday 12/01/06
- Dayshift bike units splitting their time between Commercial and Residential areas
- Motor units for high visibility on Days and Afternoons

In addition to the initiatives listed above, the MDPD will have overlap details in these areas on all three shifts. The 1900 blocks of Marseilles and Calais have been checked periodically for gang and drug activity, and the MDPD will have the Normandy cars monitor these areas. Monthly meetings with North Beach Development Corporation will be held with Lieutenants Clements and Devarona in attendance. These meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of the month. Afternoon and Dayshift outreach PSS's will be scheduled for overtime in an attempt to provide seven day coverage.

We are happy to see that the hard work and effort put forth by the Miami Beach Police Department have engendered better understanding and communication among city government and our residents.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

JMG/DM

Attachment

CC: Don Delucca, Police Chief
John DiCenso, Division Chief

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Coalition for a Safer North Beach

November 30, 2006

Chief John DiCenso
Miami Beach Police Department
Via Email

Dear Chief DiCenso,

I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the Coalition for a Safer North Beach to thank you, Captain Cumming, and Lieutenants Clements and De Verona for contributing your time and efforts for our meeting on Monday evening. The information that was shared with the group was quite enlightening and valuable. The problems that were addressed by our group were well received and answered in a way that satisfied those that attended the meeting. I think it was good to allow our residents to vent, especially with the homeless issues. Perhaps now they all have a better understanding of what the Department is up against as well. As with most issues regarding the homeless, there are definitely two trains of thought within the group. Hopefully the discussion has brought greater understanding to both sides.

We all appreciate the efforts that are being made to satisfy the residents of the North Beach area. Moreover, just putting faces to names has really helped the residents. They feel more comfortable knowing whom they can call and to whom they will be actually talking.

Once again, thank you for the time and effort you all provided our group. We are looking forward to our meeting next month.

Sincerely,
Deborah Ruggiero

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