

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE CONTINUED

Father John Morten, Holy Redeemer Church, praised the people for turning out for the meeting and suggested the gang members are also victims.

Jimmy Correo, local youth, complained that the police harass the youth and all Latinos like they are gang members. "I'm Puerto Rican but that does not mean I am a gang member. The police have to learn to communicate with us and learn who the bad guys really are. The police should show us some respect", he stated.

Ricardo Galvan, area resident, complained that the gangs purport to be protecting the neighborhood when in reality they are causing violence. "We need to become a strong family and walk the streets to protect our homes".

Penny, area resident, complained that her car windows were shot out by the gangs. She did nothing to them but they did \$2000.00 damage to her car. She also stated that her brother had joined the gangs and that her mother is very upset.

Magdallio Rodriguez complained that three juveniles broke into his home carrying guns and threatened to shoot a two month old baby. He stated he will have no mercy for them when they are caught.

Jack Mulcahy, sixty year area resident, complained that the seventy-five (75) officers guarding the Fox Theatre should be redeployed to the Fourth Precinct. He added that everyone should get descriptions of the people using the guns and where they go after the shooting so the police can make arrests and confiscate the weapons.

Ralph Scherbarth Southwest Business Association, stated he was opposed to police layoffs and warned the audience of the so called gypsy swindlers ripping people off.

Belda Garza, area resident for thirty years, suggested that they hold another meeting to lay plans for action against the problems. She added that Southwest Detroit is getting all the publicity when there are problems across the City.

Karen, area resident, complained of the 911 operators screening technique.

Eddie Gavec, Clark Street resident, praised the police for the job they did in Clark Park last summer. He added that parents must control their children and know where they are at all times.