

for removal. The Department denied for years that there was a gang problem. The 4th precinct gang officers were removed from that duty. The citizens are waiting for a new precinct station. A lieutenant told him there was no gang problem. Only a graffiti problem. Stated the community wanted to be a part of the "Unbeatable Team" - commended the officers of the 4th precinct.

Inspector Napoleon - reported on the activities of the gang squad stating 90% of the squad's activities and time were spent in the Fourth Precinct. Provided statistics on arrest and ticket activity.

Pat Thompson, Co-chair, Council Against Gang Related Violence. Complained that the gang squad did not work after midnight, that the Chief of Police has not responded adequately to the needs of the 4th Precinct and that the people needed a new City Charter. We want Chief Knox to meet with our Council to decide how to work to solve this problem.

Esther Galvez, Third Precinct resident, requested that Spanish speaking volunteers be allowed to be interpreters either on call or working in precinct stations. There are not enough Spanish speaking officers. Ms. Galvez's demanded in writing that the chief of police answer her proposal for volunteers and complained that she could not obtain the February 11, 1993 Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Warren Crawford stated he was a police recruit applicant - first applying in 1986 and never heard anything; re-applied in July 1992 and he asked why he was overlooked.

Sergeant Staples of the Recruiting Section advised Warren Crawford to contact him regarding his police applicant status.

Sergeant Thomas of the Recruiting Section, reported on the efforts to recruit Hispanic officers including working with community organizations such as La Sed, a Latino outreach office.

Robert Laverta, 4th Precinct businessman, cited the problems with the gangs - complained of high taxes and the city settlement of the \$5,000,000 Malice Green lawsuit.

Requested more officers and stated that officers were afraid of losing their jobs if they had to use their guns.

Luise Orteca, Spanish speaking - complained money they have (Hispanics) is as good as anyone else's.

Peter Meed, Teacher at Southwestern High School, stated that the citizens were frustrated. Translated Luise Orteca's presentation. We need more officers that speak Spanish. My house was broken into, the gang squad responded, confiscated guns, and stolen goods. He prosecuted. While in Court watched cases where no witnesses showed up, "why not? can't you protect them?" he asked.

Eddie Gagiac, Clark Park area, demonstrated with crowbar (he found on the street) that the thieves used to break his windows. Requested removal of the half-way prisoner house in the Southwest Y.M.C.A. claimed they were wrecking the neighborhood. Advised that everyone must work with the police "We have a fine police department", he stated.

Lou McAvory, President of BUOY 10, commended the officers of the 4th precinct reported stats on the reduction of crime in the city. This department is willing to work with the community, he stated.

John Davis, Schaefer S/W Oakwood C. B. Patrol, complained that hoodlums have taken over the streets. He stated that we put bars on our windows and gave the streets to the hoodlums.

Yolanda Salazer, Coordinator of Southwest Youth Assistance Program. Complained that she requested police assistance for fund raising dance she held on February 12, 1993. At that time, an officer advised her to dial 9-1-1 if something happens when the dance lets out.

Jack Malohey, resident of the 4th precinct stated that we have all witnessed the decline of the City of Detroit. We need the return of Commander Gomez to the 4th precinct.

Maggie Ott, Vice President of the 4th Precinct Community Relations Council, stated she was worried about the senior

citizens of the 4th precinct. Complained about young kids being up and on the street all night near Stair & Vernor, youths 12, 13, and 15 years old. We need more police in our area. We never see a scout car. We are never given crime stats in our area. We should be given stats on regular basis so we know what is going on in our area.

Henry --- Oakwood C. B. Patrol, commended the officers of the 4th precinct. I believe the police are overworked.

Susan McLean, teenager - asked what young people can do to help kids killing each other.

Chief of Police Stanley Knox advised her to read the Department's pamphlet on the 13 duties of the "Unbeatable Team". It describes what you can do.

Berta S. Parkman - complained she lost her home to drug sellers and stated she was forced to leave her teaching job in public schools and go to private schools to teach. She further stated that people will stay in the City but they need help. The police must help to make the schools safe.

Chief Stanley Knox, said we are raiding more drug houses and making more school searches than we did last year.

Auther Kiner, S/W Detroit, Schaeffer and River - complained that the area was forgotten by the police. They never patrol the area. He knows people are dumping by the river but could not give further information.

her when she is crossing the children.

Michael Turner - complained of a "drug house" on McKinstry Avenue being raided six times and is still in operation. Mr. Turner also complained that the down-river community must wake up and help control gang in drug activity. All the agencies must be involved.

Chief Knox stated we keep raiding the same drug places, padlock proceedings take a long time.

Carol Romero -complained that Insp. Napoleon and the gang squad were a joke - they have arrested me twice and took my daughter away from me. I was going to sue the Department.

3. **Tom Christensen**, Southwest Detroit Improvement Association. Complained he had inquired about Com. Gomez's removal and never received an answer. Hispanic officers of the 4th precinct are being picked on by the command officers.

Commissioner Gurewitz stated he believed he had answered Mr. Christensen's inquiry in their later conversations.

9. **Unknown Lady**, 2627 Junction, commended the officers of the 4th precinct for their quick response to trouble at her house. She commended the Chief of Police and stated that the people should work closely with the police.

Unknown Man (refused to identify himself) stated he was an officer for the Michigan Department of Correction and related an incident where he was stopped by the Detroit Police because he was a Latino and they called him a "Spic".

Commissioner Anderson asked for additional information regarding the incident but the officer refused because he worked in law enforcement.

Ewardo Diaz - addressed Insp. Shoulders in Spanish and complained that Insp. Shoulders only spoke to officers of lieutenant rank or higher. "Police Officers told me this", he stated.

Chief Knox stated he knew that was not true that Insp. Shoulders was a fine officer.

Bernadette Simon, school crossing guard, want police with her when she is crossing the children. Chief Knox responded that there was no need for her to cross the children if an officer will be there.

Bishop Stewart Pulligan. Stated he saw nothing wrong with the fact that Insp. Shoulders understood and spoke English. Bishop Pulligan commended Chief Knox and Insp. Shoulders for taking all the abuse they received at this meeting and said it indicated that they were well disciplined men. He went on to say that all present were part of the problem and that we cannot expect the police to raise our children.