

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE CONTINUED

the area to begin rehabing the homes. Mr. Kertin also voiced opposition to police layoffs.

Anthony Lanczak, 7733 Radcliff, complained that his garage was burned down, his car windows busted and Fort/Green police told him their hands were tied, we need more police, he stated.

Ricardo Blazquez, former resident of the Chicago Pelson area, read a prepared statement that essentially spoke to the responsibility of the parents to guide their children, he quoted Benito Juarez, "respect for the rights of others is peace".

Thomas Christensen, Vice President of Southwest Detroit Improvement Association, read aloud a letter from an unknown woman describing the difficulties faced by a youth growing up in the southwest area, signed a broken hearted mother. Mr. Christensen concluded by asking for more help from the police.

Ray Clincher, Southwest Area resident, reported that his son was enroute to a local store and was assaulted by the Latin Counts receiving a five (5) inch wound on his face. Mr. Clincher stated he was furious and would tolerate no more harm to his family.

Father Larry Karney, St. Anne Church, reported that he had a funeral for a sixteen (16) year old kid, the second teenager that was shot to death this year in his parish. Father Karney spoke on the importance of gun control in the city.

Sandra Serna, resident of Southwest Detroit, recited a long list of crimes in the neighborhood and complained that there were not enough police in the area.

Jack Ditman, Southwest Community Association member, blamed the courts for not supporting the police, and his neighbors for tolerating kids misbehavior.

Denise Pollington, mother of ex-gang member forced to leave state due to death threats, stated she had citizen patrol radios supplied by the Police Department for people to commence radio patrols.

Jean Gendren, Southwest Detroit area, publicly thanked her children's grandmother, Cecelia Gendren, and a Mr. Retecki a former local school teacher and urged everyone to work together to end the problem of gang activity.