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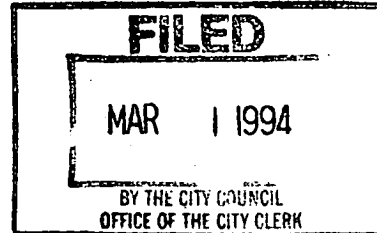
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City Council
Sacramento, California



Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: AVONDALE AND GLEN ELDER CODE ENFORCEMENT SWEEP

LOCATION: DISTRICT 6

RECOMMENDATION

This report is submitted for information only and does not require Council action.

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FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF

March 1, 1994

SUMMARY

The Neighborhood Improvement Division of the Neighborhood Services Department initiated a Code Enforcement Sweep in the Avondale and Glen Elder neighborhoods located in Council District 6. This sweep began on January 24th and was completed on January 26, 1994. This sweep was requested by Councilmember Darrell Steinberg to address the presence of junk cars, trash and debris and other nuisances contributing to blight in the Avondale and Glen Elder neighborhoods.

BACKGROUND

Avondale and Glen Elder are neighborhoods that have been vulnerable to blight, drugs and gang activity. With this in mind, the City Council approved a resolution last spring dedicating \$2.3 million in Federal funds to two neighborhoods through the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. Those monies have funded two Neighborhood Police Officers (NPO) who work exclusively in Avondale and Glen Elder in addition to funding for capital improvements at Max Baer Park, infrastructure improvements on Bellview Avenue, youth programs, loan programs and beautification projects among others.

As part of the Avondale/Glen Elder Project, the Neighborhood Improvement Division planned and implemented a proactive Code Enforcement Sweep in the two neighborhoods. This Sweep was designed to complement the efforts of SHRA, the NPO's, and the community to not only clean up and remove blight from Avondale and Glen Elder, but to continue the revitalization effort that began last year with the Council Resolution.

The two Neighborhood Police Officers prepared a list of 126 problem properties they had identified requiring code enforcement efforts.

The targeted Sweep area consisted of approximately 1,357 properties centered between the boundaries of Fruitridge Road to the North; 53rd Avenue to the South; Bellview, Logan and 75th Street to the West; and Power Inn Road to the East.

Process:

The objectives of this sweep were to:

- . Investigate the 126 complaints submitted by the Neighborhood Police officers
- . Check each street and block in the target area to:
 - . remove abandoned and hazardous vehicles parked on city streets
 - . mark all obvious vehicles parked on the streets in excess of 72 hours
 - . issue citations on vehicles parked on the streets with expired registration
 - . issue Notices of Violation for any inoperable vehicles parked on private property
 - . issue Notices of Violation for any vehicle parked on lawns
 - . issue Notices of Violation for any junk and debris found on private property

Results of the Code Enforcement Sweep

The majority of the "South Team" Code Enforcement Officers and Vehicle Abatement Officers spent three consecutive days canvassing the Avondale/Glen Elder neighborhood for code violations.

The block by block sweep in the two neighborhoods resulted in the following:

Public Right-of-Way Enforcement (Streets)

- . 20 vehicles marked for tow
- . 2 vehicles towed
- . 20 Seventy-two hour Notices of Violation issued
- . 5 citations issued (expired registration)

20 total complaints

Private Property Enforcement

- . 126 complaints submitted by NPO's
- . 3 complaints currently under investigation
- . 14 complaints inspected/no violations
- . 55 proactive complaints initiated by staff

164 total complaints

Complaint by Type

- . 32 Junk and Debris
- . 22 Abandoned vehicles (streets)
- . 57 Inoperative vehicles (private property)
- . 42 Vehicles on lawns
- . 33 Multiple violations

184 total complaints

Staff Services

The following Neighborhood Improvement Division staff members participated in this sweep:

- . Senior Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Kubo
- . Code Enforcement Officers
 - Rodney Arnold
 - Angie Bahner
 - Rachel Crane
 - Scott Mitchell
- . Vehicle Abatement Officers
 - Violet Garcia
 - Richard Massi

A previous vehicle abatement sweep conducted a few months ago in this same neighborhood also removed 29 vehicles from the streets.

Positive Neighborhood Improvement Efforts

Although the most immediate impact this Code Enforcement Sweep had on the neighborhood was a visual one, its longer term effect is to help revitalize this neighborhood.

The Code Enforcement Sweep was just one of many activities conducted by different agencies in this coordinated effort to rid the neighborhood of drugs, gang activities, crime, and blighted properties.

Large scale media coverage and SHRA newsletter deliveries to all residents helped carry the message that things were changing for the better.

Financial Considerations

This report contains no request for any increase or change to the adopted budget. In addition, the work performed was conducted during normal working hours and required no expenditures of overtime pay.


Policy Considerations

This report is consistent with the City Council's commitment to improving the quality of life in the City's neighborhoods by removal of blight causing conditions and the enforcement of the City's nuisance codes.

MBE/WBE

Not applicable.

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