

VOTE WITH YOUR FEET— KICK THE COMMUNITY POLICING CENTRE OUT OF GRANDVIEW PARK!

The Grandview-Woodlands Community Policing Centre is renewing its attempts to move into Grandview Park caretaker's residence. This time they have sent out a "Community Questionnaire" in an effort to provide legitimacy for the move. They say that if their no clear majority supporting the move they will withdraw their proposal. There are several problems with this, however—

- 1. WHILE THEY CLAIM THAT THEY'VE SENT OUT OVER 5000 QUESTIONNAIRES MANY PEOPLE HAVEN'T SEEN ONE.** And those that have, only got one, even if the address has more than one person living there.
- 2. THEY HAVE TWICE BUNGLED THE MAIL-OUTS** by not sending them to all the 5000 addresses they deem worthy to vote on the matter. After the first missed run and a second mail-out, they've extended the deadline to January 5th, and *still* there are many people who have not received one. There are a few that received *two*.
- 3. THEY ARE CONDUCTING THE SURVEY DURING A TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN MANY PEOPLE GO ON HOLIDAY;** they originally scheduled the public ballot counting 4 days before Christmas. For the newly scheduled counting, they've done no outreach to let people know when it is.
- 4. THEY ARE DOING THIS WITH THE COLLUSION OF THE PARKS BOARD.** Parks Board staff has failed to bring back a long-promised report on the issue. Some Parks Board Commissioners, such as Allan DeGenova, have expressed public support for the move into the Park, and have failed to end their participation in an obviously bankrupt "Community Consultation." Why conduct the survey when it's obviously already a foregone conclusion to them.
- 5. THE MOVE WOULD PROVIDE THEM WITH A PUBLICLY SUBSIDIZED OFFICE AND THE APPEARANCE OF BEING A GROUP THAT REPRESENTS THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.** What they do represent is the increasing gentrification of the area. Painting murals and talking about safety is just a cover for a policy of cleaning up the park of people considered undesirable - street vendors, panhandlers, buskers, and homeless people. We can already see increased police activity in Park. In one instance they ticketed a woman for being in the park after the 10 PM curfew, at 9:30 AM. When she ripped up the ticket they threw her to the ground and handcuffed her. This is the regular violence we are likely to see with their move to the park.

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11 AM FRIDAY 7th JANUARY 2000

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