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Our File

Notre référence

2009-06-29

Dear Sir.

RE: GREEK FRATERNITY VILLAGE & BETA HOUSE - ALCOHOL & NOISE COMPLAINTS

This is in reference to ongoing neighbourhood concerns about social disorder along Wesbrook Mall and in particular alcohol/noise complaints involving the Greek Fraternity Village, 2880 Wesbrook Mall and Beta House, 2140 Wesbrook Mall.

The following is a synopsis of complaints received at RCMP University Detachment from 2009-04-01 to 2009-06-25.

Greek Fraternity Village - 2880 Wesbrook Mall

2009-1502

May 26, 2009 at 00:40 hours: Two (2) callers reporting a loud party occurring at 4-2880 Wesbrook Mall (Fiji Fraternity House). Members attended and observed approximately fifteen (15) people talking loudly on the West patio. Members located House President Matthews and requested that he get everyone inside and to keep the music down, and to shut any windows/doors. Matthews was very cooperative and the noise ended immediately. No further problems.

2009-1631

2009-06-04: Attended for noise complaint at 2-2880 Wesbrook Mall. Spoke to President, agreed to keep noise down. No further problems. Called in by neighbour who could not sleep.



2009-1664

2009-06-06: Noise complaint. Approximately twenty (20) people outside partying. The night before was the same problem and complainant getting frustrated. When police left the night before they started up again and were louder.

2009-1777

2009-06-13 at 22:25 hrs: Complainant called in reporting a noisy party at the UBC Fraternities, 2880 Wesbrook Mall. Cst. Savard attended and observed multiple people outside talking with music playing from most units. Cst. Savard talked to all the Fraternities and all agreed to turn down the music.

2009-1781

2009-06-14: Loud party at 2880 Wesbrook Mall. Members attended and shut party down. No further problems.

2009-1831

June 18, 2009, 02:05 hours: Complainant reported loud music and shouting coming from the units at 2880 Wesbrook Mall. Cst. Owens and Cst Simpson attended and observed open liquor, loud music and people shouting. Music was turned off. Patrons returned to their residences. No further problems.

2009-1844

2009-06-18: Ongoing party at 2880 Wesbrook Mall. Drumming and yelling. Complainant and baby cannot sleep. Members attended and shut down party. No further problems.

Beta House - 2140 Wesbrook Mall

2009-983

2009-04-01: Complaint of a group of TWENTY (20) or so males out on the lawn and in the street yelling and partying. Patrols made. Nobody located.

2009-988

2009-04-02 @ 0151 hrs: Report of possible weapons involved in an altercation outside the Beta House at 2140 Wesbrook Mall. University members arrived, contained the situation and arrested two (2) males who were throwing bottles at the Beta House. Males arrested for Causing a Disturbance and Intoxicated in a Public Place. Males transported to Richmond cells.

2009-1055

2009-04-08: Complainant reported loud music coming from the Beta House located at 2140 Wesbrook Mall. UBC members attended and talked to Cody Beck who identified himself as the President of the House. Members advised Beck to keep the music down or they would be shut down. Beck stated he would keep it under control. No further action required.

2009-1656

2009-06-05: 2140 Wesbrook Mall. Loud party has been going on for two days and has kept the complainant up until 0200 hours. Members attended. No party found.

2009-1782

2009-06-14: 2140 Wesbrook Mall. Complaint of loud party ongoing for last 8-10 hours. Members attended and shut down party. No further problems.

2009-1861

On 2009-06-19 at 2205 hours: Cst. Bowsher and Cst. Owens attended the Beta Fraternity house for a report of a noise complaint for a loud party. The members could hear loud music and yelling from the road as the front doors to the building were propped open. Cst. Owens spoke with House President Cody Beck about the noise level. Beck apologized and agreed to keep the front doors closed and keep the party inside. File concluded.

The majority of complaints dealing with alcohol or noise emanate from the Greek Fraternal Brothers, visitors, guests or other tenants, i.e., Irish persons who rent from May to September each year. Neighbourhood residents find themselves being continuously bombarded and are getting much more vocal about having their peace and quiet disturbed by persons who do not seem to care about those residing around them.

It is respectfully requested that your office begin to utilize the "Conduct Agreement" between the University of British Columbia and the Strata Corporation (signed 2003-10-24) which is responsible for the Greek Village. In particular I would ask that the Unreasonable Noise and Nuisance (Section 3) and Misconducts, Fines and Probation (Section 4) be invoked. I am unaware if a like document exists for Beta House.

Should you have any further questions please feel free to contact the undersigned at 604-224-7565.

Yours truly

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