

May 24, 2007

Alderman Pete Karas
Chairman Neighborhood & Housing Committee
633-2540

Dear Alderman Karas:

Per your request of May 17, 2007 during the meeting on neighborhoods and housing; you asked my brothers and I, as the owners of the Neighborhood Pantry, 1511 W. 6th St., to come up with a plan (in writing) as to how we, as the owner/operators of the Neighborhood Pantry Food Store will do our part in reducing the number of neighborhood concerns about the problems at 6th St. and Memorial Dr.

We will do the following during the next 3-4 weeks:

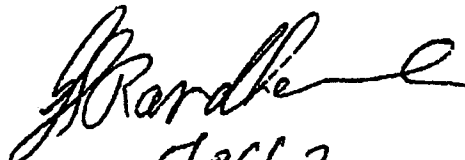
- 1) Call the Police Department each and every time we see any and all rowdy behavior by our customers or other people who use our parking lot as a "cut through".
 - A.) We will train our employees with help on how and when to handle rowdy people, and how to properly document the problem.
- 2) First, we will ask those who are playing their music too loud, in our parking lot, to "turn it down", and if they do not, we will call the Police.
- 3) We will post signs telling people to be considerate of other's by turning down their music while on our property. Signs will be placed at the pumps and inside our building.
- 4) We will start to keep our own documentation of the number of times we have to call the Police (i.e. date, time, who -if we know, what the problem was, and how the Police responded to settle the problem.)
- 5) We will replace and maintain the chains blocking cars from entering our parking lot when we are closed for business.
- 6) We will again, replace and maintain 5-6 garbage cans in and around our gas pumps, and by each driveway entrance.

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- 7) We will explore the cost and placement of some security cameras inside and outside of our store.
- 8) We will continue to clean our parking lot, and our side of the street, of any trash 3-4 times a day.

Mr. Karas, we want to be good citizens of the W. 6th St. area, and will do our part to help. We do have a very large financial investment, and want to protect it.

Sincerely,


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Addendum to Neighborhood Pantry letter of May 24, 2007 to the Sustainable Neighborhood Listening Committee.

1. Four security cameras are currently installed inside the store, but are poorly placed. These cameras will be relocated so that they provide a better view of the inside the store and one or two (depending on the final design) will also be directed outside so that most of the parking lot is in video range. More tapes will be purchased and they will be kept for 30 days.
2. The chain preventing entry that was previously constructed and promptly damaged will be replaced with a more secure chain so that entry after-hours by vehicles is prevented. By installing lower, sturdier posts, the new chains will be very hard to damage.
3. A representative to the store will make every effort to attend the monthly neighborhood watch meetings.
4. We are in agreement that any item that may be used as drug paraphernalia is inappropriate for us to sell to our customers. Since we have limited knowledge of the use of these items and they are ever-changing, we request that the Racine Police Department visit our store and identify these items. We then agree to no longer stock these items for sale.
5. We are open to any requests for additional signage that would discourage unwanted activity at our store.
6. We would like to partner with our neighbors in a beautification program. For example, if agreeable, we would purchase materials, containers, and plants in collaboration with our neighbors and together we would like to choose the location and plant and maintain the flowers or other plants. Any other suggestions on how we can work together are welcome.