

2005 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ANTI-GRAFFITI POLICY COMMITTEE

Members of the Committee are:

Ald. Tony Zielinski – Chair

Ald. Terry Witkowski – Vice-Chair

Ald. Robert Donovan

Richard Badger – representative from the Mayor's Office

Eddie Paez – Appointed by the Mayor's Office

Scott Gunderson – Appointed by the Mayor's Office

In 2005, the Committee met 4 times (April, July, September and November) with updates provided by the following city departments: Neighborhood Services, Public Works, Municipal Court, City Attorney and the Police Department. The Milwaukee Christian Center also provided updates at the meetings.

In this year, the Committee reviewed various options to respond to the lack of graffiti maintenance on the "Employment Guide" newspaper boxes, including having the owners appear before the committee. Although the owners were contacted, they did not appear. The Committee also reviewed the possibility of suspending or revoking the newspaper's permit, requiring that a formal graffiti removal plan be submitted to the city or removal and disposal of the offending boxes.

David Black, an individual from Australia with 15 years of experience in anti-social behavior and graffiti vandalism, also appeared before the Committee. He was on a 3-week tour of 8 cities related new technology and techniques in abatement and control to reduce impacts of graffiti vandalism and anti-social behavior in cities.