

Letter from a local resident

Just a quick letter to say WOW, what a great moment for me this afternoon at Grandview Park. I walked through there at around 3:30 pm and actually danced around and sang some songs on the stage with my 4 year old daughter. NO thugs, no drug dealers, no pot smoke. Not even a single drunken loiterer at the edge of the park on the hill overlooking the beautiful mountain view. It felt like my park again.

My daughter and I frequent regularly and I love it there. The location, the coffee shops the Drive. The view. Yesterday we had to leave because I didn't want my daughter (nor myself) to get stoned by just sitting there on the grass enjoying the sunny day.

If you can smell the dope, you are inhaling it and I am not interested in getting high. Thanks. What is it with these bozos who think this neighborhood park is their gangway to drug traffic. Whatever happened between 4 pm yesterday and 3 pm today I must say THANK you.

I mean sure the sun is not out, but not a single thug. Not a single cat call, not a single hacking smoking cougher at the stage, nor on the grass. What a lovely sight at Grandview.

Now if we could only get to the source of the problem. Starting perhaps with the continued encouragement of such use and behaviour with the condoned parties at the Park, like the live Band days and the Car Free days. These events seem fun and perhaps harmless - but the residue in this neighborhood - and this park particularly is always at least a week or longer of dope smoking boozers who think the park is their stomping ground. Why? Because the city authorizes it fully and completely for one solid day every month or so.

The residue remains and the welfare recipients with no regard nor respect for the government's money come out to "play" the last Wednesday of every month and people with children have to leave or find somewhere else to go OR get high by default of being in the Park.

I've complained a lot here today; I realize it is nice to sit and have some social time at a public park with a friend once in awhile - but the gathering of "down & outs" at Grandview (minus Today - thank you again) are such a turn off. People there treat me like its a Friday night or Saturday night clubbing situation - at 1 pm on a Monday or Tuesday or Wednesday - its pathetic. Honestly pathetic.

I don't like the militant presence of cop cars and drug raids there though, like last year, and I am not sure what cleared it out today - but I can say it was a breath of fresh air literally and figuratively to walk through the park and have it be a Park, not a night club.

Thank you again.

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