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Guardian Angels Leader Will Pay Visit Next Week

Curtis Sliwa to Meet With Ald. Tony Zielinski, Council President Hines & Ald. Bob Donovan

Guardian Angels founder Curtis Sliwa will come to Milwaukee next week to meet with aldermen and other officials to explore the feasibility of establishing a Guardian Angels chapter in the city, Ald. Tony Zielinski said today.

A nationally known figure and activist, Sliwa accepted an invitation to Milwaukee extended by Ald. Zielinski, a proponent of stepped-up public safety efforts who has sponsored measures to add additional Milwaukee police officers. On Friday, September 14 Sliwa is scheduled to meet with Ald. Zielinski, Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr., Ald. Bob Donovan and other officials prior to a walk-through of one or two city neighborhoods accompanied by red bereted Angels.

“The police can’t be everywhere, and the Guardian Angels have shown an ability to get in touch with people in tough neighborhoods and to get people in the community involved in trying make a difference,” said Ald. Zielinski.

Recently, Sliwa has been involved in starting Guardian Angels chapters in New Orleans and Boston. He also does a radio show in New York City, partnered with well-known activist lawyer Ron Kuby.

Founded by Sliwa in 1979, the Guardian Angels is a grassroots not-for-profit organization with roughly 5,000 members in chapters in 86 cities in nine countries. Angels are volunteers who go through a rigorous three-month training course before earning their red berets. They raise money to pay for items such as uniforms and radios.

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