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Miller Park Cruising Initiative “Huge Success” So Far

Ald. McGee Says 200 Cars Took Part in Orderly Event Early on July 4; No Tickets Were Issued by Police

A proposed cruising alternative in and around the parking lots at Miller Park has so far been a huge success, with hundreds of cruisers taking part in orderly “free traffic” events on a public street adjacent to the ballpark, Ald. Mike McGee, Jr. said today.

Ald. McGee, who proposed the pilot midnight to 4 a.m. Miller Park cruising option as an unconventional alternative to help ease the city’s cruising problems, said approximately 80 vehicles and 160 people took part in a cruising event early Sunday (July 2) and about 400 people and 200 vehicles participated in the event early on July 4. “I’m not exaggerating at all when I say that I’ve never seen such positive police – community relations in Milwaukee,” said Ald. McGee, who was present outside Miller Park on both nights.

During a news conference with Ald. Willie C. Wade on Monday near Miller Park, Ald. McGee distributed videotapes shot early Saturday (July 1) and Sunday (July 2) outside the ballpark showing cruisers congregating or parking “Crenshaw Style” and interacting with Milwaukee police officers in a positive and non-confrontational manner.

Because there haven’t been altercations or disorderly activities associated with the Miller Park cruising initiative, the activity has not garnered much media attention so far, said Ald. McGee. “I guess positive news associated with cruising isn’t as exciting as showing chaotic scenes and bad behavior on the part of a few individuals,” said Ald. McGee. “But I know it could reflect positively on police and on the city if people see footage of the excellent police interaction that’s happening at the Miller Park events.”

A large turnout is expected at Miller Park this coming weekend for similar, orderly “free traffic” events, Ald. McGee said.