

Agenda

Legal and Regular Meeting of the Safe Neighborhood and Crime Reduction Committee March 2, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

The Safe Neighborhood and Crime Reduction Committee of the Southside Economic Development District met on March 2, 2023, at 800 Washington Street at 3:00 p.m.

Present were: Roosevelt Wright, Jr. and Otis Jones

Absent was: Preston Hopkins

Advisory members present were: Minister Verbon Muhammad, Mrs. Jeanette Modicue, and Rev. James Earl Jackson.

Guests: Mrs. Donna Cathey and Tim Brandon of TBA Studios.

There was a quorum.

Mr. Muhammad, in the absence of subcommittee chairman Damin Coleman, said they have discussed ideas about reducing crime through reducing recidivism, but no report is ready.

Mr. Brandon asked the committee to guide TBA in selecting the target neighborhoods. Using a map, the committee reviewed possible target neighborhoods in Districts 3, 4, and 5.

The committees' initial input was that the five-block neighborhoods need to be visible areas, have open ditches, and be compact. The discussions revolved around Louberta Street, Wilson Street, and Jackson.

Mr. Wright assigned Minister Muhammad and Mrs. Modicure to visit possible sites before March 6 and then do a ride-along with Mr. Brandon to advise him on selecting two possible neighborhoods in each district for targeted improvements.

Mr. Brandon said TBA is on task to complete the Safe Neighborhood master plan by the April meeting of SEDD.

It was moved by Mr. Wright and seconded by Mr. Jones to request the SEDD board to task the grant writer to seek community policing and crime reduction grants. The motion was approved unanimously.

After 53 minutes of deliberation, the meeting was adjourned.