



Minutes of the
Safe Neighborhood and Crime Reduction Committee

– June 1, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

The Safe Neighborhood and Crime Reduction Committee of the Southside Economic Development District met in legal and regular session at Marbles Recreation Center, 71201, on Monday, June 1, 2023, beginning at 3 p.m.

Present were Roosevelt Wright, Jr., chairperson, and Otis Jones.

Absent was Preston Hopkins.

The advisory committee members present were Rev. James Jackson and Rev. T. J. Stevenson.

Also present was Mrs. Betty Ward Cooper.

There was a quorum.

An invocation was given by Rev. Stevenson.

Mr. Wright gave an update on the committee's work to plan the three model communities for each of the city council districts.

On motion of Mr. Wright and seconded by Mr. Jones, the committee unanimously decided to recommend to the SEDD board that four community meetings be held in June to explain the model neighborhoods and get input. The meetings will be held each Thursday in June, beginning on June 8, 2023 at a time after 5 p.m.

Mr. Jones noted that the reason for the meetings was to ensure SEDD neighborhood input before finally selecting the model neighborhoods. He said some neighborhoods may change as a result of the input received.

Mr. Wright noted that the initial neighborhood sketches and descriptions of the features of the proposed model neighborhoods is now on the SEDD25.com website.

Rev. Stevenson noted that ideally the council members of the districts should set up their meetings in their districts; however, if they choose not to do so, the meetings should be held anyway.

Mr. Wright asked Mrs. Stevenson to begin arranging the organization of neighborhoods for beautification, celebration, and support. Rev. Stevenson and Mrs. Modicue will make the initial arrangements.

During citizen participation, Mrs. Cooper said prospective candidates for city council and mayor should familiarize themselves with and support the "Southside Dream." Mr. Wright said SEDD does not endorse candidates, but support for the revitalization of the Southside will probably be the litmus test for any candidate seeking Southside support.

After 32 minutes of deliberation, the meeting adjourned.