



Minutes

Safe Neighborhood and Crime Reduction Committee

May 17, 2024

A meeting of the Safe Neighborhood and Crime Reduction Committee of the Southside Economic Development District was held at the Faith Harvest Baptist Church, located on Nutland, on Friday, May 17, 2024 at 4 p.m

Present were: Roosevelt Wright, Jr., chairperson, Otis Jones. Absent was: Tony Little

Advisory members present were: Rev. James Jackson, and Mrs. Jeanette Modicue. Also present was Ms. Mondrian Douglas

The invocation was given by Rev. Jackson.

Mr. Wright, the chairman, gave a detailed review of the visuals associated with the neighborhood development plan prepared by TBA Studios. The plan suggested that instead of three target neighborhoods, we use one neighborhood as a model and focus on developing "subdivision" models, which included all of the components that we sought, including removal of ditches, lighting, playgrounds, police substations, etc.

The committee discussed a proposal to issue mini-grants to ten non-profits in the districts between July 10, 2024, and September 10, 2024, to: 1) Reduce crime, 2) Improve neighborhood safety, 3) Remove trash and Debris 4) Promote Non-Violence. The SEDD would give \$2,000 to ten groups and provide another \$5,000 to cover insurance and branded wearables.

A lengthy discussion about the project was discussed, including management, reporting, liability, and measuring outcomes.

On the motion of Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Wright, the committee voted to recommend the mini-grant proposal to the SEDD Board at its May 20, 2024, meeting.

After 1 hour and 15 minutes of deliberation, the meeting ended with a prayer and benediction from Rev. Jackson.