



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the September meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Southside Economic Development District will held at the Powell Avenue Community Center on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the SEDD reserves the right to change, add to or delete, any item listed on the attached agenda. All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting.

## **Agenda**

**September 9, 2024**

**4:30 p.m.**

**1. Roll Call:**

Tony Little, Otis Jones, Roosevelt Wright, Jr, Anna Reed, Atty Sarah Smith, Karl Dhaliwal, Tyrone Goodin

**2. INVOCATION:**

**3. ACTION:** The board will consider the confirmation of the July 15, 2024 SEDD meeting.

**4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** The President will update the board on current economic development projects, community safety, the Dream Center Dedication, new members, and funding initiatives.

**5. ACTION:** The treasurer will make his report on the financial status of the SEDD, the fiscal 2023-24 audit preparations, and expenditures related to the dream center renovations.

**6. REPORT:** Mrs. Kena Robertson, president of the Northeast Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce Foundation, will address the board concerning the sponsorship of a Chamber activity.

**7. ACTION:** The board will confirm the appointment of the chair of the Housing Committee of the SEDD.

- 8. ACTION:** The board will consider the report of the Infrastructure Committee and its recommendation to amend its \$100,000 allocation for the Dream Center by a maximum of \$30,000 to provide for the purchase of furnishings, purchase and installation of digital technology, and architectural plans. The board will also consider the committee's recommendation of RCH Engineering to prepare a plan that maps out the infrastructure improvements needed to develop residential and commercial properties with a plan to phase in the implementation of the projects. The company's estimated cost is \$50,000.
- 9. ACTION:** The board will consider the report of the Safe Neighborhood and Crime Reduction Committee and its recommendation to approve the proposals of United Minds of Joint Action (L. Marie Brown) and the Life Changers of Northeast Louisiana (Damian Coleman) as the final two mini-grant award recipients.

## **10. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

## **11. ADJOURN**



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Safe Neighborhoods and Crime Reduction Committee of the Southside Economic Development District will meet on August 23, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. at 800 Washington Street to consider the agenda items below.

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## **Agenda**

**August 23, 2024**

**3:30 p.m.**

- 1. Roll Call:**  
Mr. Tony Little, Otis Jones, Roosevelt Wright, Jr.
- 2. INVOCATION:**
- 3. REPORT:** Mr. Wright will report on the eight mini-grants.
- 4. ACTION:** The committee will consider a Mini-Grant proposal from LoLo Highway 15 Food Ministry to provide meals to the homeless at-risk families in the District while encouraging them to avoid violence and crime.
- 5. ACTION:** The committee will consider a Mini-Grant proposal from United Minds of Joint Action Association to implement a youth initiative for mentoring
- 6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**
- 7. ADJOURN**