



Minutes

August 23, 2024

3:00 p.m.

The Southside Economic Development District Infrastructure Committee of the Southside Economic Development District met on August 23, 2024, at 3 p.m. at 800 Washington Street.

Present were: Otis Jones, chairperson; Roosevelt Wright. Absent was Anna Reed

Advisory member: Dr. Anthony Glover

There was a quorum.

Mr. Wright gave an invocation.

Mr. Jones gave a report on the progress made on completing the Arizona Street Dream Center. This task was assigned to the infrastructure committee in the May 20, 2024 SEDD Meeting. Mr. Jones reported that the building was 97 percent complete, and he expected it to be completed on or before the August 31st deadline.

Mr. Wright moved and seconded by Mr. Jones to recommend to the SEDD board that the \$100,000 allocation for the Dream Center be amended by \$30,000 to provide for the purchase of furnishings, purchase and installation of digital technology, and air conditioning. The motion was approved unanimously.

The committee heard a presentation from Mr. Ron Haisty of RCH Engineering who explained his proposal in response to the SEDD. He said his company could prepare a plan that maps out the infrastructure improvements needed to develop residential and commercial properties within the SEDD district with a plan to phase in the implementation of the projects.

Mr. Haisty said the plan would identify what needs to be done infrastructure wise to develop the three opportunity zones within the SEDD that would make it attractive to future investors. He said his company could deliver the plan in about 45 days, with a December 1 completion date to allow for the unexpected. The company's estimated cost is \$50,000. He answered questions from Mr. Glover and Mr. Wright concerning the scope of his plan and the specificity and detail it would present.

On motion of Mr. Wright and seconded by Mr. Jones, the committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the SEDD board the approval of the RCH Engineering Company's proposal for a maximum cost of \$50,000.

There was no citizen participation.

The meeting adjourned after 16:53 of deliberation.

