OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION MAY 17, 2022 AGENDA

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
A resolution of support for the South End Are Improvement Plan.	Ordinance √ Resolution	
Submitted By:		
Planning & Development Department		Bruce T. Moore City Manager
SYNOPSIS	A resolution of support of the Goals and Objects of the South End Improvement Plan Revision.	
FISCAL IMPACT	None.	

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the resolution. The Little Rock Planning Commission voted unanimously to support a resolution of support for the Neighborhood Plan.

BACKGROUND

At the request of representatives of the Neighborhoods in South End, a review of the 2004 Update for the South End Area Improvement Plan was begun in 2019. Staff met with a Steering Committee to review the Plan document and begin the discussion regarding possible changes and updates to the document. Neighborhood Plans were intended to be citizen driven with Planning Staff facilitating the process. Each Neighborhood Plan is a 'Policy' or 'Action' Plan. It is made up of a Vision and a group of Goals for the area. These are developed by residents for their area. Then a set of 'Objectives' and 'Action Statements' are developed to achieve the 'Goal'.

Once developed and accepted by the neighborhood, the Steering Committee and presented to the Little Rock Planning Commission. The Board of Directors is asked to approve a resolution of support.

BACKGROUND CONTINUED

This resolution is to show the City's support of the vision and goals expressed in the Plan. It does not commit the City to all the specific actions proposed within the Plan; however, it does indicate that the City through its various Departments will work with the neighborhood toward achievement of their vision and goals as outlined in the Neighborhood Plan.

The South End Area Improvement Plan goals are as follows:

- ➤ <u>Infrastructure</u>: Coordinate with Public Works to improve condition of infrastructure.
- ➤ <u>Housing</u>: Improve the housing stock of the neighborhood, both Rental and Owner occupied.
- Economic Development: Encourage economic development in the area.
- Parks & Recreation: Promote better and safer park facilities for the community.
- ➤ <u>Crime Reduction</u>: Improve Public Safety and decrease crime.
- > <u>Social Services</u>: Provide needed social services within the neighborhood for area residents.
- Existing Land Use and Rental Property: Improve our neighborhood through zoning controls.
- ➤ <u>History</u>: Establish and document the full history of the South End.