

Givens Community Initiative Meeting

December 12, 2022

The following notes were taken during the meeting.

Attendees

The following people signed in. Additional attendees were present.

Community Members	City Staff	
1 Sean Oliver	Sona Shah	PARD
2 Sherwynn Patton	Quen Jones	OVP
3 Richard Robinson III	Henry Agbede	OVP
4 Chase Wright	Commander Michael Earley	APD
5 Kim Patton	Sgt. Rafael Kianes	APD
6 Roger C. Davis	Jodi Jay	PARD
7 Brian Mays	David Crabb	PARD
8 Ora Houston	Fabiola Lopez	PARD
9 Windy Hill	Johnny Saldana	PARD
10 Rashad Muhammad	Chauncey	PARD
11 Robert Muhammad	Justin Schneider	PARD
12 Joe Barbano	Delano Brown	PARD
13 Suzanne Barbano		
14 Cara Crouch		
15 Sonia Mercado		
16 Robbie E		
17 Leah Shouwick		
18 Melanie Morgan Gomez		
19 Sharlissa Addison		
20 Michael Blaylark		

*Two names could not be identified

Personal Sticky Note Responses

1. This park does not feel safe. I send my kids to Givens after school and there have been a few incidents that scared my son and I this Fall.
2. I feel like the shootings and drug use that has gotten worse since the pandemic started is not being addressed.
3. I live in the neighborhood, and it is sad that we cannot use the park safely.
4. What is going to happen to address the violence and drugs in this park and my community.
5. Allocate resources to grassroots organizations in East Austin.
6. Accountability: specific goals agreed to w/ organizations.
7. Action which is follow through.

Group Suggestions

Concerns (From Community)

1. Lack of safe spaces.
2. Lack of funding.
3. Community Violence
4. Gun Violence
5. Lack of leadership present
6. Mental Health
7. Housing
8. Systemic violence
9. Full analysis (Information gathered and how information is used)

Ideas (From Community)

1. Wrap around services.
2. Youth Programs
3. Diverse Programs (ex. Workout classes)
4. Physical resources for education
5. Speak to elected officials.
6. Security (preferably black owned)
7. Fix the creek.
8. Allocation of funding
9. Accountability w/ community organizations
10. Feasibility study for CVI
11. Local grassroot organizations need grant writing assistance.
12. Maintaining clear steps forward.
13. Bring the Advisory Board back to Givens.
14. Town Halls
 - a. New neighbors who moved into the community to hear concerns from long term residents.
15. Community involvement with Initiative.