



**Building Better Communities Committee
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 1, 2022**

**12:00pm Virtual Zoom Webinar
In-Person Location (anchor location): Christiana Conference Room
(87 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720)**

Attendance:

Committee Members Present: Kevin Kelley, Vanessa Phillips, CJ Bell, Jordan Perry, Tawanda Bond, Dan Maas, Danya Woods

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 12:02 p.m. by CJ Bell.
- Recap of current allocations were given
 - WCAC: Community Violence Prevention Initiative—under compliance review and funding should be disbursed by next month
 - Kappa Mainstream: Afterschool Initiative—under compliance review and should be disbursed by next month
 - Red Clay School District: School-based Trauma Program—has passed compliance review
 - Project SEED Expansion: Retired Lt. Gerald Tatum will spearhead initiative, approved unanimously by NCC County Council
- Knollwood Grant website and scoring matrix was displayed during meeting
 - Revisions that were discussed last meeting (such as hyperlink for additional info) were implemented.
 - Applicants will receive notification within 60 days from CJ Bell.
 - Unless unanticipated high volume, all committee members will review each application.
 - Final score will be based upon an average of committee members' score
 - Final score will be read at public meetings to ensure transparency.
Organizations are welcomed to provide feedback during public comment and/or follow up with committee for additional info.
 - Funding will be disbursed to awarded applicants once initiative/project is determined to be ARPA compliant.



- No cap on funding request amount. Trying to ensure flexibility for organizations
 - Committee will determine the final amount funded
- Proposed Knollwood grant application deadline: April 15th
- Retired. Lt. Gerald Tatum was introduced to committee as Project SEED Coordinator
 - Project SEED and BBC will collaborate frequently going forward.
 - Project SEED has done work prior in Knollwood. Currently supportive programming that operates in resource center.
 - Additionally, Project SEED is currently working in the Rosegate neighborhood.
 - Will hire two additional full-time members soon.
- Mask mandate from the state ended today. Committee discussion regarding format of future meetings.
 - Virtual meetings can still happen, but an anchor location is required.
 - Recommended that committee should meet in-person quarterly, will need to move meeting to evening time to account for schedules.
- Will discuss next proposed location for BBC on March 22nd Meeting.
- Next meeting will be March 22nd, 12 p.m.

Public Comment:

- Floor was opened for public comment.
- Rep. Larry Lambert raised the concern of making Knollwood a camera-safe community. Knollwood Community Center is near a crime-activity spot and camera could help detour that activity.
 - Vanessa Phillips mentioned there's a camera installment effort from NCCPD for Knollwood. Will follow up with additional info via email.

Adjournment:

- CJ Bell adjourned meeting at 12:30 p.m.