



**Building Better Communities Committee
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, April 26, 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 12:10 p.m. by CJ Bell.
- Review of Application Process:
 - Suggestions made:
 - State BBC goals & objective on application
 - Make sure people are giving measurable metrics and evaluation plan
 - Ensure applicants' proposals are location specific; some applications were not Knollwood-focused
 - Additions to application website:
 - When applicants select "other" on metric option
 - Have another dropdown where they can state the specific metric
 - Add language "Incomplete applications may not be considered."
- Review of Knollwood Applications:
 - Scores were read for each organization on call (out of 28)
 - Ascending Generations: 15, Boys & Girls Club: 22, CTAC: 17, Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence: 24, Delaware Health Equity Coalition: 15, Education First Golf: 16, First Tee Delaware: 22, GWILL: 10, Life is Delicious Inc: 19, Network Connect: 18, Redd Health Foundation: 7, StartUp Africa: 19, Wilmington Turners: 9, Winners: 10
- Gerald Tatum, Project SEED Coordinator, Provided Update:
 - Project SEED working in Knollwood, Rosegate, Sparrow Run, and Richardson Park neighborhoods
 - Have partnered with Help Initiative Delaware; Lights On—a statewide initiative that aims to improve quality of life in Delaware's low-income communities



- Discussion regarding selection of next two neighborhoods
 - Need to create a selection criteria for committee to use when picking future neighborhoods
 - Factors to consider:
 - TAPS Data, County Council input, infrastructure in neighborhood, present services provided in neighborhood, a map of all neighborhoods and their council district
 - Committee voted to select Sparrow Run as next targeted neighborhood
 - Committee voted to only select one neighborhood at current time
- Next meeting will be May 24th, 12 p.m.

Public Comment:

- Floor was opened for public comment.
- Donna Johnson from Child Inc. mentioned their organization's interest in BBC targeting Sparrow Run neighborhood

Adjournment:

- CJ Bell adjourned meeting at 12:59 p.m.