



Fountain Park & Lewis Place Public Safety Committee

Park Place Housing & Economic Development

What is Park Place Housing & Economic Development?

Park Place Housing & Economic Development (HED) is a nonprofit community development organization created to promote home ownership and community reinvestment in Fountain Park and Lewis Place.

Why was Park Place HED created?

Park Place HED was created to promote community development in our neighborhoods and to make sure that neighborhood residents are the ones making decisions. Having one organization dedicated to the two areas ensures that there is focus on the needs of our neighborhoods and accountability to all of its communities.

Public Safety Committee

What is the Park Place Public Safety Committee?

The Public Safety Committee is a body of neighborhood residents and stakeholders committed to promoting community policing and equal access to public safety resources in Fountain Park and Lewis Place. We meet to crime incidents in our area and to develop programming to increase crime readiness and response in our community.

Why was the Public Safety Committee formed?

Fountain Park and Lewis Place are common targets for a range of violent and nonviolent crimes in our city. In spite of this, our communities rarely receive the level of public safety resources that are dedicated to other parts of the city. The Public Safety Committee was formed to promote community education about crime and safety in our area, and to promote equal access to public safety resources.

Who are our committeepersons?

The purpose of neighborhood committees is to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to guide community development initiatives. Committeepersons are neighborhood stakeholders and outside partners with specific skillsets used to advance the committee's agenda who are committed to attending meetings, engaging in the issues, and responding to local initiatives. Committee meetings are open to the public, but a limited number of voting committeeperson seats are reserved to ensure that committee actions and recommendations are guided by people with a vested interest in our neighborhood.

The Public Safety Committee currently has eleven (11) members who represent different interests in the neighborhood:

- **Marla Orr**, Committeeperson – President, Enright Block Association; Community resident
- **Vontriece McDowell**, Committeeperson – Community resident
- **Clint Potts**, Committeeperson – Community resident
- **Akua Bolanle**, Committeeperson – Conflict de-escalation specialist; Community resident
- **Pastor Cornelius Moore**, Committeeperson – Local church leader

- **Pastor Troy Spencer**, Committeeperson – Organizer, Fountain Park National Night Out; Local church leader
- **Bob Wood**, Committeeperson – President, Friends of Fountain Park; Local landlord
- **Marge Del Carlo**, Committeeperson – Community resident
- **Officer Charles Lowe**, Chair – Officer, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department
- **Reverend Dinah Tatman**, Vice Chair – Founder, No Justice, No Profits; Ward 1 Alderwoman, Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO

What are we working on?

We are currently working on one (1) initiative to promote the safety of neighbors in our community:

1. **Public Safety Strategy:** Our neighborhoods should have equal access to public safety resources. We are partnering with Park Central Development to prepare a public safety strategy that meets the challenges of our area head on and centers our community in crisis response.

What role do committee persons play?

The Public Safety Committee guides neighborhood safety programs in partnership with Park Central Development. It is an important opportunity for our community to take the lead in promoting safety for all of our neighbors.

What are my responsibilities?

Our work takes dedication, readiness to learn, and commitment to improving the lives of our neighbors. Anyone may attend meetings, but voting committeepersons must meet the following requirements to remain in good standing:

- Attend 70% of scheduled meetings
- Help host at least 1 neighborhood event
- Sign Conflict of Interest Policy

If I have questions, who do I talk to?

Questions can be addressed to the current committee Co-Chairs:

- Sgt. Charles Lowe, 314-807-1887, charleslowe5777@gmail.com

When is the next meeting?

Meeting frequency will be determined by the committee collectively. It is recommended that we meet at least monthly. **The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday y, April 30th at 6:00 PM at Mom’s Kitchen.**

What are our next steps?

- Review of crime trends in our area
- Identify priorities through community Opportunity Survey
- Form alliances with SLMPD and neighborhood safety partners