

April 2022 SHPOA Meeting | MINUTES

Meeting date | time April 2, 2022 | 5 pm CT | Meeting location Zoom virtual meeting

Meeting called by	Angela White @ 5:05 pm	Participants:	BRPD Chief of Police Paul Murphy
Type of meeting	Bi-Monthly Meeting		BRPD Agencies (5)
Facilitator	Angela White		BRPD Officers (12)
Note taker	Marquetta Cheeks		Southern Heights Residents (20)
Timekeeper	NA		SH CPID Board (1)

AGENDA TOPICS

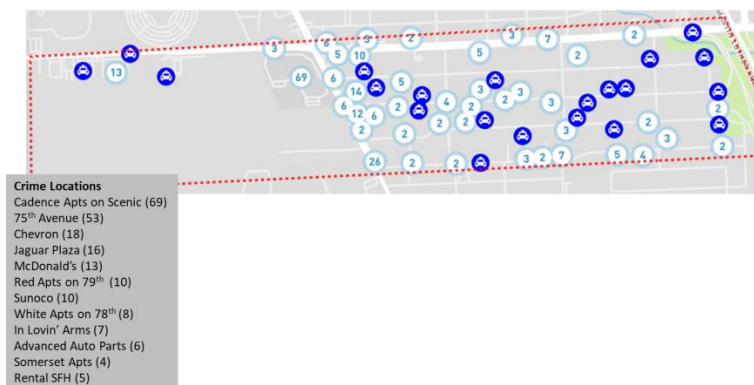
Time allotted | 5-10 minutes | Agenda topic SH Crime Statistics | Presenter Angela White

Discussion SH Crime Concerns include:

- Thefts
- Businesses in or near SH with high crime
- 75th Avenue / Banks Crime
- Teens Fighting
- Trespassing
- Vehicular Trespassing
- Solicitations
- Noise
- Drugs/Weapons Arrests
- Off-road vehicles on the road and lawns
- Illicit night activities on SH streets & in BREC Park
- Illegal dumping

Reviewed BR Open Data map of SH crime statistics for 2021 & 2022-to-date. NOTE: There are business / neighborhoods adjacent to Southern Heights that are driving crime and are our hot crime spots. These include Cadence Apartments, Banks (75th Ave in Banks, Chevron, Jaguar Plaza Apts, Red Apts, Sunoco). Map is below.

Crimes Reported in 2021*



*In & Around Southern Heights

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Exhibit A – Summary of 2021 Crime Incidents in & around Southern Heights

Meeting minutes submitted by Marquetta Cheeks, Corresponding Secretary

For 2022 1st Quarter crime statistics, Top crime locations were reviewed. Key items to note was the crime level on 75th Avenue in Banks and along Pembroke St where drug and weapons arrests occurred. Map is below.

2022 Crimes Reported to Date*

- Jan 1 2022 to Mar 24 2022



*In & Around Southern Heights

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Exhibit B – Summary of 2022 1st Quarter Crime Incidents in & around Southern Heights

Conclusion Chief Murphy and BRPD are here to discuss crime in and around Southern Heights, hear our issues and concerns, and discuss what is being done and what can be done to address crime in and around Southern Heights.

Time allotted | Time | Agenda topic BRPD Introductions | Presenter Chief Murphy Paul

Discussion BRPD personnel present include

- Warren Kron, Open Data BR
- Neal Noel, Deputy Chief of Support & Service Operations
- ? Hunt, Supervisor Real Crime Data Center
- Troy Lawrence, Deputy Chief Uniform Patrol
- Capt. Mays, Criminal Investigative Unit, former 4th District Commander
- William Furton
- Myron Daniels
- Yolanda Rankins
- SH CPID
 - Charles Weary
 - John Thomas
 - Joseph Nealon
 - Josh Brogan

Conclusion NA

Time allotted | NA | Agenda topic How BRPD uses data | Presenter Chief Paul Murphy & BRPD

Discussion Real Time Crime provides dashboards used to assist in real time patrol decisions & monitoring crime statistics. Provides focus on micro areas that need attention. Allow capability to review crime results.



Exhibit C - Sample of EBR Police Crime Dashboard

Conclusion Overall, Southern Heights is a safe community. The biggest issues are the areas adjacent to us. Homicides are down. However in 2021, Southern Heights is showing an uptick of thefts and burglaries from 2020. Pembroke and Somerset Streets are pedestrian and vehicle corridors into Banks and are traveled by criminals. Nottingham Street is a pedestrian corridor into Banks. Residents on these streets need to be vigilant.

Discussion Main BRPD focus is shooting & drugs.

Shot Spotters: No shot spotters in Banks. Shot spotters are installed in The Avenues. BRPD & BREC have a program considering shot spotter in BREC Parks based on crime data. Analysis is being conducted to view current shot spotter usage versus areas of highest shooting incidents.

Security Cameras: Sherwood Forest is being used as a model for crime technology. The HOA bought security cameras and license plate readers. They were responsible for the electricity and internet connectivity.

Community Share Camera Program: Funded through American Rescue Plan (ARP) supports cameras that directly feed into the Real Time Crime Center and is designed to reduce gun violence. BRPD will purchase a camera and install it. The homeowner provides electricity and internet connectivity.

BREC Camera Feeds: BRPD is in process of picking up BREC camera feeds.

ConnectBlue Camera Share Program: Registers public-facing cameras that are not directly linked to the department in order to facilitate police investigations. Suitable for Ring, Nest and other cameras as well as security alarm system cameras.

License Plate Readers: BRPD plans to expand its use of license plate readers (LPRs). Newer LPRs are solar powered and very effective. They can be linked via direct feed to BRPD.

Real Time Crime Center: Provides data on police calls reported, crime incidents and arrests to track criminal activity, police results in order to develop crime data and analysis information used by to guide police decisions, produce statistics and generate the dashboard shown in Exhibit C.

Open Data BR: Track 311 calls, police incidents, traffic incidents, fire incidents and other information that feed EBR GIS data. This agency provides the applications that allows residents to create location-specific views of any and all data captured in EBR. The information and apps are available to all citizens. They were used by Angela White to generate the Southern Heights 2021 & 1Q 2022 Crime Statistics shown in Exhibits A and B.

Conclusion BRPD feels shot spotters do not deter crime. Crime incidents must be reported to have an impact on crime. Shot spotters are not available for Southern Heights, Banks & Scotlandville Parkway (BREC Park) based on crime data.

No technology eliminates the need for citizens to report crimes or suspicious activity that they see or hear.

Action items

Person responsible Deadline

Item 1 – Citizens should call 911 when you hear shots fired even when not in your neighborhood. Call 911 for gunshots, medical, fire or life-threatening	SH Residents	Date time
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Action items

Person responsible Deadline

emergencies. For non-life threatening issues, call 225-389-2000. When reporting a crime, give police a callback number even when reporting anonymously. Leaving a callback number does NOT mean an officer will come to your door or call back but it allows the officer to follow-up, if needed.

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| Item 2 – Residents need to help solve crime by participating in the Community Share Camera and/or ConnectBlue Camera programs. Links to ConnectBlue Camera program are on SHPOABR.com on the Safety & Crime Prevention menu page. | SH Residents | |
| Item 3 – Investigate whether Scotlandville Parkway has existing cameras that will be linked via direct feed to BRPD. | SHPOA Officer /
CPID Board | |
| Item 4 – Ride with SH CPID to determine how home cameras can be adjusted to provide more visibility and best effects to view activity. | SHPOA
Officer/CPID Board | |
| Item 5 – Schedule follow-up meeting at Real Time Crime Center to further discuss SH crime strategies | SHPOA Officer /
CPID Board /
Interested SH
Residents | June 2022 |

Time allotted | NA | **Agenda topic** Strategies to improve SH Safety | **Presenter** BRPD

Discussion What can we do to improve safety and deter crime in Southern Heights?

Night view pictures of poorly lit and well-lit homes in Southern Heights were reviewed.

Conducted an interactive crime game to evaluate responses to a potential criminal situation and discussed the best solution.

Reviewed Vacation Surveillance form for residents to notify and request additional home surveillance from our CPID when they are out of town.

Conclusion BRPD is using a targeted approach to address serial criminals and gang activity. They are targeting individuals who drive crime to curtail shootings, etc. in partnership with ATF, FBI, Sheriffs Dept. BRPD Division, Probation/Parole Division and CGIC (Crime Gun Intelligence Center). In one area, 300 gang members were arrested except one and crime went down.

There are actions we can take to deter crime and your involvement is critical to take a bite out of crime!

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Item 1 – Make certain your homes are not dark at night. Many homes are too dark and criminals flourish at night. Use LED lights (brighter than incandescent and more cost effective).	SH Residents	
Item 2 – Do NOT place empty boxes of newly purchased items at the curb for garbage removal. It is an open invitation for criminals to come get your stuff. Criminals then watch for times when you are away from (no cars visible).	SH Residents	
Item 3 – Use cameras, alarms and lock all doors	SH Residents	
Item 4 – NEVER leave valuables (guns, purses, laptops, leather coats, money, etc.) inside your vehicles at any time.	SH Residents	
Item 5 – Remember you can report crimes and support crime investigations via CRIMESTOPPERSBR.com or by calling 344-STOP (7867).	SH Residents	
Item 6 – Counsel your children & grandchildren to report fights, threats of violence, bullying, pictures of firearms being posted on social to you and/or any responsible adult.	SH Residents	
Item 7 – Incidents playing out on social media need immediate intervention. Contact the EBR street teams to help youth de-escalate youth issues via phone at 877-99-BRCST or email at info@CST.org .	SH Residents	
Item 8 – Recruit youth to consider joining the police force. We need boots on the ground to reduce vacancies. For information, go to GEAUXBRPD.com	SH Residents	
Item 9 – Complete conducting the interactive crime scenarios game at next meeting on June 4 th	SHPOA Officers	June 4, 2022

Time allotted | NA | Agenda topic Business Meeting | Presenter Angela White, Sheila Sims

Discussion Financial Report - Sheila V Sims, Treasurer reviewed the 1st Quarter 2022 (January – March) Financials in detail. Motion to accept report was made by Marquetta Cheeks and seconded by Troi Davis. Report was approved unanimously.

Membership Drive – Only 38 persons have renewed so far. Last year we had 52 members. HOA payments may be mailed to PO Box 74761 Baton Rouge, LA 70874-4761 or dropped off in the front mail slot at 2146 78th Avenue.

Please recruit your neighbors to join the HOA. With 100 members our dues will need increase to \$104 and with 200 members; dues will need to increase to \$52.

2022 Budget - Our proposed budget is \$10K based on required activity this year. We are at the end of the meeting and our attendance dropped too low to approve the 2022 budget.

Community News:

- Free Weatherization and Energy Efficiency Program is available for home owners and renters. Information will be distributed via neighborhood canvassing by Together Baton Rouge.
- Household & Hazardous Waste Disposal Day will be held at SU from 9 am – 1 pm.
- Stormwater Master Plan Open House will be held on April 19th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the YMCA on 72nd Avenue. You can review the interactive models showing rainfall impacts and proposed improvement projects for our area (Bayou Monte / Hurricane Creek).
NOTE: Our flooding rating means Southern Heights has a 30% chance of flooding over a 10-year period.
- CADA V Kid’s Fest will be held June 11th from 8:30 am – 2 pm at Scotlandville Parkway.
- Ford St is being proposed to be extended to Howell Blvd. Concerns have been raised about the impact of this change on criminal activity to BRPD.

Conclusion Meeting was moved for adjournment by Sheila Sims and seconded by Marquetta Cheeks. Meeting ended at 6:55 pm.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Item 1 – Provide talking points on SHPOA for recruiting HOA membership	Angela White & Tasha Jones, SHPOA Officers	June 10, 2022