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## Public Safety Advisory Commission Agenda

### March 23<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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- Welcome - Nick
  
- Presentation: Safe Streets Baltimore
  - Rashad Singletary, Associate Director of Gun Violence Prevention
  - Crystal Miller, Community Violence Intervention Deputy Director
  - Dante Johnson, Operations Manager
  - Gardnel Carter, Outreach Liaison
  - Roderick Milligan, Outreach Liaison

Safe Streets Baltimore is a Mayor's Office of Community Safety and Engagement program geared to reducing shooting and homicides in high-risk communities. This program is an evidence-based, public health program targeting high-risk individuals known to carry firearms or could become a victim of a shooting. Safe Streets is modeled after Chicago's Cure Violence Program and employs outreach professionals to deescalate and mediate disputes that might otherwise result in serious violence. Outreach Professionals are Violence Interrupters that are identified as credible messengers in select communities that house this program. These individuals at one time were high-risk themselves. They can navigate through high-risk communities because they have relationships with individuals identified as high-risk.

High-risk individuals are identified as someone who could possibly be a shooter or be shot themselves. These persons become program participants of Safe Streets.

Safe Streets sites are selected by BPD data that displays a community being in the top 25% percentile of locations where gun violence occurs in the city. Even though Safe Streets sites use BPD data, local sites do not work with BPD. This could jeopardize the credibility of the staff and the safety of the physical site.

A Community Based Organization is selected to oversee the Safe Streets site in a specific community. The CBO is responsible for ensuring that staff members are successfully serving the community and that necessary resources are being provided to program participants and community members as well.

## SITES IN BALTIMORE

Sites	Community Based Organization
Park Heights	Park Heights Renaissance
Belvedere	Lifebridge Health
Woodbourne-McCade	Baltimore Community Mediation Center
Franklin Square	Bon Secours Community Works
Sandtown	Catholic Charities
Brooklyn	Catholic Charities
Belair-Edison	Living Classrooms
McEldery Park	Living Classrooms
Penn North	Youth Advocacy Programs (YAP)
Cherry Hill	Family Health Centers of Baltimore



Following the PowerPoint presentation with history and data of Safe Streets sites, there was a Q&A. Questions included: community outreach staff, Safe Summer Program with a special focus on those at higher risk, Safe Streets and BPD having a regular temperature check about what's happening and how to create a safer Baltimore, how are local organizations chosen, forms and mechanisms of accountability, building effective community relationships with Safe Streets staff, evaluation methods, and ways for community members like PSAC members to support Safe Streets.

- Chair & Vice-Chair Corner - Tyler & Phyllis
- Committee Check-In
  - Policy & Local Control
  - Community Participation
- Next Meeting: April 27 at 6PM

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