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## RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

FEBRUARY 6, 2023, 3:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Chair Karen White, Vice Chair Canneth Lee, Henry Davis Jr. Eli Warner, Sheila Niezgodski, Amika Micou

Agenda:

Bill No. 22-61 – A Resolution Calling for Reparatory Justice

Members marked with an asterisk (\*) are present digitally

Please note the attached link for the meeting recording:

<http://docs.southbendin.gov/WebLink/browse.aspx?dbid=0&mediaid=381543>

Committee Chair Karen White called to order the Residential Neighborhoods Committee meeting at 3:30 p.m.

### **Bill No. 22-61 – A Resolution Calling for Reparatory Justice**

The recording starts at the public hearing.

Committee Chair White opened the public hearing.

Andrew Duncan, 2103 High Street, South Bend IN 46613 noted that he is supportive of the resolution because property values have decreased in less desirable neighborhoods and there have been difficulties gaining equity. This is an opportunity for the City to invest in these communities.

Lee Gloster, 2110 High Street, South Bend IN 46613 was in support of the resolution because it is an abomination that there are neighborhoods that are on the wrong side of the tracks.

Lisa Cunningham, 2112 High Street, South Bend IN 46613 agreed with Lee Gloster. There are areas that were once great neighborhoods, and they are no longer such.

Bruce Mitchel, 4442 Huron St, South Bend IN 46619 noted that when driving through the various neighborhoods, it is very apparent why some neighborhoods are not appealing. He asked that there be more focus on rundown neighborhoods to provide them with more support.

There were no public comments in opposition.

Councilmember McBride had previously noted that a special committee will be set up to address the neighborhood issue. It was noted that with the volume of money and allocation of ARP funds, there needs to be significant consideration.

Committee Member Davis Jr. noted that this is a national issue and is important to the South Bend community. He asked that programs be created to address the issues of the past and ensure they do not happen again. There was lively discussion regarding names being on contentious documents.

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It was noted that the resolution can be amended while on the floor. The public hearing portion closed.

Committee Member Niezgodski motioned to table Bill No. 22-61 indefinitely until the results of the Special Committee are presented, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Member Lee, and carried by a vote of four (4) ayes and one (1) nay.

Committee Chair Karen White - <i>Aye</i>	Vice Chair Canneth Lee - <i>Aye</i>
Committee member Henry Davis Jr. - <i>Nay</i>	Committee member Sheila Niezgodski - <i>Aye</i>
Citizen member Amika Micou - <i>Aye</i>	

The Chair recommended that the Committee be formed and acknowledged the work that has been done thus far. There was discussion regarding the process, as it has been contentious.

With no further business, Committee Chair White adjourned the Residential Neighborhoods Committee meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen White, Committee Chair