

Southend Revitalization Association (SRA) 2024 Annual Report

I. Description

The Southend Revitalization Association was established in 1996. Its boundaries are on the North-Shultas Place and Wawarme Avenue, on the East - railroad line and Locust Street, on the South - the Wethersfield town line, and on the West - Campfield Avenue north (to) Preston Street, east to west side of Franklin Avenue, north to Shultas Place.

II. Operation

The Southend Revitalization Association meets monthly on the first Thursday except in June, July, and August. Meetings are in person at the Metzner Center on Franklin Avenue (as of April 2025). The annual meeting of the association will be June of each year.

SRA [board] shall consist of sixteen (16) members. The association will have a Chair and a Co-Chair. The Chair and Co-Chair must be members of the SRA.

III. Membership

A minimum of 51% of the SRA members will be residents of the Southend Revitalization Zone which may be a combination of business, cultural, educational, or non-profit organizations. The membership of such association shall reflect the composition of the neighborhood and include, but not be limited to, tenants and property owners, community organizations and representatives of businesses located in the neighborhood which own property in the neighborhood. One association member shall be appointed by the City Manager. The association shall total sixteen (16) members.

IV. Financial Report

SRA receives funds annually from the City of Hartford for Community Engagement. As of April 11, 2025, the balance of the Community Engagement fund for SRA is \$3,875.

V. Strategic Plans

The latest SRA Strategic Plan is dated May 2001.

VI. Officers and Board Members

Carl Williams	Chairperson	Resident
Beulah Williams	Acting Vice Chair / Secretary	Resident

Board Members

Emily Lugo	Resident
Jeff Brickhouse	Resident
Susan Brickhouse	Resident
Pat Knapp	Hartford Public Library
Alessandra Ballestras	City of Hartford representative
Lt. Rob Shelby	Hartford Police Department
Emma Doane	City of Hartford, Dept. of Development Services
Lt. Terry Wright	Hartford Fire Department

VII. Highlights of Activities

2024 was not kind to approximately (5) restaurants within our N.R.Z., however we have approximately (3) new ones, most other businesses were able to hang on during these difficult

times.

We have inherited (3) new businesses within the South End NRZ which will create some jobs for Hartford residents as well as increase the Tax base for Harford. Many streets within the South End NRZ have to be redone due to pipelines by MDC being installed.

South End NRZ and the City continue to work on blighted property. Once a year I tour the NRZ looking for homes and buildings which are starting to deteriorate, we will immediately relay these sites into the Housing Department for immediate action.

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