

Dear Council member

The South End New Development Organization (SENDO), in conjunction with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is working to develop a revitalization plan in order to improve the general quality of life for local residents. The plan will attempt to address the organizational capacity of local residents, improve streetscape, infrastructure, and parks, community safety and services, and stimulate commercial revitalization and housing redevelopment. SENDO is a well-established non-profit neighborhood organization that has worked to enhance the lives of South End residents for nearly 8 years, and is still going strong.

In order to ensure further progress, SENDO would like to involve as many parties in the planning process as possible. Because these issues bear such a large impact in your respective realms, we encourage you to attend upcoming meetings, each to be held on the first Wednesday of each month, from 5:30-7:00 pm at the True Light Baptist Church (located at 1535 Tudor St). In addition to the monthly meetings student and staff from the University will visit us 3 weekends during which they will be working on neighborhood improvement projects in the South End (Feb. 7-8th, March 14-15th, April 11-12)

Your leadership and community expertise would be of great value at these important community gathering. We hope you will encourage members of your staff, as well as anyone else who may be interested, to be in attendance at our monthly meetings.

Your consideration on this matter is greatly appreciated. For further information or inquiries of any kind, do not hesitate to contact me at 618-271-3392. I look forward to seeing you.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Fern Watts
President, SENDO