**2016 Goals**

Increase the safety of the neighborhoods by increasing porch lighting and cameras

Develop and implement an alley and footway-gating program

Build positive relationships between community members and police

Open a police sub station on W Baltimore Street

**How Did We Decide on the Goals?**

The Public Safety Committee is the Southwest Partnership’s newest Committee. Formed in **early 2016** to focus specifically on **public safety**, Committee members used their first meetings to brainstorm ways that community members could increase the safety of their neighborhoods. They decided that **increasing porch lighting**, by providing community members with energy efficient light bulbs would be a way to increase safety and community engagement, and that **increasing the number of cameras** in the community was an important project that the community had the capacity to take on. **Alley-gating** closes off alleys to create safe, green space. **Building strong, positive relationships** between community members and police is an ongoing and necessary task.

**What We’ve Done**

**Developed a camera** **installation plan** to meet the need of the neighborhoods

**Developed** a **porch light distribution program** and researched ways to fund it

**Created an alley-gating** proposal and applied for funding

**Began meeting** with property owners and residents affected by the alley gating to receive feedback and support

**Publicized and supported**  police-community clean-up days

**Organized a bicycle safety day** for July 17

**Next Steps**

**Purchase and install cameras according to the developed plan**

**Raise funding for and begin alley-gating on identified alleys bordering W Baltimore St**

**Hold and support positive community-police projects and events**

**Advocate for all of the Southwest Partnership area to be in one police district**

**Implement the porch light program in each of the seven neighborhoods**

**About the Committee**

The Public Safety Committee is made up of community members, public safety officials, and representatives of the partnering anchor institutions who are interested in increasing the safety of the neighborhoods.

It meets the **fourth Wednesday** of the month at **7pm** at **1138 Hollins St**. All are invited to attend.

The Chair of the Committee is JR Lee