The opportunity to speak out about growing problems with drugs, robberies, shootings, and prostitution brought Chicora-Cherokee residents to this community center.

The meeting was organized by local leaders as a chance for residents to speak out and also to initiate a new citizen foot patrol.

Charleston officials such as Councilman Wendell Gaillard, were on hand to explain how a similar patrol known as C-PAD, which stands for Citizen Patrol Against Drugs...has worked in Charleston’s East Side
community to curb a surge in drug activity and violent crime.

Super: Wendell Gaillard
Charleston City Council

SOT: Wendell Gaillard :08
In: Drugs in our community…
Out: believes in that

In fact, officials believe that Chicora-Cherokee’s increase in drugs and associated crimes may be the result of the citizen patrol’s success in the East Side, causing drug dealers and their customers to seek other locations.

Super: Tony Levine
Chicora/Cherokee Neighborhood Assn.

SOT: Tony Levine :41
In: Folks we all have…
Out: it will be

After the meeting, residents signed up to volunteer for the patrol, which will start up after the holidays.

Super: Eliyahev Amiel
Local Business Owner

SOT: Eliyahev Amiel :10
In: We’re not going to…
Out: fear and terror
Stand up close

Super: Danielle Hershon

STAND UP CLOSE: Danielle Hershon

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