



**Attendees:** Priscilla Awkard, Liz Raskopf, Anthony Harris, Derrick Byrd, Bianca Villanova, Tianna Braswell, Matt Hoed, Kelly Wright, P. Patel, Bage' Shade, Andre Heslip, Gabriel O, Kristin Feierabend, Melanie Hemphill, Dalia Place, Gerladine Alshamy, Dan Bulatek, Dynasty Winters, Vickie Adamson, Debbie Huston, Frances Bisby, Richard Moore, Nikki Lyons, Nikki McDougald, DeAnna Jackson, Kearston Ingraham, Vielka Gabriel

**Welcome, Review Agenda and Meeting Minutes**-Priscilla Awkard, Chair

## Executive Committee Report

### Information Presentation GoTriangle Wake Transit - Elizabeth Raskopf

- Go Raleigh has increased services to include Garner and Knightdale.
- Go Passes are available for youth up to their 19th birthday, the Crosby Garfield is a distribution site. They are not required to be students.
- There are some routes that GoTriangle runs from Raleigh to Durham.
- Go Raleigh is working to get more electric buses in the coming weeks. They are also working to develop mobile tickets, as well as a system for those who do not have smart phones.
- There will also be price capping introduced with the mobile tickets.
- A group member mentioned that it appears Zebulon and Wendell are continually left out. There is an express bus for now. There are plans for this in the next proposal. However, service providers commenting will help increase urgency to address the issue
- There is currently a comprehensive survey for all of Wake County. Wendell has asked Go Raleigh to field any concerns that are expressed directly to them.
- One of the goals of Go Raleigh is to enhance services, ex) where you don't have to go Downtown to get to North Raleigh.
- If you have any comments that you would like to share please with [Elizabeth Raskopf](#).

### Social & Economic Vitality Update Verna P. Best, SEV Program Manager

- Dynasty wants to highlight Black History Month, starting at the end of the March. She proposed a Social Justice film tour and Sunday Supper program on the last Sunday of the quarter, 4-6:30 PM. This will entail a showing of a social justice film and a panel discussion.
- If you have any feedback and input on ideas, please email [Dynasty Winters](#) or stop by the Crosby Garfield Center.
- Some movie ideas include Selma, 13, Time Story of Khalif Browder, T. H.U.G
- Melanie Hemphill added that some of the movies may be too much for children to handle.
- Perhaps we can have a separate session for youth with an ACES expert on site to help.
- Geraldine Alshamy added that sometimes it can help illuminate these issues and their importance by showing these films to youth.
- Kristin Feierabend crafted the draft review of 2019 with accomplishments and data. The County Commissioners can continue to support the work we're doing.

- A survey was sent out earlier this year, the comments will be compiled and shared with the results.

#### Action Team Priority Strategies

- Community Leadership Action Team: Dalia Place and Kristin Feierabend
  - The new co-chair for this action team is Richard Brown, facilitate last month's meeting, focusing on a CL roadmap. The goal of this is to identify leadership training opportunities and flex leadership skills in the community. Community Leadership meets monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays. They are wanting to be intentional about the work on action plan and action steps for the next couple of months.
- Racial Equity and Social Justice: Nikki Lyons
  - The committee has decided to take a step back and define equity and how it relates to SEV
  - The equity training will be led by Derrick Byrd. There will be a part 2 on March 11, this workshop will define and finalize the groups definition of equity
  - Verna Best added that SEV wants to focus on diversity, equity and inclusion as one of the areas of the strategic plan. This definition will help us support values and plan programs that honor that value. This is open to community residents. Please RSVP with [Stephanie Sims](#).

#### Community Partner Updates:

- Geraldine Alshamy wants the community to engage in dialogue and start to work at undoing the harm and trauma in the community.
- The next level of training will deal with conflict resolution at the Greater Love Church
- Community Voices for Equity is a coalition whose purpose is to be a voice for issues that are coming up in the community. They meet Thursdays 3-5 PM.
- We need to be asking: is this the quality of education children are receiving?
- Richard Moore's explained there are several issues he can point out within the school system including classroom size, different learning styles in classrooms, and the lack of funding. These concerns need to be addressed. Sometimes one on one assistance can be embarrassing to children as they don't want to be seen being helped. Not giving children the help that they need, problems will continue to grow, these are the kids that will help govern us when we can not
- How many of these partners were present and went to the legislator and demanded that funding be given to schools? When we don't act, we do just as much harm. Geraldine suggests getting someone in to get proper funding for the children. All these issues are tied directly to the Leandro case and lack of funding that the constitution mandates.
- Advance Dental Health is holding health week next week. View their calendar of events for more information. You can find flyers in the lobby.
- City of Parks and Recreation: Summer camp registration starts in March 2020. Financial assistance is available for those that qualify. Up to 50% off. There are payment plan options. [Debbie Huston](#) is available to talk directly with families to help them navigate the process.
- Middle Class Express: Last year it was impactful to have MCE parents register for camp early, well as receiving other resources
- NC College Foundation has \$3600 grants available for students in community college. Find more information [online](#).

- Duke Health: Thank you for your help with the Men's Health screening last September. 46 abnormal prostate cancer screening were found. 4 men were in hypertensive crisis. A report will be dispersed. The event was a great success.
- April 4th -Women's Health Day -free of charge to ANYONE, and the lunch will be provided. Please register by March 15.
- TAPS meet Wednesdays at the Crosby Center.
- CPN resource fair will be February 26th at Chavis Park.
- Spectrum: The open house for the job fair will be March 11, On-site in Morrisville
- Step Up: Jobs workshop next week for ages 18-60
- LIHEAP- still funds available, apply at [wakegov.com/staywarm](http://wakegov.com/staywarm)

**Adjourn.**

**Next CAG meeting: March 17, 2020**