



Attendees: Clif Lavenhouse, Kristin Feierabend, Tamara Perkins, Dalia Place, Debbie Huston, Shelia Reich, Troy Johnson, Nikki McDougald, Jana Avery, Derrick Byrd, Tangela Keaton, Kat Reher, Deidre McCullers, Christal Toodle, Cathey Ector Cox, Robin Williams, Kathy Peterson, Marvin Faulcon, Diana Powell, Priscilla Awkard, Vielka Gabriel

Welcome, Review of Minutes and Introductions

- Meeting called to order by Priscilla Awkard at 9:30 am.
- Introductions

Information Presentation: No Fridays for Music – Jana Avery & Shiva Liverman

- NFM is a creative, digital music space for youth ages 8-14 to learn and explore music production and mixed media like graphic and web design, video editing and social media.
- The program is designed to inspire self-expression, self-worth and creativity through music creation, STEM activities, skill building workshops, community service activities, etc.
- The program is divided into 15 hours units: 2.5 hours, two times a week, for 3 weeks.
- An iPad is provided for class; however, students may use their own.
- NFM seeks to support the S.E. Raleigh area by bringing greater equity and accessibility by narrowing the digital divide and providing opportunities to thrive in this community.
- NFM needs an open space with WIFI access to provide services for the S.E. Raleigh community.
- For more information on this program, visit their website www.nofridaysformusic.com. Contact NFM at nofridaysformusic@gmail.com.

Troy Johnson, Founder – Young Men for Christ

- YM4C is a youth mentorship and rites of passage diversion program for young men. This program uses life-skills, character education and physical activities to spark creative mindsets while enhancing leadership skills.
- The Rites of passage program design includes self-evaluation and a weekly 2- hour impact session.
- There is a need for tutoring partnerships to be able to incorporate scholarships and tutoring into the program. There is also a need for transportation.
- There is also a chivalry segment of the program that teaches relationship building and is funded on a national level.
- For more information, visit their website www.ym4c.org. Contact YM4C at youngm4c@gmail.com.

Social & Economic Vitality Update: Verna P. Best

General Operations

- The Executive Committee meets the first Monday of the month. They decide what action items need to be addressed in the upcoming meeting. There is a lack of participation and attendance by community representatives. A new voting process may be needed.
- Crosby Community day is planned for July 19. In the case of inclement weather, the date will be August 2. Verna will meet with GSA and City of Raleigh partners for the planning meeting next week.
- The CAG aims to be more intentional about involvement of faith-based communities and churches in distributing knowledge of the available resources to the community.
- There is a city commissioner meeting with Dr. West where they will discuss the budget.
- There is a new SEV VISTA and program strategist, Dynasty Winters. She is currently composing an intergenerational survey and more information will be provided at the next meeting. She is also working to increase attendance and frequenting of the Crosby center and meetings and programs by introducing a #WEARECROSBY loyalty program. For every 3 events attended, participants will receive one entry into the monthly raffle and the community day raffle.
- Space requests from the past few months have been submitted to GSA. It typically takes up to 90 days for approval, so please have any tentative room requests and forms submitted to Stephanie to continue moving forward.
- Registration for the Grassroots Nonprofit Leadership Academy ends March 18th. There is availability for up to 25 organizations to participate. The cost is only \$50 and there will be 14 weekly sessions held at the Crosby Center and the ERC (no more than two sessions can be missed). Participating organizations will have the opportunity to pitch for \$500. Please contact Verna Best verna.best@wakegov.com for more information.
- April is Child Abuse Prevention month.
- The leadership team meeting with the Chief of Vitality officer is March 5th from 1-3 at Cooperative Extension building. We would like community partners to be available to assist.
- The CAG Residents' meeting is February 21 at 6PM in room 203.

Action Team Updates

- There will be a joint action team meeting on March 26 at 11:30. The focus will be on September as workforce development month.
- Tangela and Cathey Ector explained Training for Upward Mobility has 3 goals; coordinating and connecting job opportunities, sharing information on career and skill opportunities, and defining a target group to impact (HS youth). TUM has partnered with Leslie Brickhouse of SE Raleigh HS to collaborate and help serve high school students through the Business Alliance Partnership. They would like to support the regional job fairs and identify events and activities for workforce month in September. Leslie has had issues in the past with marketing these opportunities to students.
- The Community Leadership Action Team goal is to build relationships with the community to empower residents to be advocates for their community. There will be a meet and greet at Wingz in SE Raleigh next Tuesday. A survey was given to non-profit leadership organizations to gauge what opportunities are available and to create a database.
- The Racial Equity and Social Justice team is in negotiations with Ligon Middle School to do outreach for Restorative Discipline trainings. The Restorative Discipline community circles are composed of community members and school staff, all working together towards the same goal.

Community Partner Updates

- Summer camp registration begins March 4 with the City of Raleigh. Financial assistance is offered for all programs, for up to 25-50 % off.
- The Raleigh Summer Youth Employment Program is accepting applications online for ages 15-18, \$8.25/hour.
- The 2019 Reentry Summit will be in Greensboro on March 2nd.
- MCE is having FitForLife Tuesday February 19 and Thursday February 21st open to community members.

Next Meeting: March 19, 2019 9:30 AM