



Attendees: Tyler Daniel, Rachael Borowy, Liz Raskopf, Amanda Salami, Derrick Byrd, Ruth Elengi, Bailey Caudle, Rob Shields, Kelly Wright, Kristin Feierabend, Kyle Rose, Nicole Lambert, Sheila Reich, Frances Bisby, Dynasty Winters, Kathy Peterson, Michael Ballen, Gretchel Hinton, Richard Moore, Nikki McDougald, Pamela Ulasi, Priscilla Awkard, Vielka Maria Gabriel, Verna P. Best, Melissa Forde

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

Executive Committee Report

Information Presentation Wake County Housing Affordability & Community Revitalization-
Lorena McDowell, Director of Housing Affordability and Community Revitalization

- [See presentation attached.](#)
- The coordinated services and referral system are based on what services the community offers. Wake County Housing realizes the system is not working
- Oak City Cares is currently the best place to access housing and homelessness resources in Wake County currently.
- There are limited funds available within the City of Raleigh to fix the affordable housing issue. With this issue the county has tried to support areas of the most need.
- The City of Raleigh has been unable to do certain things due to legislation. It can be frustrating to see how other states can come up with innovative ways to help address the affordable housing issue that NC is not.
- The county has begun looking at other ways to leverage finances to support the housing crisis. Basically, buying affordability in houses.
- In 2019, Wake County invested \$15 M to increase affordable housing. However, most of these funds were used for services that attempt to address the problem, not necessarily affordable housing units being built.
- Vielka asked what happened to stockpiled foreclosed houses? Land is more valuable than money currently, so the county stopped that and looked at local land acquisition instead. A policy was developed that states before the county sells anything, the county wants to see if it is appropriate for housing.
- Prevention includes preventing homelessness and rapidly rehousing after losing your home. It is unlikely you can mandate affordable housing if it does not go through a government process. The county is looking for ways to make developer's and their plans both financially feasible.
- Vielka pointed out that affordable housing and low-income housing are completely different topics.
- **SEV Updates**

- Dynasty will be completing another service term with SEV. Thank you to all the work she has done with the Kaleidoscope garden, summer food and the entrepreneurship grant.
- Live Well Wake has services that address transportation, employment, housing, mental health and substance abuse counseling
- Wake Works Program has apprenticeships in vocational areas to learn more about. Once we confirm the location we will disperse and how to support entrepreneurship.
- The faith-based partnership convening went well. It was a wonderful discussion around how their congregations and administrations can be plugged in to work that SEV is doing.
- MCE will be holding orientation on February 4 or February 6. Find more information on [SEV's Facebook page](#). The rebranding of MCE will include looking into broadening the location and duplicating services in the East.
- Racism impacts everyone. We must be honest about it. Everyone is encouraged to participate in an REI Groundwater training February 13. There are only 6 slots available to sign up.

Adjourn.

Next CAG meeting: February 11, 2020