



**Attendees:** Courtney Wilson, Derrick Byrd, Kia Baker, Susan Gardner, Jerry Dodson, Verna Best, Vielka Gabriel, Dynasty Winters, Nikki McDougald, Chad Walker, Malikia Robertson, Tamara Perkins, Geraldine Alshamy

### **Welcome, Review of Minutes and Introductions**

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

### **Executive Committee Report**

- Previous committee members that have been absent have forfeited their position. New community representative candidates will be voted in later. More information forthcoming.
- Residents' meeting attendance has been very low. All remaining Resident's meetings will be canceled to reevaluate the time.
- Vielka mentioned that transportation at night has been an issue in the past. The meetings are also frequent, and there is no childcare available. Also, if the meetings were topic sensitive or something that residents specifically asked for or interests them there may be a larger turnout.

**Information Presentation:** Beacon Site Update- Kia Baker, Executive Director Southeast Raleigh Promise

- The Beacon Site is a community quarterback coordination meant to revitalize the Old Rock Quarry corridor. Within the building will be 120 housing units, bank, restaurants, café, a grocery store, an urgent care, office/business space, as well as South East Raleigh Elementary school (fall semester currently fully enrolled) and a YMCA (opens in September).
- South East Raleigh Elementary will have a rooftop garden, community kitchen, and 2 outdoor pools. All enrolled students will take swimming lessons as part of their PE class.
- SERP aimed to revitalize the community without displacement.
- Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 11:30-2PM at 1436 Rock Quarry Rd is SE Raleigh Community Day. There will be activities, a barbecue, etc.

Yoga4Us- Malikia Robertson, Yoga Instructor

- Malikia one of the winners of the SE Raleigh Innovation Challenge.
- Yoga is not just about poses. Yoga is about overall wellness-mind, body and spirit. We all do yoga daily.
- Yoga can be helpful for weight loss but is not the goal. It is about how we interact with ourselves and the world around us. Stress comes from our internal conversation.
- Malikia would like to hold a community yoga class to incorporate yoga into the everyday lives of SE Raleigh residents.

## **Social & Economic Vitality Update:** Verna P. Best

### General Operations

- Regarding the budget expansion request, data collection has been an issue. SEV is working to create a data collection system to demonstrate participants have been moved out of poverty. There is currently no data collection system in place, this has been an issue on a national level. The CAG can support by advocating for the Crosby Garfield Building to be a service center.
- The Kaleidoscope garden has begun. GSA has begun Phase I of the Kaleidoscope project to clear space for the community garden.
- The Human Services Tour went well last Friday. The board noted the difference in investment in this community center and the Oak City community center.
- 15 organizations are enrolled in The Grassroots Non-Profit Leadership Academy. The first service project will be at the Wendell Senior Center.
- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. April 5<sup>th</sup> is Go Blue Day.
- The Summer Food program begins in June.
- July 19<sup>th</sup> is Crosby Community Day.

**Next Meeting: April 16, 2019 9:30 AM**