

Community Leadership Action Team Meeting Notes

May 22, 2019



Present: Deidre McCullers, Dalia Place, Clif. Lavenhouse, Melvin Jackson, Karen Samson-Goodman, Verna Best, Maura Drewry, Stephanie Sims, Dynasty Winters, Arlene Brown, Nikki McDougald, Shemekka Coleman, Michael Stewart-Issacs

Overarching Goal: Equip Southeast Raleigh residents with the knowledge and skills to lead positive community change.

Notes

Meeting started at 12:06pm

Review of March 27, 2019 Notes

- Melvin motioned to approve the notes as is; Arlene seconded. Minutes approved as is.

Develop our “brand” How is the action team supporting new/existing leaders, and how do we communicate that?

- The group discussed brand phrasing and the Action Team’s role. Suggestions were:
 - Suggested phrasing for brand:
 - Connecting and Convening leaders and supporting the next generation of leaders
 - Emphasize collaborative effort, connection and entrepreneurship
 - Verna added that the intention of CL action team is meant to develop leaders, place them in areas of leadership to be vocal, heard, and empowered. Knowing the current climate, the gap is getting them to the table. Our job should be to make them feel safe, address and remove the barriers to help them participate in leadership in their communities, and influence leadership.
 - The Action Team’s role:
 - Steering leaders towards actions and solutions
 - Addressing the disconnect between community leaders and the community
 - Recruit members of youth organizations that produce youth leaders
 - Other notes from branding discussion:
 - Crosby Community Day on July 19 is a good opportunity to increase membership for the Community Leadership Action Team.
 - Verna and Deidre are planning to meet with residents from Heritage Park, as well as others who attend from various communities, to find out what their needs are, and the plan is to have some meetings there to help assist them with what they want.
 - The group discussed the importance of connecting leaders to opportunities to practice their leadership and having a clear follow up plan.

Youth Meet & Greet: June 25th 6-8pm

- Audience- The meet & greet will be limited to 20-25 participants. Clif. Asked the committee to send all youth serving organizations to him in the 48 hours so he can put together an invite list.
- Location- Working on securing Poe Center. Clif is working on a draft invite and will send to committee.
- Food- Clif will order food from Moe's. (The budget is \$500)
- Program- Clif suggested using questions 5 & 6 from nonprofit survey. Melvin recommended having youth help codesign the program.
- Outline- The group suggested having a facilitator closer in age to the youth to help keep them engaged.
- Incentives- The group suggested having a raffle for gift cards.

Review Survey Results:

- This discussion was tabled and can be added to next month's agenda.

Date for Next Meet & Greet

- A date has not been determined. Shemekka and Arlene volunteered to help plan the next Meet & Greet.

Adjourn: The meeting ended at 1:36pm

Next Meeting: June 26th, 2019 @ Pathways Center (900 S. Wilmington St.) All Action Team agendas and minutes are available online at <http://www.wakegov.com/humanservices/locations/crosby/Pages/Crosby-Garfield-CAG.aspx>