



Attendees: Tex Bennet, Verna P. Best, Dan Bulatek, Derrick Byrd, Wanda Cox-Bailey, Tony F. Craddock, Emma D’Allaird, Lynette Dillard, Cathey Ector-Cox, Melissa Forde, Gina Garcia-Somuk, Alesha Jones-Garrett, Avis Jones, Jarvis Jones, Twanna J. Jones, Tangela Keaton, Sydney Klein, Nikki Lyons, Deidre McCullers, Ursula McCullers, Tamara Perkins, Kathy Peterson, Diana Powell, Kat Reher, Shelia Reich, Hannah Taylor, Christal T. Toodle, Lorna Wesley Parker, Johnette Whichard, Mikia Williams

Social and Economic Vitality Update:

- SEV and 4-H occupying lower level of Crosby – step towards developing Crosby into an anchor asset for the community
- CAG will continue to be involved in what happens in upcoming phases for occupancy and advise on community needs
 - Youth development, education, employment, financial literacy, entrepreneurship, mental and physical health services, housing concerns
 - Share needs with Wake County General Services and Wake County Human Services
 - Efforts should be community led and driven
 - Need to establish criteria and process for third party occupancy in Crosby and ensure accountability of service providers to the community, expectation to partner with other service providers to enhance service delivery
 - How much space available for new tenants? – space on 2nd floor – phase 2, we don’t know square footage/offices/conference rooms until current Crosby tenants (Learning Together and Head Start) can consolidate their current items and space needed
 - Organizations can use lower level space for programming for free
- New occupants of the lower level include:
 - Tamara Perkins (WCHS family services, help to connect families to other services and resources, take walk-ins),
 - 4-H employees: Dan Bulatek, Emma D’Allaird, and Sue (Public Health services such as fitness, nutrition, sexual health, Crosby Discovery Camp, Youth in Transition – foster, homeless, at risk youth, 4-H clubs, outreach specialist to recruit families – grassroots, door to door, home visits, etc.)
 - Vielka Gabriel and Middle Class Express program
 - Verna Best (Social and Economic Vitality Program Manager)
 - Hannah Taylor (SEV Americorps VISTA)
- June 8th Grand Opening – feature community partners and resources, recruit and share info, community activities like music, story telling
- Residents group meet this Thursday 4/19, diverse group with diverse interest levels, continue conversation from last meeting
- Codesign team reconvening for Southeast Raleigh Innovation Challenge 2.0 (internal meeting)

- DHIC, City of Raleigh and other partner organizations are working to address advocacy and education for residents who are the victims of predatory offers to purchase their home. SEV is inviting organizations to come present as a panel and provide comprehensive information and resources on housing
 - Informational flyers will be distributed through SEV mailing lists, CAG members, and trained door to door canvassers
 - Discussion of a street team – how to incentivize to show community that we value their time
 - Work with churches to distribute information – Nikki Lyons can support
 - Get feedback back as soon as possible – Hannah will send out a bulletin to let people give feedback virtually
- Resilience film at Chavis Community Center 4/17/18 – 6pm dinner, 6:30 program begin
- Libraries put together resources on resilience in children

Action Team Updates

- Community Leadership Action Team update: resources/opportunities for people to build leadership skills, development of a tool for residents to get engaged in their desired area (family, school, neighborhood), train people to connect folks to opportunities, table this Saturday at SERP Community Festival – activities on leadership
- Social Justice and Racial Equity action team update: added new members to committee, lots of knowledge/experience from the Wake Disproportionate Minority Contact group brought to action team, supporting returning citizens with immediate needs like housing, transportation, toiletry drive (June). Disproportionality in public school system of discipline from DPS
- Training for Upward Mobility and Labor Market Value Action Team update: first official meeting in April after being put on hold, goal of connecting and coordinating skills and opportunities for people entering/reentering the workforce. Working to identify resources and plan for collaborative and collective impact among organizations and connect those resources to families. There are plenty of resources/services/opportunities in Wake, need to streamline and promote to families so they can make a living wage, think out of the box and try new things, Jobs for Life and Step Up Ministries – want to bring classes to Crosby with targeted recruitment

Community Partner Updates

- Southeast Raleigh Promise (SERP) Community Festival at Walnut Creek Elementary 10am-2pm Saturday 4/21
- SERP/YMCA groundbreaking on Wednesday 4/11
- 2018 NC Fatherhood Conference June 16th 8am-2:30pm, at the Sheraton
- 4/23 Re-entry week in NC: CARC re-entry simulation April 24th at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church 4:30-7pm – deadline for registration on Friday
- 4/18 ERC Resource/Job fair for re-entering individuals, 11 providers and 8 employers 10am-2pm
- Life Tranzitions: Free financial workshop at New Bethel Christian Church – April 21st 3pm
 - Last Thursday of each month for women who are married/want to be married – 26th April – empower women and help them to be better wives
- FRCSA – choices for children coalition – info fair for foster care – May is National Foster Care Awareness Friday May 18th 6-8:30 at JD Lewis Center, free, dinner will be served

- Send out an electronic flyer
 - RSVP by May 4th
- Youthbuild program – still open slots, starts on April 30th
 - Contact Olivia 919 578 3255
- Calendar of all re-entry events – Diana Powell
- Driver's license restoration clinic in Durham, planning for Wake County
- FGFC call for vendors and class facilitators – contact Hannah Taylor (Hannah.taylor@wakegov.com)

Pinwheel Planting in Recognition of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month

- Gina Garcia-Somuk shared an affirmation of hope with the group. She recounted a personal story from her childhood about finding purpose in life and someone who helped her to recognize her own value and purpose.