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Crosby Residents Advocacy Group

August 16, 2018
Minutes

Attendees: AlexAndrea Alexander, Geraldine L. Alshamy, Verna P. Best, Kristin Feierabend, Vielka Maria Gabriel, Ursula Jolly, Clif Lavenhouse, Nikki Lyons, Deidre McCullers, Diana Powell, Hannah Taylor, Christal Toodle, Calla Wright

Welcome

- Discussion on video streaming the residents' group meeting on the Raleigh District C Facebook page
 - Different people have different comfort levels for being videoed or photographed
 - Streaming the meeting makes it more accessible to those who cannot be there
 - The group decided there will be no live streaming in the Residents' meeting today or moving forward (third Thursday at 6:00 pm)

Social and Economic Vitality Update

Work done to date and where we are headed

- Wake County Commissioners wanted to focus on coordinated effort toward asset-based development with a focus on community engagement, living wage employment opportunities, housing affordability, access to healthy food, mental and physical well-being, education, and more
- Amplify community voice, mobilized community could potentially recommend modifications to the goals of SEV
- Crosby Advocacy Group started in 2014 as part of Crosby-Garfield Initiative to connect community members around Crosby to resources and information
- With SEV focus on increased awareness and participation in community-based events and opportunities that address the needs of goals of community residents, establish Crosby as a resource hub for community engagement and service delivery, and sustain the historic presence and community pride of SE Raleigh residents through leadership development and advocacy efforts
- 3 Action Teams -
 - RESJ – focus on returning citizens and breaking the school-to-prison pipeline (Meets 2nd Wed at 12:30)

- Training for Upward Mobility and Labor Market Value – Cradle-to-career support to prepare people for living wage employment and promote entrepreneurial opportunities (Meet 2nd Tues at 11:30)
- Community Leadership Development – building parent leadership, grassroots leadership, and advocacy leadership (meet 4th Wed at 12:00)
- Review 2017 Community Survey – highlighted crime and safety, transportation, housing, jobs and need for job training, among other issues.
- Establish Crosby-Garfield as a hub for human capital development, community engagement
 - Also houses Telamon Head Start, Learning Together 4-H Youth Services
- Current activities at Crosby – Grand Reopening, Jobs for Life, Resilience film screenings, Camp Crosby Summer Camp, Summer Food Site, Middle Class Express Life Coaching, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), Senior Computer Class, CAG and Residents’ groups
- Southeast Raleigh Innovation Challenge – awarded \$120,000 to local entrepreneurs
- SEV Under construction
 - Partner Occupancy
 - Environmental Stewardship and Kaleidoscope project
 - MCE with Food Bank and Millbank Court
 - Housing Resource Connections

Overview of the Executive Committee Structure and voting process

- Group raised issue on the following topics: co-chairs, ballot process, sending out revised minutes
 - Moving forward, when minutes are revised, they will be resent with corrections.
- A sub-committee convened over the past few months to make recommendations to co-chairs for the executive committee
 - Complications arose, August 2nd meeting to make clarifications
 - Discussed keeping current co-chairs for stability, will stagger replacement instead of voting in new co-chairs when the rest of the executive team is voted on
- Lack of communication made the process more complicated
- Who votes – because this is a Wake County organization and program, we cannot say certain people in Wake County cannot participate
- Ballot process instead of hand raising maintains transparency but also gives voters privacy, just as they would when voting in local, state, or national elections

- If someone works on something for 5 months, can it ultimately be thrown out the door?
– Deidre McCullers
- September Meeting will be centered on voting with a tentative agenda of welcome, introductions, minutes, voting with nominees given the option to speak for up to 2 minutes

Upcoming Activities at the Crosby-Garfield Center

+ How you can get involved

- see notes under “Current activities at Crosby” on previous page
- Saturday 8/19 11:00 am-2:00 pm 9th Annual Back to School Community Day at Boys and Girls Club
- Stuff the Bag 8/25 at Lion’s Park – see E-Newsletter for more (sent 8/17)
- Community Health Needs Assessment – see E-Newsletter for more (sent 8/17)

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 20th, 6:00 pm