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Crosby Advocacy Group

Meeting Agenda June 19, 2018 9:30 A.M.
Location: Crosby-Garfield Center

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts” – Winston Churchill

Attendees: Geraldine Alshamy, Grace Alston, Verna P. Best, Kevin D. Bobbitt, Veronica Brown, Derrick W. Byrd, L.W. Codrington, Tony F. Craddock, Cathey Ector-Cox, M. Derrick Faulcon, Kristin Feierabend, Vielka Maria Gabriel, Marion Greaux, Deborah Huston, Avis Jones, Jarvis Jones, Tangela Keaton, Clif Lavenhouse, Deidre McCullers, Paula Norris, Tamara Perkins, Dalia Place, Diana Powell, Shelia Reich, Hannah Taylor, Christal T. Toodle, Johnette Whichard

Welcome, Review Agenda and Meeting Minutes - Diana Powell

- Minutes approved with edits to attendees

SEV Updates – Verna P. Best

- Thank you to those who could attend Wake County Board of Commissioners Work Session presentation on SEV; excellent demonstration of community engagement with partners present
- Crosby Community Event Debrief
 - Successes: Opportunity for resource table organizations to network and community members to connect with each other, great “family reunion” feeling, Elected officials engaged with community residents
 - Next time: Improve marketing and identify best platforms for communication, include other activities like a talent show, engage youth more
 - Need to continue to promote historic aspect of the community that was highlighted with gallery walk
 - Proposal to do an annual event
 - CAG agreed to have this event be annual
 - Need to start planning earlier
 - Approximate budget was \$6,000
- Programming and Scheduling at Crosby-Garfield
 - Organizations that would like to use Crosby facilities must fill out a space agreement and a county staff person must be present during programming or activities. Crosby staff are working to accommodate as many requests as possible
 - Need to work with SEV staff and CAG to create a system for facilities use, especially on the weekend and evening

- SEV will put in expansion request to get more staff for the building, we must demonstrate how much usage and requests Crosby is getting to validate this request
- SEV is currently in phase one: how to utilize the building and make space available for meeting space and training. Phase two will include creating office space for partner organizations
- A few organizations that are currently using Crosby or have plans to include Transitions Lifecare family caretaker support, SNAP-Ed, Rites of Passage, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), and Jobs for Life
- EFNEP educates people on how to eat healthy on a budget and get enough exercise. A series will be at Crosby on Thursdays from July 26-September 13 from 6:00-7:30 pm. The class is looking for more participants
- Action Team Updates
 - Training for Upward Mobility and Labor Market Value: developing a resource hub for job training opportunities for residents in the Southeast Raleigh Area, sharing information on high growth industries and preparing people for those opportunities. Trying to consider out-of-the-box ideas beyond job fairs and posting jobs. This action team meet the second Tuesday of each month from 11:30-1:00 at Crosby. RSVP with Hannah Taylor at Hannah.taylor@wakegov.com or 919-397-8059
 - Racial Equity and Social Justice: Reviewing success of recent toiletries drive and Wake County solicitation policy. Engaging with Wake Local Reentry Council, and considering a Back to School Event in partnership with Ligon Middle. This action team meets the second Wednesday of each month from 12:30-1:30 at Crosby. RSVP with Hannah Taylor at Hannah.taylor@wakegov.com or 919-397-8059
 - Community Leadership: Reviewing goals of the group, working to help people meet their leadership goals at home and in the community. Asset mapping to identify leadership development opportunities. This action team meets the fourth Wednesday of each month from 12-1:30 at Crosby. RSVP with Kristin Feierabend at Kristin_feierabend@ncsu.edu or 919-250-1107
- Potential Kick-off/Transit Event – partner with another event hosted by Learning Together or Head Start such as Play Night or Orientation night. GoTriangle would be present to share about new youth go passes, new routes, job opportunities, and get feedback on recent or proposed changes to new bus routes.
 - Recommendation to consider planning events that would be inclusive of children on year-round school calendars
 - Participate in or promote CAG partner events
 - Lost Sheep Outreach Ministry – large bookbag giveaway August 11 from 10:00-2:00 at 2110 New Bern Ave. Also giving away clothes, face painting, food, haircuts and manicures, and more (distribute flyers)
 - John Wall backpack giveaway
 - KCSSU backpack giveaway on August 25 along with information on financial literacy, mental health, food (distribute flyers)

CAG Executive Team Proposal Final Review Ursula Jolly

- Issue of police officer participation on the executive team
 - Because of police brutality issues in Raleigh, police should not be able to make decisions that will affect citizens of Southeast Raleigh
 - The City of Raleigh is a valuable partner of Social and Economic Vitality and by excluding police we are losing an opportunity to build relationships
- South/southeast Raleigh residents for 7+ years can vote
 - This issue was discussed, some felt it was unfair because it would exclude people while others felt that allowing new residents to vote would take away agency from the longtime residents
- Quorum for voting for executive team officers was discussed but no consensus found

Community Partner Updates and Questions

- How to involve HBCUs in CAG – Shaw was once involved but no longer have a contact, need contacts from HBCUs (Shaw, St. Aug, NCCU)
 - CAG member Clif Lavenhouse will make a connection between CAG and the HBCUs
- Not enough camps or summer opportunities for children with disabilities
 - Movies for children with autism (contact Vielka Gabriel at Vielka.gabriel@wakegov.com for more info)
- Need for signage around Crosby-Garfield because front doors are not entrances, people do not know which way to come in and it is confusing

Next CAG Meeting August 21st, 9:30-11:30 AM