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## Crosby Residents Advocacy Group

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Meeting Minutes

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### **Welcome and purpose** (Diana Powell, Verna P. Best)

Background on Social and Economic Vitality and efforts going on at the Crosby-Garfield Center, background on Crosby Advocacy Group

### **Review June Minutes**

Approved

### **Executive Committee Recommendations Report**

- Subcommittee (4 members) created to iron out details of executive committee, which does not yet exist. Current leadership of CAG and Residents' groups consists only of 2 co-chairs (Diana Powell and Priscilla Awkard)
- Background on executive committee – structure developed to give more leadership, guidance, and implementation opportunities to CAG and Resident's groups, as well as to amplify community voice in decision and recommendation making with 4 community resident spots on executive team
- Recommendations Executive Team planning committee:
  - Law enforcement officials cannot serve on the executive committee (unanimous agreement)
  - Voters must have lived in Raleigh for 7 consecutive years or more (3-1 passed). There will be no verification process, relying on voter integrity.
  - Even if only 2 eligible voters show up on voting day, the vote will proceed (2-2 vote split)
- Discussion: what quorum should be
  - Group voted that quorum will be 5
  - Voting will take place August 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Submit nominations to Hannah Taylor ([Hannah.taylor@wakegov.com](mailto:Hannah.taylor@wakegov.com), (919) 397-8059), Diana Powell ([daplaw123@yahoo.com](mailto:daplaw123@yahoo.com)), Verna Best ([verna.best@wakegov.com](mailto:verna.best@wakegov.com), (919) 801-8640)
  - SEV staff will send out executive committee structure sheet, along with purpose and call for nominees ASAP

### **Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) Demonstration**

- EFNEP class will begin at Crosby in room 210 starting on July 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 pm on every Thursday until September 13<sup>th</sup>. Participants must attend the first and/or second classes to participate. The class is free and open to the public.
- Portion distortion – portions of food have increased over the past 75 years
- Eating with less salt is healthier and we can use herbs to add flavor to homemade food. The class will teach participants how to make small indoor herb gardens with small rocks instead of soil
- Learn good kitchen sanitation practices, children can participate in class, meals are affordable and can be prepared in 20 minutes or less
- Cooking demonstration: Chicken quesadillas – canned black beans, canned tomatoes, fresh cilantro, canned chicken, cheese, and tortillas.

### **SEV Updates**

- Grand Reopening success
- Crosby space use: We are currently in Phase I – using space for Wake County programming as well as partner and community meeting space and training. The space is open for use and is free. Use is based on availability and staff capacity, which we are working to expand. Contact Verna Best ([verna.best@wakegov.com](mailto:verna.best@wakegov.com), (919) 801-8640) for more information. Phase II will consist of offering office space in Crosby to grassroots organizations.
- Social and Economic Vitality partners with Raleigh Citizen's Advisory Councils (CACs) as well as the City of Raleigh in general, for example the City supported the Southeast Raleigh Innovation Challenge.

### **Community Insights**

- Attendees were asked to write insights, goals, project ideas, or other thoughts on sticky notes before they left and share with SEV staff. Staff will incorporate those ideas and thoughts into upcoming activities and meeting agendas.

### **Other Announcements:**

- Voter Registration Drive at Heritage Park on July 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00 pm 416 Dorothea Drive, Raleigh

**Next Meeting August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6pm at Crosby-Garfield in Room 203**