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## CAG Residents Meeting

June 21, 2018 6:30 pm

Minutes

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Attendees:

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm

### **Executive Committee Information Presentation** Deidre McCullers

Overview provided of information discussed regarding meeting held on May 25<sup>th</sup> 2018

- Date set to vote for Executive Members scheduled for 08-19-2018
- Must be 21 and older to vote with exception of Raleigh Police Officers (past or present) are not allowed to vote
- Nominees will share about themselves for no more than 2 minutes prior to balloting
- Will be no secret balloting, vote by show of hands
- Deidre McCullers stated that she was informed during the June 19, 2018 CAG meeting information would be further discussed during this meeting to obtain more feedback and obtain more resident input

Discussion:

- Discussion regarding not having Raleigh Police Department eligible to be part of Executive Team
- Discussion around voting persons being Raleigh born residents vs. someone living in Raleigh for certain number of years
- What are the questions that will be asked of the nominees
- Discussion regarding nativity of Raleigh criteria for executive team position *nominees* versus *voters*
- Executive team planning in agreement with the moving forward with voting based on the community residents that show up to meeting, example given that if you have only 3 residents, will proceed with voting process with those 3 residents

- Resident expressed frustration in that they have a major problem in that they can run for a position but cannot vote; expressed frustration that their voice cannot be heard due to not being a Raleigh born resident; stated that alienation is occurring in this process and is not fair; stated that it's OK for people to do the work, but can't have a voice
- Another resident stated they have put in 13 years as an active Raleigh resident and will not be a resident that is ostracized in this process and not allowed to participate
- Was stated that WCHS staff will not be a part of the Executive Team and the Executive Team is the residents and community agencies
- Statement regarding difference between being a native versus a resident; comment that executive team members must have time to commit and be an active participant on the team
- Statement that people of this meeting are sloppy, disrespectful- don't start on time and that stated they will not hold a seat because of the foolishness that goes on
- Discussion regarding no criteria in place for subcommittee and what is the need for a subcommittee
- Inquiry regarding who is on current Committee and why were they not present this evening- committee members currently are Geraldine, Chad, Ursula, Kevin and Deidre
- During this meeting agreed that at this time not prepared to distribute nominations and need for more awareness and communication to residents in the development and need for their input on the Executive Team

#### **Presentation by DHIC- Yvette Holmes**

- DHIC has existed for over 40 years managing 2200 units in 35 communities
- Gateway Person for connecting with services is Tiffany Wilkins, Senior Administration
- Provides following services- Homebuyer Education, Group Sessions, Individual Counseling, Foreclosure Prevention Counseling and Post Purchases Counseling
- DHIC is aware that residents, mainly senior citizens, are receiving solicitations for their homes at under market or very low market value
- Question from attendee if homes in need of repair could be served by DHIC. During the June 19 CAG meeting information was shared regarding this issue.
- Discussion about cost of appraisals and where can homeowners obtain funds to pay for the appraisal; discussion that can use websites like Zillow, Realtor.com and zipcode can be used to estimate home value
  - Idea presented of having staff with DHIC to have a salaried appraiser on staff that could assist in this capacity

- Discussion about the need for education/support resources for Senior Citizens on fixed incomes and possibly behind on their taxes often become the target for predatory home buying practices, resulting in them selling their homes for below-market rates and becoming homeless
- Question- How can information get to the elderly and they understand it? How do we become specific and get the information out?
  - Discussion about having outreach plan with training of the information to the community, locating home owners with a focus on senior citizens, and then train people on information that home owners need to protect themselves
- DHIC stated they are here to support the community in getting the information to the people
- Need to bring together multiple resources on housing focused on education seniors. Possibility of canvassing. Community resident (Geraldine Alshamy) volunteered to serve on committee to develop this strategy and move forward
- HUD Federal Funding can be used to obtain counseling services and the \$40 fee one-time fee could be waived if determined to cause hardship on the family
- Discussion regarding difference between affordable housing (low to moderate income) and low-income housing. 30-40% under levels to housing and the needs for the community; all are grouped together and seen as one by DHIC

### **Recap/Announcements**

Overview of what to expect for Crosby ReGrand Opening Event on tomorrow (32 Organizations for onsite resource fair, DJ, activities and games for kids, food, speakers, vocalists, performers, raffle prizes), event is Rain or Shine

### **Community Updates**

REI Training- \$295 adult/\$125 children; currently no scholarships for September class but will have scholarship in November

July 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 4pm-8pm event for rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders

July 20<sup>th</sup>-July 21<sup>st</sup> event @ Pullen Park with free ice cream from Ben n Jerry's with breakfast, lunch and dinner provided; moving forward will be free for children

Bring Back the Village hosting a CPR Training for ages 16 and up; Date and time to be determined

Question of how to get more residents to these meetings

- Have a dialogue and conversation with residents
- Mentioned that people don't come because of the structure of the meeting
- Community needs to hear and see that people are not the old DSS and that we have people with passion for the people

Meeting ended @ 7:54pm