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Crosby Residents Advocacy Group

March 15th, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions (Priscilla Awkard)

History and Establishment of Residency group

The Crosby Advocacy Group (CAG) was established in 2014. The residents group was established in March 2018.

Overview of SEV given with PowerPoint presentation (Verna Best)

Social and Economic Vitality works to amplify the community voice in Southeast Raleigh and Eastern Wake County, focusing on issues of health and wellness, civic engagement, education, and employment.

There are three action teams under the CAG:

- Community Leadership (overview given by Kristin Feierabend)
- Racial Equity/Social Justice (overview given by Nikki Lyons) Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month 12:30-1:30pm (RSVP with Hannah Taylor at Hannah.taylor@wakegov.com)
- Training for Upward Mobility and Leadership (overview given by Verna Best) meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month from 11:30-1:30 (RSVP with Hannah Taylor at Hannah.taylor@wakegov.com)

CAG Executive Team: positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian/Historian and 4 community Representatives; these positions are open to anyone.

WELCOME RESIDENTS (3 Questions that were discussed during the meeting with all residents and persons present providing feedback)

1. What do you love most about your community?

- History/diversity within the community; stated are at a crossroad to push and bring voice back to the community to move things in a positive and right direction.
- Size of Raleigh- Is large enough to be city but not too large and small enough to be considered safe and able to raise your family.
- How to preserve our people- make history and for all people to respect our community as individuals and the culture of the community.
- What do you hate about your community should be another question*

2. What are the 3 most important issues to be addressed?
- Low income housing or lack of housing (people living hotels or homeless due to lack of transportation or employment, among other barriers)
 - Diminish/decrease the presence of police from a negative stance by more of being a support and resource to help the community
 - Economic resources - Being in the know and where to go for services
 - Senior Citizen employment and training
 - Education Resources
 - Need for Chavis Pool to be open and available for use
 - Sentiment that things have been taken away from the community and funds are only given when certain “people” have moved into the community. Some felt that city officials lacked transparency with the community and focused on their own self-interests.
 - Employment in the community- Discussion about the new business Alamo (Longview Shopping Center) is seeking employees but having hard time with people applying; community resident stated that if criminal history is a factor this may be an automatic reason people are not applying
 - Health Food Retail options
 - Unleashed dogs in the community*

The group agreed to table the remaining 2 questions until the next meeting on April 19, 2018

Community Insights/Updates

- ADHOC Committee Boyd Hall- Free/March 22nd@ 8:30am Faith and Health Collaboration Conference @ Shaw University/Finance Workshops help by Life Transitionz on March 24th @ New Bethel Church/South Central Church of Christ hosting on March 29th 9am-4pm Workshop addressing Opioid Crisis in Wake County

Discussion ended with facilitator stating that we must have a mindset to move forward and not focus of events or situations that occurred in the past; have forward progression in our thinking and actions

NEXT MEETING 04-19-2018 @ 6:30pm

***Amendments made after April Meeting**