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*“Life is like a tree and its root is consciousness. Therefore, once we tend the root, the tree as a whole will be healthy” – Deepak Chopra*

**Attendees:** Geraldine Alshamy, Maggie Bailey, Verna P. Best, Chris Brasier, Tony Craddock, Lisa Crosslin, Jerry M. Dodson, Donna Farrar, Kristin Feierabend, Ashley Hooper, Ursula Jolly, Avis Jones, Tangela Keaton, Clif Lavenhouse, Deidre McCullers, Laniesha Merritt, Bonnie Parker, Tamara Perkins, Dalia Place, Diana Powell, Liz Raskopf, Denise Spaugh, Hannah Taylor, Chad Walker, Ruthie Wofford

**Welcome, Review Agenda and Meeting Minutes** Diana Powell co-Chairs

Minutes approved with a correction

#### **Final Feedback on Executive Committee Structure**

- Need clarity that residents can serve in any position, not only as community representatives
- Timeline to implement the Executive Team will be during the first quarter of next fiscal year (July-September)
- Moving forward, we need to develop a process for nominations, voting, and descriptions/responsibilities for each position so people know what they are signing up to do.
  - If you would like to be a part of this process, please contact Hannah Taylor at [Hannah.taylor@wakegov.com](mailto:Hannah.taylor@wakegov.com)
- Importance of making sure the community understands what the CAG is and ensure residents feel welcome to participate

Crosby Advocacy Group voted to approve the structure of the executive committee

**Social & Economic Vitality Update** Verna P. Best/Hannah Taylor

#### **All Things Crosby**

- Conference rooms and public computer access is available for community use and needs to be advertised. SEV staff is working to address printing for the computers. In the meantime if a community member needs to print they may ask a SEV staff member.
- There are still three spots open to children aged 8-11 from Southeast Raleigh before the camp becomes open to the general public on Friday 5/18
- SEV VISTA Hannah Taylor is working to establish a composting system and pollinator garden that will benefit youth and other community members who can learn about the importance of gardens and composting for the environment.
- SEV staff have developed a draft schedule of programming for the Crosby-Garfield building and is accepting feedback.

- Summer Food Program sites need support such as children's activities, advertisement and volunteers. If your organization can help, please contact Vielka Gabriel ([vielka.gabriel@wakegov.com](mailto:vielka.gabriel@wakegov.com)) and attend the informational meeting at Crosby May 30th at 1pm in room 001
- NC State Institute for Nonprofits is working with SEV to develop a capacity building training for nonprofits working in SE Raleigh and Eastern Wake. The training will be for approximately 12 weeks this fall to learn about leadership, board governance, financial management, record keeping, marketing, fundraising, applying for grants.
  - If your organization would be interested in participating, please contact Verna Best at [verna.best@wakegov.com](mailto:verna.best@wakegov.com). Share what specific needs your organization has so the curriculum can be tailored to community needs.
- Grand Reopening of Crosby is scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup> 4-8pm. The planning team is developing a budget and a schedule for entertainment, music, food, guest speakers, community resident volunteers, decorations. If you would like to participate in this event, please contact Hannah Taylor at [Hannah.taylor@wakegov.com](mailto:Hannah.taylor@wakegov.com)
  - Theme: Honoring the past, living the present, celebrating the future
  - Organizations can set up tables to share info to the community (free to have space)
  - Focus on welcoming the community

#### Resilience Screening

- The ACE (Adverse Childhood Experience) that will be focused on this month is Mental Health challenges in the family. Community Counseling, Education, and Research Center (CCERC) and other resources will be present for community members.

#### Southeast Raleigh Innovation Challenge 2.0

- SEV is looking for volunteers to serve on the planning team for the 2018 Southeast Raleigh Innovation Challenge. Please contact Verna Best at [verna.best@wakegov.com](mailto:verna.best@wakegov.com) if you are interested.

#### Action Team Updates

- Community Leadership
  - Next meeting May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:00 at Crosby in Conference 001, RSVP to Kristin Feierabend
  - Working to take an inventory of leadership opportunities in Southeast Raleigh and understand resident's interests and barriers to participating in leadership development activities.
- RESJ
  - Next meeting June 13<sup>th</sup> 12:30 at Crosby in Conference 001 RSVP to Hannah Taylor
  - Toiletries drive during the month of June to benefit clients of the Family Resource Center
  - Considering submitting an application for NC Department of Public Safety funding for programs/initiatives that address Disproportionate Minority Contact
- Training for Upward Mobility
  - Next meeting: June 12<sup>th</sup> 11:30 at Crosby in Conference 001 RSVP to Hannah Taylor
  - Formative stages (thought survey was mentioned)

## **Information Presentations**

Wake County Transit Plan – Ashley Hubbard and Elizabeth Raskopf

- Expanding bus service (more frequent and Sunday service), improved bus stops, bus rapid transit, commuter rail are all coming to Wake County as soon as July 1
- Survey open until end of May
- GoTriangle is always open to public comment

Terra Vita – Maggie Bailey

- Teach people how to plant and care for trees and show the benefits of tree planting
- Can do children's activities

## **Community Highs & Lows**

All CAG Members

- Charges dropped on man bitten by law enforcement dog, police indicted
- J. Cole concert at Dix Park controversy

**Next CAG meeting June 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30 A.M.**