

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham
Health and Housing Committee**

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June 15, 2021

Minutes

Facilitator: Caressa Harding

Meeting Outcomes

- Outcome 1: Increase knowledge on City of Durham Neighborhood Improvement Services (NIS) community capacity-building work
- Outcome 2: Elect committee co-chairs
- Outcome 3: Introduction of new Partnership Coordinator

Present: Caressa Harding, Marissa Mortiboy, Don Bradley, Bria Miller, Manuel Hyman, Charlene Reiss, James Davis Jr., Lenora Smith, Alexis John, Lynwood Best, Kendra Hinton, Laura Biediger, Donna Biederman, Brian Goings			
Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Recommendations	Action Steps
Welcome			
Review of May Minutes – Caressa – 5 minutes	There were no changes to the May minutes.		
Guest: Assistant Director Neighborhood Improvement Services – James Davis Jr. & Colleagues- 30 minutes	<p>James Davis Jr. is the Assistant Director of City of Durham Neighborhood Improvement Services (NIS). The Affordable Housing Implementation Committee has opportunities for residents to apply for funding request for proposals (RFPs). There are concerns about community members having the capacity to apply for the grants and understand the process.</p> <p>There are four functions of NIS- Code Enforcement, Impact Team, Human Relations and the Community Engagement Team. They envision a community where residents are actively involved, can engage and impact the community. People make decisions based on choices available to them. Indecision is one choice; it may be due to lack of knowledge of choices or feeling as they do not have the power to give input or make decisions. NIS focuses on areas in Durham that are historically underrepresented.</p>	<p>Don Bradley suggested facilitating community members in identifying and participating in community advisory groups outside the city and county, e.g. Duke Health System Community Advisory Board.</p> <p>Marissa suggested that NIS reach out to</p>	

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	<p>Alexis John shared the NIS equitable engagement blueprint. How do they encourage and support City departments in doing equitable engagement? The blueprint was created about three years ago. The next question is how to implement the plan across all departments in the City. NIS is identifying the tools and trainings to provide to staff. They have been talking with County staff on how to align equity efforts with the City. There are a series of steps and principles listed in the plan to ensure reaching all populations. The plan includes different types of engagement such as online and knocking on doors. Going into the community works best for Black and Brown communities in order to build trust and relationships.</p> <p>NIS launched the Community Partner Development Course in fall of 2020. The course reviewed scopes, project plans, insurance, contracts and different forms to help community members understand the RFP process. There were seven responses to the \$100,000 RFP offered following the course. Six qualified and four received funding.</p> <p>The next steps are to work with North Carolina Central University (NCCU) to develop a noncredit certificate course in fall 2021 that will include information on healthy organizations, communications and working with fiscal agents. NIS would like to extend the contracts with the partners they are currently working with.</p> <p>The City supplied funds for community engagement. Community members plan and guide community engagement and provide funding to do that work. NIS put those funds into contracts with community groups in the Fayetteville St. and East Durham areas. This was done shortly before the COVID-19 pandemic. The contracted groups were able to pivot quickly during the pandemic in spring 2020 to address community food and other needs. The second round of community partners wouldn't necessarily have LLCs set up and faced other barriers in applying for funds. The goal</p>	<p>Pam Diggs with Blue Cross Blue Shield regarding funding.</p> <p>Here is the link to the NIS YouTube list with the recordings https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLLeX6M8cvLwNeBp8p8XJBLf-TFDZeh0Ki.</p>	
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	<p>was to support communities apply for funds, understand the City procurement process, contracting, insurance, etc.</p> <p>The City is entering into a contract with Legal Aid to assist those facing eviction in Durham.</p>		
<p>Co-chair nominations - Marissa -10 minutes</p>	<p>The committee membership elects co-chairs each year for the July 1-June 30 terms. The co-chairs are responsible for developing meeting agendas, leading the meetings, helping develop Community Health Improvement Plans and serving on the Steering committee.</p> <p>The nominees for the 2021-2022 term are Don Bradley, Brian Goings and Charlene Reiss. They shared why they would like to be co-chair. The top two vote getters will serve as co-chairs for 2021-2022. Committee members should vote here- https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021HealthandHousingCoChairElection.</p>		<p>Donna and Caressa will send the voting link following the meeting so those not in attendance can vote.</p>
<p>New Partnership Coordinator- 5 minutes</p>	<p>Bria Miller is excited to be in the Partnership Coordinator role. Her first day was Monday, June 14. Her past work includes facilitation, training, community engagement and education in Alamance and Caswell counties. Her focus areas have been mentorship, human trafficking and violence prevention.</p>		
<p>Announcements All – 5 minutes</p>	<p>One of NIS community partners is Fayetteville Street Corridor Fellows (Be Connected) hosting an event Friday, June 18 at Hayti: https://www.facebook.com/beconnecteddurham/.</p> <p>Bragtown is celebrating Juneteenth on Saturday, June 19 at Lakeview Park. You can also see the bus tour on their Facebook Page- https://www.facebook.com/BragtownCommunityAssociation/.</p> <p>Donna will be on a panel with Legal Aid in late June and will share with the group. The topic is the intersection of health and housing.</p>		

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	<p>The City of Durham Community Development Department has a US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant approved by City Council. The grant is for people living in homes built before 1978, children under 6 and 80% of Area Median Income (AMI). This will assist with lead abatement and removal for homeowners and rentals. Lenora Smith will share more details when they are available.</p>		
<p>Next Meeting: July 20, 2021 at 8:30 am via Zoom</p>			