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**Community Advisory Board**

**Minutes for June 26, 2020**

* **Welcome/Introductions**
  + Attendance: a total of 25 people were noted as logged in by platform report:
    - Kathleen O’Connell (WCFL); Joan Balbuena (BCOH); Lisa Knight (resident); Ashley Ciampo (resident); Tony Williams (Beacon House); Deirdre Norris (IABTBAB); Denise Khuna (BCOH); Jen Younker (BCOH); Susan Dagliano Lopez (resident); Kay Papeskov (resident); Suetta (resident); Kellie Brie (resident); Lakeisha Thrower (resident); Leeann Santiago (resident); Kim Adams (resident); Monica Johnson (BCOH); Nadine Thompson (resident); Nya Seward (resident, Beacon House); Rachel Nichols (resident): Samantha Barrett (BCOH); Thomas Rawlings (stakeholder); Bill Young (BCOH); Laura Wilson (resident); Salima Covington (stakeholder); Kerry Fair (BCOH);
  + What do you like the most about the south end of Hagerstown?
    - Friendliness of residents; the kids
    - People talk and work together; collaboration
    - Beauty of environment such as parks; lots of “hidden gems”
    - People want to help and look out for each other
    - Seeing familiar faces in different places
    - Information is shared so everyone can benefit; resource info is shared
    - The growth of the community in the past four years
* **Schools:** 
  + South End 21 total enrollment: 30 @ BES and 17 @ ERHMS
    - Virtual programming began shortly after school closed
    - May 15th Family Friday – Virtual art night and meal provided to 29 families
  + School Based Health Clinic total enrollment: 221
    - 177 Health Bags delivered to families – consisted of gloves, face shields, and bandana and hair ties to make a mask
  + Walking School Bus total enrollment: 180
    - Walking School Bus did not operate after March 13, 2020
    - Discussion about safety of children walking to school and crossing guards
    - Law enforcement presence, parent stewards, teaching children how to be crossing guards given as suggestions
* **Families:** 
  + March, April, May total of 23 referrals and 19 successful transitions
    - March:  39 families, 183 individuals
    - April:  37 families, 194 individuals
    - May: 37 families, 197 individuals
    - A total of 181 home visits and 195 service connections
  + July 22 @ 6 pm – Virtual Parent Café (Link will be on Facebook)
  + Upcoming project for families we are working with
* **Community:** 
  + South End Walking Loop: Kick off for March 20, 2020 was postponed due to Covid-19
  + Community Boards have been updated frequently to serve as a source of information about resources, Governor’s office orders, and important information. Many of those in attendance have seen the boards and used them as a source of information. The suggestion was made to approach the Housing Authority about posting information in the board at the community center at Frederick Manor.
  + Community Enhancement Projects:
    - Crosswalk Design Contest at Bester Elementary School – postponed due to Covid-19
    - Crosswalk repainting and hatching: partnership with the City to repair, repaint and hatch 5 crosswalk locations for improved safety and visibility
    - Locust Point Market “Welcome” Mural coming soon!
    - Fountain at round-a-bout heading towards Funkstown
    - More trash cans throughout town – ones that can be decorated
    - Splash pad
    - Dog park or fountain for pets
    - Update to Rocky’s Pizza billboard
    - Community pride art project
    - Community yard sale
  + Suggestion of having a drive in movie as something to do with kids
  + Collaboration between small businesses and sports teams in South End suggested
  + Basketball program for children utilizing Bester Elementary basketball courts suggested
  + #spreadHOPE Postcards being sent out to all residential addresses in South End
  + 5th Annual South Side Community Block Party: September 19, 2020
    - Block party moved to being virtual with a fully operating app
    - Still going to have musical entertainment
    - Other activities may include chalk art, scavenger hunt, live stream virtual dance party
    - SURPRISE ENDING to the evening!!!
    - Suggestions for activities– face mask decorating contest, photo/video contests, Virtual face paint? Filters that make you young/old/opposite gender/etc., virtual sing-a-long/karaoke event, Beacon House Zoom activity for children during the day, parade
  + Community Coffee on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am – Zoom link posted on Facebook

 Open Discussion, Community News and more

* Beacon House moving to 382 S. Cleveland Ave.! Will be a fully licensed child care provider through MSDE for South End. Also offering free summer camp for 6 weeks to children ages 5-11.

**Next meeting date: September 25, 2020**