

**Team:** Newtown CHAT

**Date:** May 27, 2014, 6:00pm

**Place:** Robert L Taylor Community Complex

**Next Meeting Time/Place:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014, 6:00pm

## Attendees:

Vicki Bartz, Pascale D. Edouard, Barbara Powell- Harris, Che Barnett, Barbara Langston, Tom Higgenbotham, Kristian Blessington, Lorna Alston, Beverly Phelps

## Updates, Progress & New Information Since Last Meeting

- Janie's Garden Youth Programs
  - Pascale met with Derrick O' Kirce, the Associate Director and Youth & Family Services about providing nutrition & gardening education during their youth summer program
    - Summer Youth program will begin the week on June 9<sup>th</sup> on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9 to 12.
    - Youth targeted will be from the ages of 8 and older
    - There is a possibility to work with their youth programs that are offered throughout the year
- Newtown Youth Curriculum is still being worked on
  - Youth for Community Health Activism for Newtown Growth, Empowerment & Excellence (C.H.A.N.G.E.E.)
- HARD:NOC Teen Program
  - HARD:NOC will not be engaged during the summer, they will resume with a new group of teens for the year in the Fall
- Barbara Langston and Steve Gilbert of the Amaryllis Park Neighborhood Association met with the Chief of Police & are interested in a summer youth programs
- Barbara Powell-Harris mentioned reaching out to the faith based organizations to engage their youth programs
- Roy McBean Boys & Girls Club
  - Pascale will circle back to Barbara Bane about working with their youth during the summer

## MLK Street Farmer's Market

- Che Barnett provided us with an update on the progress of the MLK Street Farmer's Market
  - Reconvening the Newtown Open Air Marketplace with a soft launch date of Saturday, July 12 during the Taste of Newtown
  - Goals of the market places are to:
    - Broaden access to healthy foods in the community and provide youth & family education on the importance of healthy eating
      - Marketplace would accept EBT cards
      - Marketplace would also offer the Double Value Coupon Program through Wholesome Wave as an incentive to customers

- Help increase economic development with Newtown
- Develop the skills, organize and legalize the selling of products of current Newtown Street vendors
- Currently in the process of working on a plan to submit to the city as it relates to zoning ordinances & working with vendors that are licensed and ready to go
- Timeline approximately 1 to 2 years
  - Phase one of the project is to work with the vendors
- Barbara Langston is proposing in conjunction with the marketplace to also have a food truck alley in the business district
  - Forming a business alliance
  - Currently working on leasing property to use
  - The food truck alley would also provide residents with goods to sell, but no truck a place to sell their food items
- Currently Barbara Langston and Che are working on an agreed upon location for marketplace and food truck alley

## Announcements

- Newtown Redevelopment Office
  - CEO Business Class Graduation
  - Tuesday, June 10 at 6pm; Robert L. Taylor Community Complex
  - Contact Lorna Alston for more information, 941-365-2200

## CHAT Chair

- Recruitment for a CHAT chair. Anyone interested (or willing to nominate someone) should contact Pascale ([pascale@CHIP4health.org](mailto:pascale@CHIP4health.org) ; 861.2779)

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Invite an interested community member!**