Sarasota County Community Data Collaborative Meeting Notes

April 24, 2013 – Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County

First Name	Last Name	Neighborhood	Organizational Affiliation
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Frank	Levey	Sarasota Golf	SproutCamp, BarCampSRQ, Suncoast Technology Forum
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Trevor	Melderis	South Gate	Sarasota County GIS
Sherry	Weydert		Manatee County Neighborhood Services
Catherine	Wolfe	Uplands	SCOPE, New College

I. Welcome/Introduction
    a. Attendees introduced themselves

II. Review/Approval of Meeting Notes
    a. Minutes not yet approved.
    b. Meeting is being audio recorded

III. What is a Collaborative – Tim Dutton
    a. Tim described a Collaborative. See his notes and articles.
    b. General consensus that this definition fits the efforts of this group.
    c. Collaboratives can be geared towards solving a problem or setting a common future. This group seems to be more about a shared, desired future.
    d. Facilitate dissemination of information
        i. Resident-centricity
        ii. Resident-contributed
    e. What is data and what is information? Who is in which role related to this topic? Need reporting tools that residents have access. What kinds of programs and what kinds of questions are needed to produce the results? Ask the questions in a way that allows complex queries.
    f. What are the prerequisites for a Collaborative?

i. Structural relationships and power issues. There are always power issues around how decisions are made.
        ii. Are there clear understandings among the parties? Labor together for a common outcome.
        iii. What are the mechanisms for decision making and for implementation? Still in the process of being resolved.
        iv. "If it feels uncomfortable, challenging and overwhelming, you're probably on the right track."
        v. Does the effort have enough time, money and staff resources?
    g. Dynamics of a Collaborative
        i. Analysis
        ii. Establish a common future vision
        iii. Commitment
        iv. Other stakeholders are identified and legitimized
        v. What type of convener is best to bring the group together
    h. Leadership – basic foundation is democracy and inclusivity. Very flat organization. Leadership, if at all, is broadly shared.
        i. Facilitation
        ii. Liaison to technical expertise
    i. Seven questions that we consider – ask people to do it as homework. Write up answers and bring to meeting next month. (See handout)
    j. What are some of the reactions?
        i. We have to get a focus. Can't be everything. Brainstorm everything.
        ii. Represent your organization and represent your neighborhood. Some can't do both and wonder if they can be part of the Collaborative if they aren't doing both.
        iii. Defining a common purpose could really help because the scale and scope of ideas.
        iv. Encourage people to chat about ideas in small groups, if desired.
        v. Data standardization is important. Data cleaning is time consuming.
        vi. Decision tools in the community realm: Data=what is it? Knowledge=how does it work? Decision=is it working?
        vii. Data to be available at such a scale to enable decisions to be made at that scale.
        viii. Look at these questions for connecting everyone together.
        ix. If this is resident-centric, then look for citizens who represent other citizens.
        x. Want input, but people usually don't like to participate until the purpose is defined and it matches what they care about.
        xi. Start using language; make sure we get input from; how people make decisions in their place at a scale that's meaningful to them.
    k. Schedule workshops to: share back the data gathered during Community Data 2.0; Share what's going on here with the platform; decide about qualities of life that matter/narrow down a list of qualities. Engage residents and citizens that matter to

inform what data to put in the community platform later. All of the knowledge from those sessions will be provided to the Collaborative.

    l. Spatial relationships to this data.

    m. Still feel like we're making decision about how and what data is going to be on the platform without finding out what/how people want it.

    n. All the data that we want in there is still not quite in the platform yet.

IV. Datasets & Data Stewards

    a. Discussion: Data Collaborative Purpose and Agreement of Understanding

        i. Colleen handed out an agreement of understanding, not intended to be a legal document

        ii. May evolve further after the homework and discussion for next week

    b. Dataset: Discussion of Arrest Data

        i. It was intended to be more about the neighborhood, not just crime data. Discussion about full set of data vs. being positive

        ii. Question about linking to other sites, not being the steward of the data. Others not sure if we should link. Then a discussion about test-driving with the residents to see what data they do/don't want.

        iii. What is the basic data and then allowing for interest to come up and ask for more and different data

        iv. Discussion about how and to whom feedback/suggestions goes on the platform

    c. SCOPE working to contribute "Life is Good" videos to platform next month

V. Platform and Technologies

    a. Suggestion to change descriptions from gibberish to "this in a draft and will be updated…"

    b. Open Green Map Launch: need assistance from Data Collaborative

        i. UF/IFAS, SCOPE, County, others to launch new green map

        ii. Colleen to send a link just to see if it's working prior to the big launch

    c. Update on the Community Platform

        i. Urban Institute continuing to work on requested changes

            1. Discussion about decision to use Urban Institute: relating to timeliness of updates, annual contract, etc.

        ii. Dashboard Module in Development

        iii. Drawing neighborhood polygons – longer discussion for another day

VI. Announcements

    a. Frank invited folks to upcoming barcamp, un-conference. Handed out postcards on the event. And Ignite Tampa Bay is tomorrow night.

    b. Tim talked to the Library folks about contributing data at the neighborhood scale

    c. Tim talked to IT guy and superintendent of schools about data. There is a lot of work they are doing about their conversion of their data system. So more information to

come about what can be contributed. There was progress about willingness to participate and contribute. Discussion about signing confidentiality agreement to see if data could be shared.

VII. Next meeting – May 22

    a. Trevor volunteered to host, either at Downtown, east or Twin Lakes.

Meeting Notes drafted by Jane Grogg for Community Data Collaborative Approval

Meeting Notes approved by Data Collaborative on May 22, 2013.