**Data Stewards Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Session:** Monthly Meeting of the Data Stewards/Sarasota County Community Data Collaborative

**Date:** Monday, June 25, 2012

**Location:** McCown Towers, Sarasota Housing Authority

**In Attendance:**

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| First Name | Last Name | Neighborhood | Organizational Affiliation |
| Esther | Eugene |  | Sarasota Housing Authority |
| John | Lambie | South Gate | Florida House |
| Colleen | McGue | Central-Cocoanut | SCOPE; Institute for the Ages |
| Trevor | Melderis | South Gate | Sarasota County GIS |
| Ivy | Muir | Gulf Gate | EDC |
| Lou | Murray | Ellington (Manatee) | Bethlehem Baptist Church |
| Lisa | Nisenson | Siesta Key | Florida House |
| Allison | Pinto | Central-Cocoanut | SCOPE; Banyan Sprout |
| Kyle | Stevens | Golden Gate | EDC |
| Jason | Winoker | Twin Lakes Park | Sarasota County GIS |

**Agenda:**

* **Introductions**
* **DATASETS**
  + **Update on data contributed so far & data in cue for conversion**
* **ONLINE PLATFORM**
  + **Preliminary framework for neighborhood comparisons**
  + **Anticipating platform comparisons for local platform selection**
* **CLARIFYING QUALITY OF LIFE INDICATORS**
  + **Upcoming Community Data 2.0 sessions**
  + **Update on Life is Good video stories**
* **REFLECTION**
  + **RCC Fellowship & Community of Practice**
* **Review of timeline for upcoming 3 months**
* **Announcements – Setting next meeting – Monday, July 30, 11 – 12:30**

**What follows are notes of the presentations and conversation associated with each session.**

1. **Introductions**

* Everyone introduced themselves by name, neighborhood, and institutional/associational group affiliation (as a way of reinforcing our neighborhood-based and cross-scale/cross-sector orientation).
* Ms. Eugene introduced us to the space: many of the residents of McCown Towers qualify for public housing or housing choice voucher. The residents include a mix of persons of different ethnicities, older adults, persons who are disabled, and veterans.

1. **Datasets: Those contributed so far to the Community Platform**
   * Who are we? (Demographics)
     1. All data available through census at the block scale and neighborhood boundaries
   * Boundaries
     1. Neighborhoods
     2. Census blocks
     3. Census block groups
     4. Census tracts
     5. Zip codes
     6. School attendance zones
     7. Voting precincts
     8. Police precincts
     9. Watersheds
     10. Commission districts
     11. Provision of social services, flood zones, velocity zones all should be there as well
   * What’s life like here?
     1. Stories: about 75 to be organized by neighborhood
   * How are we doing?
     1. Social: tend to be negative, like Sherriff’s Data
     2. Learning: school attendance, reading and math achievement from 3rd grade and high school
     3. Civic involvement: registered voters
     4. Health: infant mortality, low birth weight, health births, death by diabetes
     5. Economy: all American Community Survey data available at census tract level
     6. Natural environment: impervious surfaces, green map data
     7. Built environment: housing tenure, utilities
     8. Transportation: bus routes
   * What have we got?
     1. Parks & natural lands
     2. Houses of worship
     3. Libraries
     4. Schools
     5. Businesses
     6. Nonprofit orgs
     7. Hospitals
     8. Fire stations
     9. Bus routes
     10. railways
2. ***Comments and questions from Data Stewards on Data for Policy Making:***

* Data helps determine what indicators to use and indicators determine the data.
* Use quality of life indicators identified from Community Data 2.0 sessions from citizens: citizen input ranked higher than professional input
* Mr. Murray talked about his experience where he lived in Michigan: everyone had data on the community except the community. Data is power.
* What data on positive indicators of social well-being could be collected? What other indicators of well-being?
  + Spirituality (social)
  + Information on adult learning: Lifelong Learning academy and SCTI (learning)
  + Advisory councils to different cities (civic involvement)
  + Food stamps and SSI, in terms of social dollars (economics)
  + Approach DCF to see what is available (economics)
  + Where are farmers markers? (economic)
  + Where is the barter economy (economic)
  + Large employers in a neighborhood (economic)?
  + Vacant commercial properties through property appraiser (built environment)
  + Foreclosures (built environment)
  + Water usage (built environment)
  + NAICS codes (built environment)

1. **Online Platform: The challenge of county-wide comparisons**
   * How to compare neighborhoods to all other areas of Sarasota County when not all areas have been identified as part of a neighborhood so far…
   * Examined map of neighborhoods identified vs. map of census block group
   * Group decided that we would only compare neighborhoods to neighborhoods, rather than filling them on: make it clear there will be an “opt-in” system. Users will be able to define their own boundaries
   * Next month we will spend time looking at neighborhoods and the way the platform is being inhabited.
   * We will provide a guide to comparing with other community platforms for folks to look at them over time. In the meantime, Data Stewards are invited to continue sending along platforms to compare with our own.
2. **Clarifying Quality of Life Indicators**

* Three Community Data 2.0 Workshops coming up:
  + Data 2.0: A Neighborkids’ Perspective – Saturday, July 14th from 9am-1pm at the Robert L. Taylor Complex
  + Data 2.0: Sarasota- mid-August, TBD
  + Data 2.0: A Older Adults’ Perspective- August 25th, Location TBD
* “Life is Good” Community Videos
  + Sarasota County Libraries
  + Other partners?
  + Mobile kiosk: just give one week of notice

1. **Reflection**
   * Resident Community Changemakers: fellows and community of practice
     1. Citizen and resident-centric, as opposed to institution-centric
   * “Just in Time” Opportunities for Reflection:
     1. Lou Murray utilized this opportunity regarding data related to new polling places and transportation access focused on the community of Newtown
2. **Announcements:**

* Next meeting will take place on Monday, July 30 from 11am-12:30pm at Sarasota County Government building on 1660 Ringling Blvd.