

Summary of Community Forum Presentations at St. Andrew's on Nov 27, 2018

Mike Monteith, CEO of Peninsula Community Foundation of Virginia

1. Goal of PCF: Strengthen Not-for-Profit Community
2. PCF lines up philanthropists who give money and time
3. Raised \$1M last year by three main methods
 - a. Give local 757- 24 hour social media event raised \$800k
 - b. Daily press Holiday Fund- over \$100k
 - c. Input 100- raised over \$100k and distributed it all in one night
4. Three main measures of quality of life in a community:
 - a. More people moving in than out. (In NN, not happening)
 - b. Population becoming more educated. (In NN, low # of advanced degrees)
 - c. Citizen wealth increasing. (NN/Hampton score lowest on peninsula; getting poorer)
5. Economic development is critically important but doesn't keep people in area. What keeps folks are:
 - a. Housing- (NN has most affordable but oldest stock in area; and taxes are high)
 - b. Education- (Disadvantaged kids usually score worse, and the number of kids coming from disadvantaged situations is on the rise.)
6. Key strategies are investing in students and investing in neighborhoods.
 - a. Early childhood development shown to improve scores later in school; partnering with Smart Beginnings to improve numbers, but 75% of kids not in early programs
 - b. Studies show that 70% of families need child care
 - c. Need to invest in education skills and talents and in physical structures
 - d. Years 0-5 are critical in helping kids start school prepared to succeed
 - e. Important to focus on/reinvest in neighborhoods; help young families succeed
 - f. Olde Hampton is prototype for investing in neighborhood
7. **We need to increase our efforts in early childhood development. If early childhood is done right it will change the outlook of our community.**

Brian Nichols, Chief Academic Officer, Newport News Public Schools

- Goal: kids to be career ready and citizen ready when they graduate
- Several statistics were used to show progress in NN schools- 92% graduation rate, 55 languages spoken (after English- Spanish, Swahili, and Farsi are most spoken)
- Family welcome centers have been set up to help immigrants get started
- NNPS could help with buses/transportation to bring kids to St. Andrew's
- Closest elementary schools to St. Andrew's: Sedgefield and Hilton, with total of about 1000 students
- Some possible projects:
 - partnering for career and citizen readiness
 - tutoring
 - mentoring
 - career fairs
 - family events

Irene Ferrainolo, Health Educator, VA Department of Health, Hampton
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- Looks at big picture: policy, environment, systems: How is community working?
- Community Health Assessment completed every three years
- We are part of Peninsula health district
- Several health issues listed as high in the area: diabetes, cancer, high blood pressure; nutrition and weight; sexually transmitted diseases; high rate of infant mortality, especially among people of color
- Also social issues- crime, drugs, environmental, senior services, tobacco use, teen pregnancy
- Need for spaces for walking and biking; safe housing; child care; financial services; health insurance
- Need collaboration among localities- historically doesn't happen well
- Working on a strategic plan

Captain Randy Franklin, Commander of Criminal Investigations, NNPD

- Hilton neighborhood is very safe. Theft from cars is #1 issue, but even this is low and mostly due to car doors being left unlocked
- Drugs and larceny also occur but rare
- Police goal is offering assistance; police partner with school system, health department, and social services
- NNPD offers youth leadership camp in summer
- About 100 refugees currently involved in program at Boys and Girls' Club but need to find new location at end of school year

Also present and wanting to stay involved in our process:

- Eoghan "Owen" Miller, Hilton resident who works in NN Office of City Manager; emiller@nnva.gov; 757-926-3681
- Members and clergy from area churches