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Capital Pride?

Plans made for possible Raleigh Pride
LGBT leaders welcome expansion
by Matt Comer

RALEIGH — Community members and representatives from several organizations in the state's capital city have come together to discuss the possibility of an annual Pride festival or other type of event. Leaders in the Triangle are welcoming the increased local organizing and possibilities for future community outreach.

Willie Pilkington, who made the initial

call for a Raleigh Pride brainstorming meeting and who has been involved in local advocacy and organizing efforts since the 1980s, said 13 individuals from several community organizations met at the Wake County Public Library and agreed Raleigh should have some sort of Pride event.

"The unanimous consensus of the group was that Raleigh/Wake County

needed to have a GLBT Pride Festival of it's own and that this group of people would join in with the effort to help create an organization to develop a Raleigh Pride Festival," Pilkington wrote in his "Raleigh GLBT Report" email newsletter on Feb. 8.

In the "Raleigh GLBT Report" message,

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MOVERS & Shakers

A philanthropist, author and businessman. A trans and faith advocate involved in local and state non-profit boards. A Somali-born, Canadian artist who focuses on the intersections of black, queer and Muslim identities. The new master of Pride in South Carolina. Staffers at one of the nation's most effective state LGBT advocacy groups. What could all these people possibly have in common? With this year's human Rights Campaign Carolinas award winners (pages 12-13), these folks are people committed to the cause, dedicated to equality and lovers of life. These leaders shape our community in ways seen and unseen. They move our community forward and shake the status quo. They are our Movers and Shakers. See page 3 for a list of profiles.

