

One Boro, Monday, February 7, 2022, at 5:30 pm

Virtual Committee Meeting

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Voting Members: Stacy Smallwood, Chair, Nandi Marshall, Vice-Chair, Jacek Lubecki, Secretary, Julie Pickens, Treasurer, Janice Cawthorn, Suzanne Shurling, April Schueths, Barb King, Que`Andra Campbell, Johnny Gamble, Freddie Hagan

Ex-Officio Members: Marcus Toole, Jesse Hartlett, Julie Chance, Saba Jallow, Deion Byrd, Jerry Bradley

Not present: Annie Hills, Janice Cawthorn, Que`Andra Campbell, Marcus Toole, Saba Jallow, Deion Byrd, Jerry Bradley

COS Representative: Demetrius Bynes, HR Director

I. Call to Order 5:33 by the Chair

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of agenda

- A. Motion by: Jacek Lubecki
- B. Second by: April Schueths
- C. Discussion: none
- D. Vote result: approved.

IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes (January 3, 2022)

- A. Motion by: Jacek Lubecki
- B. Second by: Julie Pickens
- C. Discussion: none
- D. Vote result: approved

V. Public Comments: This is an opportunity to address the Commission regarding concerns or ideas on any topic. To be considerate of everyone at this meeting, public comment will be limited to three minutes per person; total time allotted to public comment at this meeting is 20 minutes. Participants are to state their first and last name for the record. Comments that cannot be made within these limits should be submitted in writing to the One Boro Commission (oneborocommission@gmail.com). The Commission encourages civil discourse for everyone who participates in our meetings.

VI. Old Business

- A. City of Statesboro Report: Demetrius Bynes, HR Director

Demetrius: On Saturday, Feb. 12 Mayor McCollar is hosting a facilitated discussion with local youth advocates, 9 am, Council Chambers.

On Saturday there is a regular Council meeting. A vaccine clinic will be held. Demetrius asked for comments and questions.

Jesse double checked the dates and time for the youth session.

Stacy further commented on the issue of conference, as there have been concerns about youth-related violence. The conference is a result of these concerns – among others. Stacy strongly urged the members to attend the session.

Demetrius will check about streaming options for the conference.

Stacy described the intended conversation in terms of various stakeholders that will participate. Stacy invited members of One Boro to send their questions and concerns to him, prior to the conference/listening session.

Concern was voiced about the short time before the session.

Demetrius: The Mayor wanted to organize this type of conference for a long time.

- B. Equity Metrics Subcommittee Report: Janice Cawthorn
 - a. Campaign for Equity data
 - b. Report development

Janice was absent, so Stacy gave a summary of the work to the members – the subcommittee met recently, On the 25th of January to discuss the data received from the City. Stacy is in touch with Demetrius to further discuss the data and further actions. Much of the conversation was about minority and female business enterprises and issues of hate crimes. Stacy will provide additional updates to the body. Stacy asked for further questions.

- C. Training Subcommittee Report: Julie Pickens

The Subcommittee met and further data and actions will be reported.

- D. The Longest Table Subcommittee Report: Barb King & Julie Pickens

Julie: still holding pattern, due to COVID. Barb seconded Julie's point.

Stacy expressed cautious optimism about improving COVID numbers.

- E. Violence Prevention Subcommittee Report: Suzanne Shurling & Johnny Gamble

Suzanne discussed the work of the Subcommittee. Johnny seconded Suzanne and expressed the willingness to attend the Saturday meeting.

Stacy expressed his approval of and excitement over the work of the Subcommittee.

Johnny: Is there any notion of roots causes of increased violence in Statesboro?

Stacy: no definite information on the root cause exists.

Demetrius: I attended meetings with Police Chief, and he stated that gang activity is involved.

Stacy: as more information is shared on Saturday, we should have a good discussion.

- F. Workforce Development Subcommittee Report: Jesse Hartlett & Julie Chance

- a. Workforce Development Site Visit Meeting—January 21

Jesse: We did a tour of Georgia Southern, including the Manufacturing Engineering Building. We were impressed. The Sub-committee met on Monday last week. We discussed creating a mission statement which

will encompass the work and knowledge gained so far. Transportation issue – which is still delayed – remains a centerpiece of the agenda. Julie will give a summary of the visit.

Julie: our economic development team, together with teams with other counties (economic development partnership) met and acted. The work encompasses the County (Bulloch) as a whole. The quality and education of the workforce is the critical variable. There was a wide representation of stakeholders, including education, industry, healthcare, etc. sectors. Stakeholder involvement was impressive, and getting them together was impressive. The feeling of the meeting was upbeat and optimistic. The exchange of ideas and the networking was expansive. Both negative and positive information sharing is all positive.

CTAE conference will be in July. In September Counties will get their official designation.

Stacy praised the work of the Subcommittee and the Luncheon. He thanked the Subcommittee.

CTAE Purpose Statement - Purpose - Preparing students for successful careers and building an educated, skilled, and efficient workforce for economic growth in Bulloch County.

VII. New Business

A. 2022 One Boro Retreat: Stacy Smallwood & Nandi Marshall

Stacy wanted to revisit the idea of One Boro retreat. We are all really busy now. But, another retreat is a good idea to put us all on one page. A necessity of a face-to-face meeting is also imperative, since we have been operating on zoom for so long. Of course, feasibility of a face-to-face meeting is COVID-contingent.

Nandi and Stacy are interested in contributions to the agenda of the retreat. The bottom line is meaningful, interesting conversations that further our agenda.

Stacy asked for thoughts, ideas and questions.

Stacy: We are doing a lot of stuff, and we need to celebrate it.

Julie Chance: The Chamber equity and inclusion round-table. I can attend and will bring in the information.

Stacy thanked for this information. These roundtables will be held periodically, according to Dorsey Baldwin.

Stacy can get the info for anyone who is interested.

Julie already registered. You can find the information on the Chamber of Commerce website.

Suzanne asked about the Mayor coming to the retreat

There was also a statement about inviting Mr. Penny to the meeting.

Stacy: a question about mechanisms of communication between the Mayor/City Council and the Commission.

Demetrius: approved of this idea.

Johnny further commented on the necessity of open channels of communication and restarting face-to-face meeting – the retreat is a good idea.

Stacy seconded the above points.

Suzanne: events that are tied to our agenda should have our representation ex officio and our presence should be more rigorously pre-planned (referring partially to the Saturday conference, which was a bit unexpected).

VIII. Motion to Adjourn

A. Motion by: Julie Pickens

B. Second by: Suzanne Shurling

C. Discussion: none

D. Vote result approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacek Lubecki
One Boro Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: Mon. 3/7/2022 at 5:30 PM