

**One Boro, Monday, July 11, 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, Annie Hills, 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

COS Representative: Demetrius Bynes, HR Director

Absent: Jesse Hartlett, Barb King, Saba Jallow

Also Present: Andrienne McCollar Patrick Novotny, John Washington

Quorum was called at 5:34PM by the Chair Stacy Smallwood

I. Called to Order at 5:34 pm by the Chair Stacy Smallwood

II. Approval of Agenda

- Motion by: Jacek Lubecki
- Second by: Nandi Marshall
- All members voted to approve the agenda
- Agenda approved
- Vote result: unanimous

IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes (June 6, 2022)

- Motion by: Janice
- Second by: Johnny
- Minutes were corrected and approved as corrected.
- Vote result: unanimous

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](mailto: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 reminded everyone about the next normally scheduled City Council meeting. There is also an update about the city transit system:

John Washington gave a detailed report about city transit plan to One Boro. He shared several technical details with the One Boro members. Among others, the routes/city traffic scheme had to be updated. Bus logos had to be updated. The contacting for individual rides procedures information was updated.

The first six months of rides will be free, to develop ridership. This will also allow us to properly scout the ridership demand and routes. Then, there will be a \$1 fare. So, the fares will be subsidized by the city. There will be a possibility of paying cash or card. A pass system is yet to be developed, but will be and posted on the website for the system

Some bus stops will feature shelters: it will be at three locations. Some stops are at private locations/property and agreements with property owners have been mostly signed. More agreements are in process. Information about routes and times will be posted on bus stops.

The target date is the month of October. We have to outfit the buses (we will/don't have them yet) and finish working on the infrastructure.

Further information can be shared with Demetrius and therefore propagated. Information will be also posted on the buses themselves.

Johnny: will there be route maps?

John: yes, on the stops, city hall, online.

Johnny: what license will be required?

John: a regular driver's license, as the bus capacity will not require a special license. We will have an 8 passenger version. The buses were available, but they were smaller than original 10 passenger buses. The buses were at no cost to the city. The buses are good for 5 years, and then, we will get new buses. This means that after 5 years we have to remove whatever we put on buses. The buses will have a wheelchair capacity.

Johnny: where do I apply to be a driver?

John: CRS, they will control it. These drivers will strictly work within the city limits.

Stacy thanked John for the report. He emphasized how much has the cause of public transport has been on One Boro's collective mind.

John: I am really excited about the project. It is a learning experience for me.  
The information is here: <https://letsride-gdot.hub.arcgis.com/>

Back to Demetrius. Nothing new to report otherwise.

#### B. Equity Metrics Subcommittee Report: Janice Cawthorn

Janice is ready to submit the first draft of the report to the City Council.

C. Training Subcommittee Report: Julie Pickens

Nothing new to report. The agenda is being pursued.

D. The Longest Table Subcommittee Report: Barb King

Julie Pickens: we are monitoring the pandemic, but we need more clarity on this.

Stacy: there was some interest on the Mayor's level about a fall program. I suggested spring instead.

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

September 10, 11 am, "Securing Statesboro" event. Suzanne invited everyone to participate in and help with the event. Johnny seconded Suzanne's message. And Stacy appealed for participation.

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

Julie: We came up with 3 focus areas:

- 1) Workforce readiness of K-12 community
- 2) City public transportation for workforce commute – spreading information and providing liaison between private businesses and the system
- 3) Returning citizens workforce opportunities. Their re-entry into the workforce.

On the last items, we need to look at barriers and opportunities. Based on their assessment we will develop a plan of action.

Events and actions will be scheduled around these three opportunities.

Stacy: I got in touch with Ogeechee Tech about these issue. Good Will is also interested, and they got in touch with Julie.

Julie: I got in touch with Janet Johnson with Workforce Coastal. There are other organizations involved. She further discussed potential events in connection with the subcommittee's agenda.

Stacy thanked Julie and all the members of the subcommittee.

G. Membership and recruitment process;

Stacy talked about the issue. He asked Demetrius for input.

Demetrius confirmed that he is working on legal issues of the process with the City Attorney. We will provide an update on that next month.

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

Stacy: Nandi and I had an initial meeting about it. January 2023 is the time for orientation for new members, so the retreat timing would be also best to be scheduled alongside. It would be also good to invite and coordinate with other organizations and communities in the city.

Nandi: It would be good if sub-committee chair were also ready to give reports at the retreat and have agenda items ready.

Stacy: We are envisioning a Saturday morning with either a lunch provided or a lunch break.

Nandi: a meet and greet social preceding the retreat is a good idea. This can be coupled with a “thank you” for outgoing members, and welcome to incoming members.

A discussion followed. A specific date for the retreat was discussed.

Stacy thanked Nandi.

## VII. New Business

Stacy introduced the Community Remembrance Project Coalition project activists: Adrienne McCollar and Patrick Novotny.

Adrienne: thanked Patrick and presented the project. We are in partnership with “Equal Justice” initiative. The example is the Montgomery Alabama initiative.

There were thousands of documented lynchings in the US. 9 took place in Bulloch County. This project commemorates them. We want to bring about healing and disclosure.

Patrick: Patrick gave the backdrop story to the commemoration initiative. 805 markers for each County in the US that had lynchings are at the monument in Montgomery. 9 episodes are in Bulloch County: 8 individual names and 1 anonymous case are mentioned. Patrick described a specific episodes from 1904. Some of it has been recognized and documented and some publications had been written. There were possibly up to six lynchings in 1904. Almost monthly stories of bodies found in rural areas around Ogeechee River abounded in local media. So, the 9 stories might be just the beginning. New stories are coming up (Patrick mentioned specific names). Also, dozens of African-American families left the County in August 1904.

Patrick further discussed the issue and its historical and political ramifications.

Adrienne further elaborated on the initiative and its various dimensions.

Stacy thanked Adrienne and Partrick.

Johnny showed a picture of the markers and the monument. He also elaborated on his visit to the monument in Alabama.

A general discussion followed. Various ways in which One Boro and the Coalition can enter into a partnership and collaborate on specific projects.

Adrienne issued a formal appeal for partnership. She suggested something along the line of truth and reconciliation commission as a potential project. Another idea is taking city leaders to the museum and monument in Montgomery. Adrienne asked for questions.

Johnny: how can we support you, outside of One Boro?

Adrienne: we are volunteer based. Essay context project is important.

A soil collection project is another. The language for the markers is another idea. There are many ways to protect us and projects to do.

Our next meeting is this Saturday, at 11 am at the City Campus.

Stacy: messages about general collaboration are reaching me on chat. We will discuss specific ideas for collaboration at our next meeting.

Adrienne: we have a website: EJI, and the Bulloch county website.

Patrick: There are other Georgia Counties working on similar projects regarding installing plaques. We are sharing a lot of information. We also sharing information with Montgomery. Partnership is crucial in this work. Among others, DeKalb and other Counties are doing this.

Stacy thanked Patrick, Adrienne and Vivienne. Collaboration with you will be scheduled as one agenda item on One Boro next meeting.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn at 6:48

- A. Motion by: Janice
- B. Second by: Suzanne
- C. Discussion:
- D. Vote result: yes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, August 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacek Lubecki

One Boro Secretary.