

One Boro Commission, Monday, December 4, 2023, at 5:30 pm

Joe Brannen Hall Annex

58-A E. Main Street, Statesboro, GA

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Voting Members: Stacy Smallwood (Chair), Matt Gerig (Vice-Chair), Enola Mosley (Secretary), Lewis Crane (Treasurer), Candice Bodkin, Johnny Gamble, Barbara King, Tracy Linderholm, Nandi Marshall, Karen Naufel, Sandra Ofosuhemaa-Jones, Franklin Qualls, Pamela Quiney, Yolanda Tremble, Marieke van Willigen, Keith Wilkey

Ex-Officio Member: Philip Leroy

COS Representative: Demetrius Bynes, HR Director

I. Call to Order – 5:33pm

II. Roll Call – Chairman Smallwood

III. Approval of agenda

- A. Motion by: Matt Gerig
- B. Second by: Johnny Gamble
- C. Discussion: None–Saved for New Business
- D. Vote result: Unanimous

IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes (November 6, 2023)

- A. Motion by: Karen Naufel
- B. Second by: Johnny Gamble
- C. Discussion: Additions to minutes
 - 1. Lewis Crane is our Treasurer.
 - 2. Barbara King is the chair of The Longest Table.
 - 3. Matt Gerig is the interim chair of Equity Metrics.
- D. 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). The Commission encourages civil discourse for everyone who participates in our meetings. ---NONE

VI. Discussion of membership changes — See addendums above

VII. Reports of Committees and Subcommittees

A. City of Statesboro - Demetrius

1. First Committee Meeting on Dec 5, 2023 at 9:00am/ Virtual
2. CRCT and City Meeting Dec. 6 at 5:30 at City Hall
 - a. Comprehensive plans –looking for better ways to get feedback/communication from the community
3. Operation Safety – safe disposal of big Christmas boxes/items ,TV's, sound systems, etc. by the Police Dept. – Dec. 11 - 29
3 locations: West Grady Street, Fair Road, Public Works
4. Toy Drive– Friday, Dec. 8 – all toys accepted at City Hall— can bring in cash/monies from individuals or community organizations
5. Village Builders– Pilot youth project - accepting applications for mentors - work 2 hours per week- a mentoring program to connect with our youth members. Applications available on the city website or check with Demetrius. Number needed: 30-50 mentors to start. Must complete background checks.
6. Youth Council – appointed positions. Promotes communication from the youth on community issues–what they want to see happen. Grades 6th-12th involved. Chairperson: Lasoka Mitchell heads up the program - wants to be seen as a liaison for now.
7. CONCERN: As One Boro's liaison, looking for a solution for meeting the needs of all committees since he cannot attend each separate meeting. Solutions discussed in New Business.

B. Violence Prevention Task Force Lewis, Gamble

1. Youth Commission – Planning a pizza party between youth and policemen to understand each other. Smallwood commented that this could be used as a springboard for future discussions. Both Tremble and Smallwood voiced a need for rules for decorum and respect since there will be power dynamics between the two divisions. This should be a time to listen, not to solve any issues. A great chance for open dialogue, but the chief and his officers may need to meet before implementing. A suggestion was made that the policemen come in plain clothes with no weapons, but all officers must be in uniform if they are “on the clock.” Demetrius felt that we should inform the Chief of what we want and then allow him to decide how to move forward. He also commented that there is a very challenging environment at SHS because policemen cannot be expected to break up fights everyday. There is a need for this dialogue.
2. Chairman Smallwood commented that the one-page resource guides need to be updated and then they will be shared with this committee so that it will have the most current contacts.

C. Workforce Development Subcommittee – Chairman Smallwood

1. Met on the 3rd Monday, Nov 20, 2023 at 6:00pm, virtual
2. Since Julie Chance stepped down, the committee is looking for other contacts at the central office. One person was Bethany Gillum, CTAE.
3. Dr. Akiv Dawson is coming to the next meeting.
4. Still working on the employee survey started by Chance – looking for employer feedback. Will share information with those already established. Will use existing pathways.

D. Healthy Boro - Karen Naufel

1. Meeting Dec 9, 2023
2. Discussed long term goal: Internet/on-line access and on-line literacy
3. Short-term goal: Listen to the community - establish a logo
4. For any social media access/guidelines, Lane Phillips is the informational officer
5. Next meeting, Dec 15, 2023 at 6:00pm

The Longest Table Subcommittee — Barbara King

1. A sign-up sheet has been sent out. You have between Dec 6-12 to volunteer.
2. Subcommittees can use people with gifts and talents.
3. NEW DATE: April 20, 2024 - but must check city schedules.
4. The use of tables, chairs, vendors must be approved by Demetrius.
5. Use available city resources first.

E. Equity Metrics Subcommittee — Matt Gerig

1. Put a link in the chat that contained much growth data.
2. There will be much growth in Bulloch County, but many more challenges - Demetrius

F. Training Subcommittee – Demetrius

1. There has not been any training available as of yet.

VIII. New Business

1. [Yolanda Tremble](#) announced that she was invited to hear about the USDA Climate Smart program in Tennessee Dec 11-15. It is an Ag IDE Learning Opportunity. This could be very beneficial to the Longest Table committee.
2. Youth Commission meet Nov 15 - great connection opportunity.
3. FYI: Challenges for Demetrius - We need to decide how we can help Demetrius help One Boro in the most efficient way possible. Chair Smallwood presented 3 choices for the sake of transparency.
 - A. Have a separate meeting with Demetrius and the Subcommittee chairs [Smallwood and Gerig are standing members of all committees.]
 - B. Have a separate meeting with Standing Chairs and Demetrius.
 - C. Have a separate monthly meeting with Smallwood and Demetrius.
4. Demetrius voiced no preference, but did respond that meeting within one of the 3 choices above would allow more time for him to hear specific committee needs so that he can be more helpful and available. After some discussion, it was decided that Option 1 would be more suitable: Demetrius will meet with chairs and subcommittee chairs.
5. Chairman Smallwood reminded the committee about quorum regulations and the 48-hour wait time.
6. Chairman Smallwood will be sending out a Doodle poll to select a good time to meet.

IX. Announcements — NEXT MEETING, JANUARY 8, 2024

X. Motion to Adjourn

- A. Motion by: Karen Naufel
- B. Second by: [Yolanda Tremble](#)
- C. Discussion: NONE
- D. Vote result: Unanimous

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, January 8, 2023 at 5:30pm