

**One Boro, Monday, August 1, 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: Saba Jallow, Que`Andra Campbell, Marcus Toole, Deion Byrd, Jerry Bradley.

Quorum was called at 5:33 PM by the Chair Stacy Smallwood

I. Called to Order at 5:33 pm by the Chair Stacy Smallwood

II. Approval of Agenda

- Motion by: Janice
- Second by: Suzanne
- All members voted to approve the agenda
- Agenda approved
- Vote result: unanimous

IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes (July 11, 2022)

- Motion by: April
- Second by: Janice
- Minutes approved
- 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.

VI. Old Business

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

The regularly scheduled City Council meeting is tomorrow at the normal time, while the second meeting of the month is on the 16th.

The space at the Y was discussed to transfer the reservation from Mr. Johnny to the City. Stacy received information about the PR officer of the City.

Demetrius is open to questions.

Stacy received the PR officer information, but has not distributed the information to the One Boro Membership.

Suzanne: the Violence Prevention Sub-Committee will have this information in time before its meeting.

Stacy: we will also have the information for Securing Statesboro.

B. Equity Metrics Subcommittee Report: Janice Cawthorn

Our report is almost ready to be submitted to the City. No comments from the broader One Boro were received, so the report will be submitted to the City as is.

Stacy thanked Janice for the report.

Janice: I would like to put a comment into the report, which stating that the pandemic created a condition in which the report is limited in scope and purpose. We will continue working on the same agenda.

Stacy to Demetrius: As we will prepare the 2022 report, let's please continue working on the data.

C. Training Subcommittee Report: Julie Pickens

Julie: We are working with Mr. Penny.

Demetrius: Mr. Penny continues to work on this agenda item, but contacts have been made with Visions to create the training.

Stacy thanked Demetrius and Julie.

D. The Longest Table Subcommittee Report: Barb King

Julie: we do not think that this fall is the right time. Spring 2023 is the reasonable time. '

Stacy agreed with Julie and praised the work of the Subcommittee.

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

We have no idea how many people will come to our next FGL meeting. Suzanne appealed to the Commission to contribute to the work of the Subcommittee.

VPTF cookout event is on August 27 at City Hall.

Suzanne further reported on detailed preparations for the event.

Johnny: I had the opportunity to talk to our sub-sub-committee members, and their work is doing very well. We have the quality, if not the quantity of contributors.

Stacy: Beloved Community members will participate. I wonder about participation by Georgia Southern students, given that the semester is starting on August 10.

A general discussion of the issue followed. One Boro members exchanged the necessary information.

Stacy to Demetrius: do you need anything from us to advance the agenda of the event?

Demetrius: More information about the topics, discussions and activities is being requested. There is an understanding that the focus this time will not be on crime data, but on other dimensions of security.

Suzanne: Our overall theme is "Beyond the Numbers" and we want to hear from the community about other dimensions of human security, beyond the crime statistics.

A lively discussion of the issue followed.

There was also a discussion of potentially live-streaming at least a part of the event. Concerns about privacy and confidentiality of some of the participants were discussed. At the same time, we are concerned about greatest possible outreach of the event. On the other hand logistical limitations need to be taken into consideration.

Demetrius: perhaps particular parts of the event can be broadcast.

Suzanne: also questions can be posted and compiled.

Stacy: these are really good ideas.

Freddie: The question of active shooter violence is very dire. I wonder if something about it can be interjected into the event.

Suzanne: This is definitely what is on everyone's mind.

Stacy seconded Suzanne's points. He thanked Mr. Freddie for raising the point.

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

Julie: our last meeting involved Janet Jones from WorkSource Coastal and concerned re-entering citizens. There is a lot of resources and ideas available in this respect. Industry representatives are potentially interested. We are planning to have meeting involving the concerned parties.

We also met with the industry group last week, and gave them a survey on the issue of reentering citizens. We are waiting for the feedback from them.

We are working on a proposal of a roundtable that would bring together the concerned parties, and would be sponsored by the City. The proposal will be given to Demetrius.

Janice: Do we need a website for the workforce Subcommittee?

Julie: right now we are using google folders. As it comes to spreading information to broader public, this is a good idea. Perhaps WorkSource Coastal could host this website.

Johnny: We need to work directly with ex-prisoners to make sure that they are aware of the program.

Julie: the list of parties included needs to be compiled. Julie appealed to One Boro members for ideas and information.

Stacy thanked Julie and Jesse for their work.

G. Membership and recruitment process;

Demetrius: no new information on that agenda.

Stacy: We need to figure out the legalities of the issue before the relevant City Council meeting. We need application process, dates, candidacy requirements and the scheme of rotation.

Demetrius: noted. I discussed 1 year terms and 2 years terms with Mr. Caine. More input from One Boro would be welcome.

A lively discussion of the issue followed.

Stacy: Que' Andra Campbell will be leaving us. She has been great.

Demetrius: there are no term limits to One Boro.

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

Stacy: a two part event, one involving a social celebrating of outgoing and incoming members in October, and a full blown retreat in early 2023. We are still working on that.

I. The Community Remembrance Project Coalition

Stacy discussed the work of the project, which was presented to us last month. He reminded us about potential partnership between One Boro and the Community Remembrance Project Coalition.

Stacy further discussed the partnership of the City and the City leaders in the project. The specific idea is for City leaders to visit the monument in Montgomery, and continue the project in the form of educational events in the City.

Janice: is a part of the request a material sponsorship of the trip?

Stacy: yes.

Barb: do we have names of enslaved individuals in the Bulloch County?

Stacy: the names would be too many. The project is about generating a marker for the nine individuals who are known victims of lynching in Statesboro.

A discussion of technicalities of the marker followed.

Suzanne: is there a precedent for this type of funding?

Stacy: I am not sure – Demetrius?

Demetrius: typically the City-sponsored travel of state officials is in the state of Georgia for obvious reasons. I think that One Boro can recommend the trip, and give to the consideration of the City Manager and Council. The issue can be very transparent.

Suzanne: perhaps the recommendation might include a possibility of outside grant or some other source of funding.

Demetrius: a D&I training for the elected body would be unprecedented and would be a major success.

Stacy: our contribution might include informing the post-travel or pre-travel experience and training.

A general discussion followed. Some members pointed out existing precedents for this type of travel. Demetrius brought out the technical ways in which type of training can be integrated into the City's general training agenda.

Stacy brought out the concern that Community Remembrance Project Coalition marker project – the erection of the monument – needs to be coordinated with the City trip.

Janice: this type of a trip would a very concrete manifestation of our concerns about D&I.

A discussion of the location of the marker followed.

Stacy discussed the placement of the maker. The ground next to the County Court house is probably out, but an East Main Street area close to the Court House is a possibility. Stacy further discussed the issue.

Stacy: we are now discussing a formal motion to recommend to the City to sponsor City officials travel to Montgomery in the context of commemorating racial terrorism in the Bulloch County.

April's formal motion (as captured by Jacek): We recommend the City Manager and the Council to travel to Montgomery to visit EJI monument and Museum as a part of Diversity and Inclusion training in support of Community Remembrance Project Coalition. We further recommend that the trip will be followed by training event on the same subject.

The motion was seconded and approved by vote.

Stacy: Furthermore we need to support the marker project, but let's table this issue for the time being.

VII. New Business

No new business.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn at 6:47

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

Next Regular Meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Jacek Lubecki

One Boro Secretary.