

**One Boro, Monday, September 12, 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

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Approval of agenda**

- A. Motion by:** Nandi Marshall
- B. Second by:** Suzanne Shurling
- C. Discussion:** none
- D. Vote result:** unanimous

**IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes (August 1, 2022)**

- A. Motion by:** Barb King
- B. Second by:** Johnny Gamble
- C. Discussion:** none
- 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.

Kate Perry attended the meeting upon invitation by Jacek Lubecki. She is interested in the work done by One Boro and may be interested in helping with One Boro in the future. She currently is an assistant professor in Political Science at Georgia Southern University. Her areas of research focus on gender and security issues. She also is a board member of Savannah Interagency Diversity Council (SIDC). She announced the agency's annual Traffic Jam will be held January 27-28, 2023. This is an event to raise awareness and coordinate efforts to fight human trafficking.

Shari Barr also attended the meeting to congratulate the One Boro on the work it is doing. She was especially pleased with the Violence Prevention Meeting that took place Sept. 10. In addition, she informed the commission that City Council would be considering applications and reappointments to One Boro and encouraged everyone to let the council know if they would like to continue with One Boro.

## VI. Old Business

- A. **City of Statesboro Report:** Demetrius Bynes, HR Director  
Demetrius Bynes informed the commission of the upcoming City Council meeting on Sept. 20 at 5:30. This meeting will be in person with a virtual option as well as recorded for later viewing. The meeting will include a second reading of the ordinance regarding the staggering of terms for One Boro.
- B. **Equity Metrics Subcommittee Report:** Janice Cawthorn  
Stacy Smallwood reported that in the absence of any additional feedback, the Equity Metrics report will be submitted along with a presentation detailing progress to the City Council.
- C. **Training Subcommittee Report:** Julie Pickens  
No additional updates
- D. **The Longest Table Subcommittee Report:** Barb King & Julie Pickens  
Barb King reported that Mayor McCollar had recently approached Stacy Smallwood and other One Boro members about scheduling another Longest Table event. The committee is looking for dates in the Spring 2023 to hold the event. Demetrius Bynes, HR Director for City of Statesboro, noted that the city could assist with event logistics and possibly some funds for food.
- E. **Violence Prevention Subcommittee Report:** Suzanne Shurling & Johnny Gamble  
Suzanne Shurling & Johnny Gamble reported on the meeting that took place on Sept. 10. Approximately 30 individuals attended the event, including a staffer from U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock's office, who informed committee members of possible resources that might be available to assist with violence prevention initiatives. Event participants participated in facilitated listening sessions followed by larger group discussions and invited speakers. Interactive polling also was incorporated into the event. These activities elicited a variety of community perspectives on the issue of violence and potential responses. In addition, several attendees indicated an interest in joining the group. Grice Connect was present and reported on the event. Although the Al Hackle, reporter from Statesboro Herald, had another commitment, he reached out for information that may be used for a later article on the event. The event also was recorded.
- F. **Workforce Development Subcommittee Report:** Jesse Hartlett & Julie Chance  
Julie Chance reported out that Bethany Gillian joined the last sub-committee meeting and provided a preview of the Career Ready Bulloch website designed for students, parents, community partners, and local industries.  
The Workforce Summit will be held on Dec. 8 on the Georgia Southern University campus. It will be a breakfast event to rollout the website and highlight successes from last year's plan as well as recognize students, partners, and teachers active in the past year on workforce development activities.  
Julie Chance also discussed the Returning Citizens' Roundtable event. The event will focus on information regarding what resources are available for returning citizens, identification of gaps, and ideas for closing gaps to better serve the targeted population. Further discussion will occur at the Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> subcommittee meeting. Demetrius Bynes encouraged the committee to let him know what they would like from the City in terms of space, refreshments, etc... Julie Chance indicated

assistance with marketing would be helpful. Stacy Smallwood suggested creating an event proposal.

**G. Membership and Recruitment Process:** Stacy Smallwood & Demetrius Bynes

Stacy Smallwood noted that applications for One Boro were being accepted until Sept. 19. For those seeking renewal, a simple email will be fine. Those seeking membership will need to complete the full application. Current members will continue to serve until new membership is decided. Demetrius Bynes confirmed these details. He also reminded everyone that all members must reside in Bulloch County. He further indicated the goal was to have a decision by the Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of One Boro.

**H. 2022-23 One Boro Retreat:** Stacy Smallwood & Nandi Marshall

Stacy Smallwood stated there were no additional updates for the retreat. Once One Boro's new configuration is identified there will be a mixer of new and old members to exchange ideas and move forward with membership transition. This likely will occur in mid-Oct, while the actual retreat is expected to take place in January '23. Nandi Marshall confirmed the presented details.

**I. One Boro affiliation with the Statesboro-Bulloch Community Remembrance Project Coalition**

Stacy Smallwood reported out that the subcommittee was currently finalizing the proposal to submit to City Council. The proposal is for the city to sponsor a small group to travel to Montgomery, Alabama, the Equal Justice Initiative's (EJI) headquarters, to visit both the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice and further learn about racialized violence and its legacy. Stacy Smallwood indicated Adrienne McCollar has gathered additional budget estimates to add to the proposal. She and Patrick Novotny will be submitting the information to City Council for their consideration.

**VII. New Business**

**A. Presentation of One Boro updates to City Council**

A discussion was had concerning what dates would be best for presenting One Boro's update to City Council. Demetrius Bynes indicated the commission should be prepared to present data gathered by the Equity Metrics subcommittee. He also proposed a few dates in October and November. Although additional discussion will occur, the dominant preference is currently to present at the Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

Stacy Smallwood concluded the meeting and asked for announcements. Suzanne Shurling announced that Boro Pride would be hosting the Boro Pride Pageant at 6pm on Sept. 17 at Georgia Southern University in the Russell Union Ballroom.

**VIII. Motion to Adjourn**

**A. Motion by:** Suzanne Shurling

**B. Second by:** Nandi Marshall

**C. Discussion:** none

**D. Vote result:** unanimous

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, October 3, 2022 at 5:30pm

