



March 17, 2022, 6pm, via Zoom

## Statesboro Youth Commission Meeting Minutes

In attendance: LaShai Campbell, Stacey Grant, Lakesha Hill, Karen Lambie, Renata Newbill-Jallow, Debbie Vives, Tracy Linderholm, Kristina (Tina) Patterson, Amanda Clements, Scott Marchbanks (Boys and Girls Club), Catherine Hendrix (Bulloch County Commission on Human Services)

Kristina Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:03 and noted quorum was present. Agenda was approved as written. Minutes from February meeting were approved with the addition of language to clarify SCYN' s assignments from the Our City' s Youth conversation.

Lakesha Hill gave an update from the most recent BOE meeting(s). During open comments, stakeholders from Brooklet expressed concern over location of new school. Behavior Specialist presented an update on training and shared comment from teachers and schools. Theresa Phillips, Assistant Superintendent, presented on intensive intervention program, which is a program to remove elementary school students who are disruptive to the learning environment from the classroom. They would be sent to the Central Office to a dedicated space. They presented on two similar programs, one in Valdosta and one in South Carolina, although stated their program would be different. There was not much detail on the program, but it was emphasized that it would not be an alternative school.

Several members of SCYN expressed concern about the program, especially that the students would be removed from the learning

environment. Lakesha Hill will send out the PowerPoint from the presentation and links to the two existing programs to SCYN members.

Kristina Patterson and Lakesha Hill gave an update on the Statesboro Children's Zone project which was presented to City Council at the city retreat. There is an upcoming meeting with Senator Jon Ossoff's staff and the plan is to submit a proposal for funding of the project to Senator Jon Ossoff to request Congressional funding. There will be a town hall discussion on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9am at City Hall.

Karen Lambie noted all schools in the state will begin teaching classes on human trafficking in grades 6-12.

#### Unfinished Business

SCYN discussed the idea of using Slack or a similar tool for SCYN communication. Smartsheet and Clickup were mentioned as possible options, for task assignment. Groupme is good for quick communication (more for group texts). We will set up a Slack and give it a try while looking at some other options.

Kristina Patterson asked about the process for removal/replacement of SCYN members. Some have never participated. Renata Newbill-Jallow pointed to Articles 7, 8, and 11 of the By-laws for the process. Kristina asked for volunteers to take minutes. Tracy Linderholm volunteered to take notes at the next meeting.

Beloved Community is moving forward with planning the event we discussed for SCYN collaboration. The title will be "From Mourning to Glory," focusing on acknowledging and moving forward from the loss of the last 2 years around a Spring flower theme. BC hopes to have a date and venue for the event selected soon.

#### New Business

Mayor McCollar suggested that SCYN should make a budget request for FY23. We discussed how much of a budget we should request to do another leadership retreat, as well as a regular event. Renata Newbill-Jallow thinks the retreat was around \$10,000, but that was with a

discounted rate from the speaker. We estimated \$15,000 for the retreat and 1,000/month for regular events.

We discussed possible events, suggested a summer "Dive In" movie at the pool, Nerf Night, possible collaboration with shooting center? Stacey Grant mentioned Fostering Bulloch has a paintball set up, will talk with Chris to see how many they can host. Suggested date of 5/7, aimed at older ms, hs students.

#### Announcements:

Our Girls Rock, Too will host Fashion Forward at YMCA 3/26, Jasmine Summers will teach how to sew, accessorize with jewelry. Event is free. And 4/23 Mother-daughter brunch at Barn at Old Homeplace

Meeting adjourned at 7:13

#### Action Items:

Lakesha Hill to send out PowerPoint and links for Intensive Intervention Program proposed by BOE

Kristina Patterson to set up Slack workspace to try out

Stacey Grant to reach out to Chris at Fostering Bulloch regarding possible event.