



May 20, 2021, 6pm, via Zoom

Statesboro Youth Commission Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Kristina Patterson, Marilyn Creech-Harris, Lakesha Hill, Caitlin Brady, Fallon Brown, Tracy Linderholm, Zakiya Daniel, Destiny Jordan

City Council Liaison: Jason Boyles, Amanda Clements

Kristina Patterson called the meeting to order and noted quorum was not present. (No voting items on agenda.) Agenda was approved as written, with addition of Youth Connect program discussion. Minutes from April meeting were approved as written.

New Business: Jason Boyles presented a proposal from Kenya Kelly/A+ Educational for an SAT Summer Camp. Camp would meet for 2 weeks in July, 4-5 days/week, offer instruction in techniques and skills for SAT score improvement, 3 practice SAT tests for \$5000, targeting rising juniors. (proposed start date of July 10 at conclusion of Youth Connect).

- There was discussion over concerns – how would individuals be selected, concern over equity, the need to ensure the program would reach those who do not have access to other options/need score improvement, suggested minimum number of enrollment be met, what is the evidence of success?. Jason noted that the Youth Commission could determine how individuals would be selected,

will follow up with Kenya Kelly for references and any prior program evaluation.

We reviewed our current stakeholder organization list and two additional youth serving organizations.

We discussed park opening day activity/ies, with a tentative date of 8/7 at Luetta Moore park. Suggestions include: inviting churches, partnering with GSU athletics for a pick up basketball game, 2 on 2, or other events, tabling from community organizations, arts and crafts, soliciting donation (materials and/or workshop) from Lowe's, contacting Averitt Center.

Announcements: Savannah Working Against Human Trafficking (SWAHT) will be hosting a presentation, "The Link Between Gangs and Sex Trafficking." Contact Karen Lambie for details/dates/Zoom link.

Youth Connect program – we discussed possible guest speakers, facilitated workshop topics for Youth Connect program (June 7 – July 9). Suggested topics were resume building, college searching, paying for college, mental health awareness/destigmatization, career aptitude test, Worksource technical college grants. Marilyn Creech-Harris suggested that the program may serve as a pipeline for city employment.

We did not do subcommittee breakouts as planned, due to time constraints.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05.

Next steps/Action Items:

Need to get a full updated list of local youth serving organizations and contact information for Community Outreach and Grants/Resource Development – KP to work on compiling

Kristina Patterson (KP) to contact GSU athletics re: partnering for park opening

KP to circulate subcommittee lists

KP to send Youth Connect flyer to Commission members

Next meeting: June 17th at 6pm, via Zoom