



June 17, 2021, 6pm, via Zoom

## Statesboro Youth Commission Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Kristina Patterson, Jennifer Mock, Lakesha Hill, LaShai Campbell, Stacey Grant, Karen Lambie, Debbie Vives, Caitlin Brady, Destiny Jordan, Tracy Linderholm, Yolandra Shipp

City Council Liaison: Amanda Clements

Kristina Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:06 and noted quorum was not present. Agenda was approved as written. Minutes from May meeting were approved as written.

### Unfinished Business: A+ Educational Summer Camp

- Commission discussed whether to move forward with the SAT Summer Camp proposed by A+ Educational. After some discussion, the Commission believes the idea is good, but noted that July seemed rushed for logistics to best serve students who most need the program. Suggested the possibility of Saturdays in the Fall or something over winter break in December. Also discussed whether the city might commit to provide vouchers to students for SAT registration if needed. (SAT is \$55 which includes 4 score reports/\$12 for additional reports, College Board provides fee waivers for students meeting certain requirements). Kristina Patterson to contact A+ Educational to determine what options are available.

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Youth Connect Schedule – Kristina Patterson confirmed schedule of Youth Connect speakers. Commission discussed possible speakers for Career Exploration topics 6/30 and 7/1. Kristina Patterson to follow up to schedule Career Exploration speakers.

Update from Bulloch BOE Meeting – Lakesha Hill gave an update from the most recent Board of Education meeting. Bulloch will build a new school in SE Bulloch to accommodate growing population, and repurpose existing school. There are several teacher vacancies at Statesboro High and Langston Chapel Middle – some have moved into administration, some have left to teach at Statesboro STEAM.

Donation – the GSU College of Education sponsors the National Youth Advocacy and Resilience Conference and Alisa Leckie has earmarked \$2499 of the profits from this conference to support SCYN. It can be used for speakers and other programming. Kristina to begin paperwork with city's finance department to be able to access this \$.

We discussed park opening day activity/ies, with a tentative date of 8/7 at Luetta Moore park. Tentative time: 11am-3pm with set up at 10am.

- Tentative plan – activity with GSU sports team(s); tabling from local organizations, arts and crafts (contact Lowe's or Averitt Center); SCYN table; cold water and (hopefully donated) food.
- City has 4-5 tents and Stacey Grant has 8-10 tents for organizations to use. Stacey Grant indicated CocaCola will normally donate bottled water for events.
- Suggested having school supplies – follow up with sponsors of July event to avoid buying more.
- Suggested food trucks, anti-bullying information/activity, contacting local churches.

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

Announcements:

Yolandra Shipp announced pop-up event on 7/31 hosted by AGES Empowerment

Karen Lambie announced - Savannah Working Against Human Trafficking (SWAHT) will be hosting a presentation, "The Link Between Gangs and Sex Trafficking." - will be 4 virtual sessions over 4 days - to start in July.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03.

Action Items:

Kristina Patterson to check on availability of Luetta Moore and Jones-Love building for park event on 8/7.

Next meeting: July 15th at 6pm, via Zoom