

July 15, 2021, 6pm, via Zoom Statesboro Youth Commission Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Kristina Patterson, Lakesha Hill, LaShai Campbell, Caitlin Brady, Fallon Brown, Tracy Linderholm, Yolandra Shipp, Melanie Sparrow, Naomi Harmon

City Council Liaison: Amanda Clements

Kristina Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:04 and noted quorum was not present. Agenda was approved as written. Minutes from June meeting were approved as written, with addition of Tracy Linderholm and Destiny Jordan in attendance.

Update from Bulloch BOE Meeting – Lakesha Hill gave an update from the two most recent Board of Education meetings. The BOE introduced the Multi-Tiered System of Support – academic and behavioral support. Tier 1 – instructional coaches, climate coaches partner with teachers – all students receive; Tier 2 – more targeted supports; Tier 3 – individualized support, based on need of student. BOE approved an intergovernmental agreement for Coastal Plains Charter School to provide an alternative learning path for those at risk of dropping out. BOE renewed i-Ready contract for gifted and ELA assessment – may factor into promotion – administered 3x's per year – Beginning, Middle, and End of Year. BOE renewed Edgenuity contract for credit recovery, Middle and High school virtual courses. Changes to FY 21-22 Student Code of Conduct – Middle and High School administrators to clarify disciplinary issues.

Reflections on Youth Connect – overall positive feedback, speakers agreed that it went well, students were engaged. Would like to have seen "more hands on deck" in terms of staff involvement with leadership and planning. All commended Demetrius Bynes for an exceptional program, but agreed more support from additional staff would have likely been helpful. Suggest the possibility of a partnership between GSU Public and Nonprofit Studies/College of Education and City for next year's program.

## **Unfinished Business:**

## Update on A+ Educational Summer Camp

- Kristina Patterson has attempted to contact A+ Educational to determine what options are available and has not been able to get a response.

## Park opening day activity/Motion and Vote

- quorum of voting members was not present, so Dr. Patterson followed up via email.

On 7/27, Lainie Jenkins moved to prepare for a Welcome Back event on Saturday, 8/21 11a-3p at Luetta Moore and Jones-Love (the building at Luetta Moore); LaShai Campbell seconded

Debbie Vives, Karen Lambie, Lainie Jenkins, Renata Newbill-Jallow, Stacey Grant, LaShai Campbell, and Mike Jones voted yes via email. Crecy Robins did not vote. The motion passed.

## Planning/next steps for opening day activity

discussed Squashing the Spread, Pfizer vax clinic hosted by CORE, discussed options for providing food with concern for food laws/safety, suggested 4& 20 Bakers as vendor, School of Rock to perform

Meeting adjourned at 6:53

Action Items:

Kristina Patterson to reach out with volunteer needs for Welcome Back to the Park Event once voting members vote to move forward