



September 16, 2021, 6pm, via Zoom

## Statesboro Youth Commission Meeting Minutes

In attendance: LaShai Campbell, Stacey Grant, Mike Jones, Renata Newbill-Jallow, Caitlin Brady, Tracy Linderholm, Kristina (Tina) Patterson, Yolandra Shipp, Destiny Jordan, Melanie Sparrow

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 September meeting were approved.

Update from Bulloch BOE Meeting – LaShai Campbell gave an update from the most recent BOE meeting. About 26 parents/teachers voiced concerns about the lack of mask mandate, air filtration, lack of bus drivers and teachers.

### Unfinished Business:

Welcome Back to YOUR Park Event – General consensus was that the event was successful even with the shifted focus to the vaccine clinic. Several families engaged with community partners.

### New Business:

We discussed hosting an outdoor movie event at Luetta Moore. All in attendance were supportive of the event. Tentative date of 11/6 was

suggested. Movies suggested included Soul, Black Panther, Coco. Amanda Clements volunteered to help with marketing.

Building off of concerns that area youth were not engaging with existing programs, such as Boys and Girls Club programs, post-COVID and discussing the emotional difficulties many families are facing, we discussed plans for Jones-Love that addressed broader support needs in the community. We discussed having a regular day each month with a range of activities for youth and for families. Suggestions included well being events with yoga, meditation, etc., mental health professionals available, trips to the Botanical Garden, childcare options to allow parents to engage with support groups. Amanda Clements suggested setting dates, time, location and presenting to local organizations to fill in programming.

Renata Newbill-Jallow noted that in the 90's, the community center at Luetta Moore had tutoring, art, and other activities and noted that Mayor McCollar wants the building to function to support the community in this way again. Discussed the mayor's vision of the Youth Commission serving as a network of existing programs and offering programs to fill the gaps.

Tracy Linderholm suggested we invite a representative from Parent University to our next meeting to discuss their model for possible ideas.

Announcements:

Boys and Girls Club is starting an academic remediation program for K-12 within 4-6 weeks. Program will meet 2 days/week and include remediation for all grades, all subjects. The program is free and they have space for more students.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15

Action Items:

Tracy Linderholm to contact Parent University to attend next meeting, check on price of screen rental for movie night

Kristina Patterson to work on coordinating Movie Night via email