



Statesboro Community Youth Network

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April 15, 2021, 6pm, via Zoom

Statesboro Youth Commission Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Kristina Patterson, Karen Lambie, Renata Newbill-Jallow, Stacey Grant, Lakesha Hill, LaShai Campbell, Caitlin Brady, Fallon Brown, Robert Bolton, Jr., Tracy Linderholm, Yolandra Shipp

City Council Liaison: Jason Boyles

Kristina Patterson called the meeting to order and noted quorum was present. Agenda was approved as written. Minutes from March meeting were approved as written.

We reviewed our current list of youth serving organizations in Statesboro to determine what organizations may be missing. Renata Newbill-Jallow noted that the Commission previously brought several organizations together and administered a survey, but that may need to be updated.

Per conversation with Councilwoman Shari Barr, park renovations are on track to be completed by late July.

At 6:20, the committee broke out into subcommittee discussions. We reconvened as a full group at 6:45 and reported out key points from the discussions.

Community Outreach - Karen Lambie reported on behalf of the subcommittee. Noted the need to identify the needs of our community

youth, publicize upcoming youth serving events. We need more members of this committee to cover the work of community outreach.

Grants/Resource Development – Caitlin Brady reported on behalf of the subcommittee. Noted the need for a survey of youth serving organizations with a question about what financial or physical resources were needed by the organization. Noted R.E.A.D.Y. 2000 was not currently being offered. Noted differences in needs between younger and older youth in Statesboro/Bulloch County. Suggestions for connecting with organizations for donation of resources, such as Lowe’s, Parks and Rec, etc.

Leadership Development – LeShai Campbell reported on behalf of the subcommittee. The three major themes identified by the subcommittee were: Career Development, Civic Engagement, and Core Values. Discussed partnering with local businesses for shadowing opportunities, guest speakers, financial buy-in. Discussed inviting business leaders to Commission meetings to discuss how they want to advance the pool of young workers in Statesboro/Bulloch. Noted interest in continuing the Youth Retreat.

Programming – Stacey Grant reported on behalf of the subcommittee. Discussed three key programs: 1. Youth Retreat 2; 2. Mentoring program with schools – discussed connecting through the Superintendent, addressing gangs, bullying. Noted funding received through CARES.; 3. Assembling list of 12 community partners, committed to conducting an event each month. They would choose a day, and send the Committee the scope of what they could provide. Noted the need for a range of activities.

Due to some overlap in discussions and focus, we determined at the May meeting, we would break out into 2 groups, with Community Outreach and Grants/Resource Development together and Programming and Leadership Development together.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm

Action items:

- Kristina to work with Renata, Lainie and others to locate results from previous survey of youth serving organizations
- All to send updates on youth serving organizations and associated contact info to Kristina

Next meeting: May 20th, 6:00 pm via Zoom