



Statesboro Community Youth Network

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November 17, 2022, 6:00pm at City Hall, Council Chambers and via Zoom

Statesboro Youth Commission Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Stacey Grant, Renata Newbill-Jallow, Tracy Linderholm, Lakesha Hill

Lakesha Hill called the meeting to order at 6:07PM. Quorum was not present.

Updates BOE:

Lakesha Hill indicated that meetings have been short with few agenda items. Board sought approval for applications for site reviews for new building locations

Renata Newbill-Jallow asked if the superintendent's contract had recently been renewed. Lakesha Hill indicated that he is still working on the last contract that was renewed and may have 1-2 years left.

Village Builders Update:

This Saturday, Nov 19, wraps up the month with a resource event at First Presbyterian Church on Fair Rd. The pastor/minister at the church was willing to partner so that is why it was decided to have it at that location.

Lakesha and Tina have been documenting what has been working and what resources are still needed. What do others think?

Discussion: Most of the group have been to at least a few Village Builder events. We all agreed that having resource events in apartment complexes is the best venue. It is easier to engage citizens and canvass their homes. It was discussed that having a "draw" at events is important such as free books for children, food, activities such as bounce houses, etc.

Question (Tracy Linderholm): Has it been determined a partner that could provide food? Lakesha Hill indicated that the newly hired program director, whom we will meet at the next meeting, will have to take on that challenge. One option is to explore the food program that Publix has. One advantage of their program is that it tailors grocery lists to the needs of the family.

Clothing – we also agreed that taking orders and filing orders at resource events was better than laying out clothing. This allows us to meet the specific needs of the family (children’s sizes, etc.)

Announcements:

“Our Girls Rock” will have a toy giveaway Dec 17 10-12pm at the YMCA. The children who will receive the toys must be present.

Action Items:

- We will seek clarity on our role for developing a plan/proposal for excise tax for liquor. Do we develop a seed grant? Provide input on where the funds go? If we do create a distribution plan perhaps we leave out SCYN members who have a stake and may apply for funding. We may create a google doc just to start brainstorming what the needs are. The Village Builders may be the main priority so perhaps the new program director will need to provide input at December meeting (e.g., do they need G.A.s?).
- New partner for Village Builders – we were given a name to contact for someone who might be willing to partner on this initiative. Perhaps the name can be passed along to the new program director to follow up. Program director starts November 28.
- Renata Newbill-Jallow would like to discuss whether or not SCYN will participate the MLK parade to attract interest in the group and promote events we sponsor, arrange.

Meeting adjourned: 6:33pm

