



June 16, 2022, 6:00pm at Joe Brannen Hall and via Zoom

Statesboro Youth Commission Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Kristina (Tina) Patterson, LaShai Campbell, Tracy Linderholm, Lakesha Hill, Debbie Vives, Destiny Jordan, Amanda Clements, Jennifer Mock, Caitlin Brady

Kristina Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:06 and noted quorum was present. Agenda was approved as written. May meeting minutes were approved as written.

We do not have enough voting members in attendance for a quorum.

Introductions: Guest Johnny Gamble from the Violence Prevention Task Force.

Updates

Bulloch County BOE Meeting: BOE canceled last meeting did not have enough members to meet Quorum. Couldn't introduce the Intensive Intervention Program. SCYN is interested in meeting with the administrator over the program to ask questions/better understand the program.

Luetta Moore Park Passes

With support from Bulloch County Schools Social Workers who identified families with children that lived close to Luetta Moore pool, would use the passes, and could benefit from the help with the cost, and distributed the passes, we provided 40 passes to young people (40 individuals, a few were siblings). Bulloch County Parks and Rec gave us a discounted rate of \$20 (usually \$25). SCYN members donated \$470 toward passes and the remaining \$330 came from SCYN account balance of \$2,938.12.

Note: current SCYN account balance: \$5107.12 (\$2608.12 cash on hand; \$2499.00 donation from College of Ed that is set aside and we will need to request reimbursement as spent.)

Old business:

Youth Event at Fostering Bulloch

Stacey Grant gave an update on available activities at Fostering Bulloch location for event - 8 paintball guns, two basketball courts, pool table and shuffleboard. Can host 24 kids in these activities at one time but can host more and provide other activities. SCYN identified three possible dates for an event - 8/13 and 9/17 and 9/24. First choice is 9/17. Will need to offer transportation to the property- suggestions Pittman Park, Bulloch Parks and Rec, Fostering Bulloch.

Statesboro Children's Zone

The budget including the line item to hire a director for the SCZ passed the first reading, if passes second reading then item will be approved. Then a job description will be developed and will start recruiting in September and Hire by January 2023.

Mayor has a concern that the city is talking about increasing the millage rate which could be a conflict.

Need to find a space in Zone 3. Student building ???

Need fundraising ideas and a network to recruit. The Program Director will need some knowledge of youth programs, mentorship, and fundraising as well as collaborate with the community.

Program Director Salary: to be determined by City HR, likely \$50,000- \$60,000

Additional suggestions for graduate student interns - Counselor Education Master's Program that works with Mental Health and youth.

New business

Violence Prevention Task Force interested in partnering with SCYN for upcoming events - Johnny Gamble will follow up with specifics.

We discussed a need to have a quarterly meeting to have all the Commissions meet and collaborate. Also, need to have more communication with the City Council and City staff. Quarterly - suggest we ask to be on the City Council work session.

Additionally, suggested quarterly meetings with youth organizations to better collaborate. This seems to be our priority, especially with SCZ on the horizon.

Caitlin Brady suggested we might form subcommittees along these roles.

Announcements

Violence Prevention Task Force (subcommittee of One Boro) –
Event Sept 10 at YMCA

Community Garden Saturday morning ribbon cutting. Rent beds annually. Tools are provided.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

MEETINGS: Currently, Third Thursday of each month, 6:00 pm at Joe Brannen Hall. Next meeting: July 21, 2022