

One Boro Commission, Monday, March 4, 2024 at 5:30 pm

Joe Brannen Hall Annex

58-A E. Main Street, Statesboro, GA

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Voting Members (attending members in **bold**): **Stacy Smallwood** (Chair), **Matt Gerig** (Vice-Chair), **Enola Mosley** (Secretary), Lewis Crane (Treasurer), **Candice Bodkin**, **Johnny Gamble**, **Barbara King**, Tracy Linderholm, **Nandi Marshall**, **Karen Naufel**, Sandra Ofosuhemaa-Jones, **Franklin Qualls**, Pamela Quiney, **Yolanda Tremble**, **Marieke van Willigen**, Keith Wilkey

Ex-Officio Member: **Philip Leroy**

COS Representative: **Demetrius Bynes**, HR Director

I. Call to Order at 5:33pm

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of agenda

- A. Motion by: Nandi Marshall
- B. Second by: Matt Gerig
- C. Discussion: None
- D. Vote result: Unanimous

IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes (February 5, 2024)

- A. Motion by: Barbara King
- B. Second by: Nandi Marshall
- C. Discussion: None
- D. Vote result: Unanimous

V. Public Comments: This is an opportunity to address the Commission regarding concerns or ideas on any topic. To be considerate of everyone at this meeting, public comment will be limited to three minutes per person; total time allotted to public comment at this meeting is 20 minutes. Participants are to state their first and last name for the record. Comments that cannot be made within these limits should be submitted in writing to the One Boro Commission (oneborocommission@gmail.com). The Commission encourages civil discourse for everyone who participates in our meetings.

Participant: Alonie Georges, GSU a multimedia journalism student covering for Eagle News for Thursday, Mar 7, 2024

Purpose: Hoping to put a package together covering the work here at One Boro in relation to DEI programs

She introduced herself and then recorded throughout the meeting.

## VI. Discussion of Statesboro Pride proposal from William Fry

Chairman Smallwood contacted Fry, a 10th grader and chair of the SYC, requesting him to draft correspondence detailing what he wanted from One Boro. His letter of response was shared with the committee. It was motioned and seconded and then opened up for discussion. Fry's request for a LGBTQ parade in June 2024 [1st or 8th] was discussed among those in attendance. Some of the concerns were these: How would education tie into a parade, the ages of high school student participants, would a parent permission slip be needed, would this become an outing (publicly declaring their sexual and/or gender identity), would parents approve, would a precedent be established, would One Boro be involved in the planning process, how much city financial/planning support? Positive points consisted of these: parades are educational in nature themselves, many parents do approve of their child's choice of identity, his request supports this committee's mission,, we should applaud Fry's efforts, a parade supports others with the same identity and provides visibility, he has support of other local organizations.

After the discussion, a motion was made for amendments. It was decided that a letter-writing committee consisting of Matt Gerig, Barbara King, Nandi Marshall, and Chairman Smallwood would draft a letter addressing committee concerns and possibly stating some regulations and/or safeguards. This letter would be drafted within a week and sent out via email for members to peruse and approve.

## VII. Reports of Committees and Subcommittees

### A. City of Statesboro — [Demetrius Bynes](#)

The following meetings will take place this month:

1. March 5 @ 9:00am — Mayor and City Council. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall or it can be viewed virtually on Facebook.
2. March 12 @ 5:00pm - 7:00pm – City and Council Meeting at the United Methodist Church. This meeting will be held to discuss long range transportation. Public input is solicited and wanted.

### B. Violence Prevention Task Force – Lewis Crane and Pamela Quiney

Chairs not in attendance. Their meeting is held on the 2nd Monday of each month at noon. A fresh link will be sent out for all to use by Chairman Smallwood. The upcoming meeting will be very important due to the critical nature of the happenings in Statesboro. Anyone who wants to be involved should attend. The Mayor addressed violence at his State of the City Address, and it was discussed at the subsequent Q & A session. Chairman Smallwood stated that it is vital for this committee to stay abreast of the community concerns related back to violence and be a part of its dialogue. This committee is also partnering with the Statesboro Youth Commission. The Youth Council will be involved with planning some of the upcoming events in Statesboro. This committee should not miss out on any opportunity to be involved.

### C. Workforce Development Subcommittee – Chairman Smallwood

Last meeting was canceled due to conflicting schedules. The upcoming meeting will be held on the 3rd Monday @ 6:00pm. A link will be sent out. Major highlights included the positive relationship being fostered between this committee and their Savannah partnerships in reference to expungement clinics and other resources needed. The committee is looking into how to build/enhance infrastructures related back to the employment of previously incarcerated citizens.

Secondly, it is looking for ways to reconnect to the **P-12 Bulloch County School** system. In addition, their 3rd project deals with transportation.

D. Healthy Boro – [Karen Z. Naufel](#)

At their February 15 meeting Scarlet from Youth Council came to discuss healthy food options and the limitations on their availability. They also discussed their positive feedback and community support from their January 18 Village Builders project. The next Village Builders will occur on March 23. They are discussing setting up a table depicting health related themes—breast cancer, heart disease, etc. Volunteers are welcomed.

Healthy Boro wanted to know how the new food bank was going. The following information was shared: The Food Bank should open sometime in May. For background information, Demetrius Bynes shared that the building was a collaboration between the city and the county with each paying a half million to purchase the land and construct the building. The largest concern is the funding portion that the Food Bank is liable for through fundraising and organization donations. Other information included our City Planner Penny being on the new Food Bank board and who has the deed for the new property. Their next committee meeting is March 14 at 6:00pm. via Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

E. The Longest Table Subcommittee – Barbara King

This event will no longer be held in April because of GSU scheduling conflicts. namely, Artfest, concert dates, and stretched facilities and participation. They are brainstorming how to move forward from this point while keeping in mind First Friday, when school [K-12] gets out since this is a major communication outlet for the program, and weather issues, too hot in the summer. Having it during October/November is being considered as well as alternating the event between fall and spring as well as modifying it to more of a day in the park with hotdogs and snacks until the formal event in the fall. Healthy Boro offered to partner with them for the park event. To keep the momentum going until an official date has been set, this committee is thinking about giving out information during First Friday. They will have more discussion during their meeting tomorrow, March 5, which will be the 1st Tuesday. Bynes felt as though there was no need to follow-up with any date cancellation information even though the date had gone out for April 20. When the official date is set, it will be sent out. All are welcome to attend tomorrow's meeting.

F. Equity Metrics Subcommittee – Matt Gerig

This committee is focusing on data figures that relate to violence prevention. It intends to use this data to paint a more accurate vision of what is happening today. Chairman Smallwood added that he is finishing a 2022 report to help establish a repertoire of up-to-date facts that can be shared. The committee will be getting together with [Demetrius Bynes](#) for website permission. Bynes added that the new website should be operative by July 1st, 2024.

G. Training Subcommittee [Demetrius Bynes](#)

REPORT: Vision's Retreat during February 22-23 was very successful. The facilitators were very professional and created a non-threatening environment. Twelve (12) staff members attended. This will not be the ending; there will be many on-going future conversations related to the purpose of this retreat. DEI [Diversity, Equity, Inclusion] is the new catch phrase for these matters.

## VIII. New Business

1. Chairman Smallwood has sent out a new link for the individual chairs and subcommittee chairs meeting. Please look at his calendar and fill in accordingly. Even though he feels that each committee is doing a super job individually, he would like to make sure that all committee needs are being met and/or questions are being answered. This procedure adds to the efficiency and effectiveness of One Boro's purpose.
2. Chairman Smallwood informed One Boro that he will be leaving at the end of May to accept a new job position in North Carolina. He will finish out this semester and then transition into his new position that starts June 1st. More information will be released at the time that his new employer issues a statement. Filled with emotion, Smallwood voiced his love for One Boro and his desire to make sure that all infrastructures are in place so that no committee loses its momentum. He also thanked everyone for the passion and the expertise that they have shown under his leadership, but he will definitely be keeping in touch. Members in turn voiced their congratulations as well as their sorrow in having him leave a position that he has held successfully since 2014. One Boro will be honoring Chairman Smallwood at a group setting sometime in the future.
3. Johnny Gamble mentioned nominating a new chair at this time, but Chairman Smallwood wanted time to unofficially talk to the person who may take his place, filling this person in on the job descriptions and expectations first.

## IX. Announcements – SEE ABOVE

### X. Motion to Adjourn

- A. Motion by: [Nandi Marshall](#)
- B. Second by: [Yolanda Tremble](#)
- C. Discussion: None
- D. Vote result: Unanimous

Meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, April 1, 2024 at 5:30pm