

One Boro Commission, Monday, April 1, 2024 at 5:30 pm

Joe Brannen Hall Annex

58-A E. Main Street, Statesboro, GA

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Voting Members (**members present 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 5:38pm

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of agenda

- A. Motion by: Barbara King
- B. Second by: [Karen Z. Naufel](#)
- C. Discussion: None
- D. Vote result: Unanimous

IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes (March 4, 2024)

- A. Motion by: Marieke van Willigen
- B. Second by: [Karen Z. Naufel](#)
- 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.

No Public Comments

VI. Follow-up from previous Statesboro Pride letter of support

The drafted letter was presented to the committee. It was put up on the board for all to read and make corrections as needed. Only one minor correction was made. All in all, this letter states that One Boro recognizes and supports the efforts of the persons and organizations mentioned in the letter. The letter will be given to [Demetrius Bynes](#) who will then deliver the letter to the Mayor and the City Council for final approval. Chairman Smallwood recognized Matt Gerig's efforts for the beginning draft of the letter itself.

VII. Reports of Committees and Subcommittees

A. City of Statesboro–Demetrius Bynes

He reported the dates of two monthly meetings that are open to the public.

- Council Meeting 9:00am – in Council chambers
- Stakeholders Meeting 5:30pm – in Council chambers

He also reminded the committee of Downtown Live for 2024. The brochure will be sent to everyone's email.

B. Violence Prevention Task Force –Crane and Quiney

Updates for this meeting were tabled. It was brought to the committee's attention that this committee had been inactive for a while. Chairman Smallwood said that he shared a similar concern as well as being aware of this situation. He had reached out to the chairs. Some alternative means will be used to get this committee up and operating again soon.

C. Workforce Development Subcommittee – [Stacy Smallwood](#)

On April 13, this committee will be entertaining via Zoom Tyler Simpson who works with youth development programs, such as Building Solutions. This committee is hoping to develop their own goals and set-ups based upon this committee's organizational features. This committee works mainly with people of color.

Another speaker will be Omari Fox. He will talk about how to go about establishing an expungement clinic, which is a major interest of this committee. Their hope is to start one in Bulloch County in the future. All are invited to the zoom meeting.

It was also mentioned that Ogeechee Tech was hosting a Childcare start-up business awareness. Chairman Smallwood will share this flyer with the group when he receives one.

D. Healthy Boro– [Karen Z. Naufel](#)

Their next meeting will be held on Apr 18, 2024, at 6:00pm-7:00pm. Their continued focus will be on how to improve health opportunities here in Statesboro. A link will be shared with everyone.

E. The Longest Table Subcommittee – [Barbara King](#)

Their next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9. They will be revisiting how to incorporate the university's help with tables and chairs. They will also be discussing some off campus options. In addition, they will be discussing finalizing their fall date as well as some outreach events.

F. Equity Metrics Subcommittee –Matt Gerig

Out of town. Not able to log on. Will report during the next meeting.

G. Training Subcommittee – Demetrius Bynes

As for any follow-up relating to February’s VISIONS training, Bynes stated that the administration will be meeting with the department heads to see what the next steps look like.

VIII. New Business – Chairman Smallwood

Chairman Smallwood had two major items to share:

1. He wants to develop what is being called “Synergy groups,” putting two related groups together that overlap naturally regarding shared goals in order to identify intersections and to generate ideas that will enable these groups to find common ground or ways to support each other. Some couplings are these groups: Workforce and Violence Prevention, Violence and Healthy Boro, and Longest Table and Healthy Boro. Groups dealing with violence are naturally shared since there is an influx of violence in Bulloch County. Part B of this idea is to make smaller focused groups. These shared groups will meet regularly and then bring their shared ideas back to the bigger committee to share and then put their ideas into practice. The smaller groups will be for brainstorming and planning.

Chairman Smallwood also reminded those committee chairs who had not already met with him to please reach out to him via email so that a mutual time could be set. Since the end of the year is getting busier, he would like to be able to finish these up within May.

2. Chairman Smallwood also discussed recruiting persons to fill the positions that will become vacant within the next 6 months. We do not have to wait until September. Several will be rotating off in the fall. The community can start getting information on how to apply. Looking for people with passion, new ideas, and ways to contribute. The vacant slots will be filled by persons that the City Council has to vote on, but any interested party can help One-Boro; they do not have to be official members. Chairman Smallwood is willing to have one-on-one conversations with any interested candidates. Committee members were encouraged to start recruiting members now.

Matt Gerig’s role was discussed. He will step up as interim until September since he is vice-chair, but no one knows if he will reapply for the chairman position as of yet. Having co-chairs may also be an option so that the work won’t be so much on one person. If anyone has a person in mind, please reach out to Chairman Smallwood.

Frank Qualls made a request that since Bulloch County no longer sends samples of waste water to CDC as an effort to catch and evaluate new diseases, this committee should consider adding sending samples to CDC as a part of a committee’s focus; doing so is free. This is how Covid was tracked and now Bird Flu is returning. Chairman Smallwood was thankful that Qualls brought this matter to the committee’s attention.

IX. Announcements

On Saturday, Apr 27, 2024, from 11:00am to 2:00pm, NAACP Health Equity Forum will present a Lunch N’ Learn session. You can sign up. It’s free. It will be held at the Loretta Moore Center. Speakers will discuss health matters such as diabetes, hypertension (the silent killer), and heart disease. The theme is- Health isn’t a goal; it’s a way of living.

X. Motion to Adjourn at 6:10pm

A. Motion by: [Barbara King](#)

B. Second by: [Karen Z. Naufel](#)

C. Discussion: None

D. Vote result: Unanimous

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2024 at 5:30pm