



**May 19, 2022, 6:00pm at Joe Brannen Hall and via Zoom**

## **Statesboro Youth Commission Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: Kristina (Tina) Patterson, LaShai Campbell, Stacey Grant, Tracy Linderholm, Renata Newbill-Jallow, Lakesha Hill, Debbie Vives, Tangie Johnson, Shay Paulk (Mayor's intern), Zakiya Daniel, Crystal Simpkins

Kristina Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:15 and noted quorum was present. Agenda was approved as written. April meeting minutes were approved as written.

### **Updates**

**Bulloch County BOE Meeting:** AP Chemistry course class will be offered the coming school year. Other courses are offered but not enough sessions; they have open teacher positions on the website to recruit or ask current teachers and GSU professors to teach for additional money. Students from schools could go but would have to drive themselves.

Youth intensive intervention – questions from Mr. Bennet. What evaluation methods will be used to accept students? who are the individuals building the program? The program is still in design phase, so it won't start this Fall. A town hall setting will be offered to explain how this program will work.

SCYN is interested in meeting with the administrator over the program to ask questions/better understand the program.

**Update on Statesboro Children's Zone Initiative:** Mayor established a line item in the budget requesting \$125,000. A major part of the budget would go to a Program Manager. Work to develop partnerships and mentorship. The Program Manager would report to Mr. Charles Penny and SCYN would act as Advisory Board. The Commission decided the projects needs a Program Manager to spearhead the fundraising and collaborate with organizations in the community as well as find resources for funds such as grants. Two graduate interns will be recruited, likely from MPA program, MA Social Science, or College of Ed.

Council asked about SCYN's official endorsement for this project.

**SCYN Endorsement:**

Lakesha Hill motioned for the Youth Commission (SCYN) to officially endorse the Statesboro Children's Zone project Renata Newbill-Jallow seconded. All members approved. Motion carried.

Kristina Patterson will send a memo stating SCYN endorsement to City Council and staff.

Mayor McCollar arrived at 6:35 - noted we need a fundraising plan for SCZ. SCYN members agreed to wait until we know about line item of \$125,000 before developing fundraising plan.

**Statesboro Children's Zone initiative:**

Members reviewed the map and discussed identifying potential spaces in Zones 1-5 for SCZ project:

Zone 1: Mill Creek Park, Trinity Church, Thomas Grove,  
Primitive Baptist Church

Zone 2: Packinghouse Rd-Hills Mortuary, Madison Meadows,  
Gray Center, Thomas Grove

Zone 3- ??

Zone 4: Luetta Moore Park

Zone 5: Agape, City of David and Grady Street-3, GSU, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Presbyterian Church, Baptist Collegiate Ministries

We will need Children's zone signs, book distribution, (book  
bus)-need volunteers, calendar for the Fall, Healthy check day.

Plan to launch the mobile resources in Fall 2022 - Provide literacy,  
food and clothing, health clinic.

### **Luetta Moore Park Season Passes**

Shari Barr suggested the possibility of SCYN providing  
scholarships for the Luetta Moore Park pool.

\$25 season pass - SCYN agreed this was a good idea, but have  
concerns about how to identify who needs help with the pass. It's  
possible school counselors could identify those in need and who  
lives close to the pool. Closest school is Julia P. Bryant School.

### **Announcements**

Meeting with civic organizations and churches about SCZ at  
Uncle Shug's Saturday, 5/21/22. Youth Commission is invited.

June 14-17 OGR2 camp at the 7<sup>th</sup> Mile ages 7-12.

June 21<sup>st</sup> the budget will be voted on and is expected to pass.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 pm

MEETINGS: Currently, Third Thursday of each month, 6:00 pm at Joe Brannen Hall. Next meeting: June 16, 2022