**CGIC Quality of Life Team Meeting**

**September 22, 2021**

**9:00 am – 10:30 am via Go to Meeting**

**Attendance:** Armand Turner, *Healthy Savannah*; Ashley Rainge, *Healthy* Savannah; Caila Brown, *Healthy Savannah*; Coco Papy, *Deep* Center; Heather Griffin, *Breakthrough Behavior*; Larson Ashford, *Healthy Savannah*; Maryann Brickey, *Live Oaks Public Libraries*; Nichele Hoskins, *Healthy Savannah*; Paula Kreissler, *Healthy Savannah*; Rita Harris, *Live Oak Public Libraries*; Ruby Hallam, *Healthy* Savannah; Lizann Roberts, *CGIC*; Rachel McConathy, *CGIC*

**Review Meeting Notes:** No changes were made to the previous meeting notes.

**Tide to Town Update**

**Armand Turner –** The Tide to Town Outreach Team is hosting Activity Friendly Routes to Everyday Destination plan Saturday at 9am and Tuesday at 6pm on the southside. October 11th at 9am, the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health team will host a Facebook Live discussing Tide to Town. The Police Memorial trail is in good shape after heavy rain and close to the final walk through.

**Caila Brown –** We are meeting soon with the City of Savannah to discuss trail funding and signage for Truman Linear and Police Memorial Trails. The City of Savannah is exploring funding opportunities for the next phase of the Truman Linear Park Trail to connect the two segments to 52nd street and Duran.

**Deep Center Update**

**Coco Papy –** We’re actively recruiting for the Young Author Project and Block by Block programs with a combination of virtual and hybrid programs that will start in October. Full vaccination is required for staff and young people. Also, we are in the final stages of our policy brief as it is being designed with upcoming recommendations for the year. We are working with Southern Center for Human Rights and the Vera Institute looking at ways to decriminalize certain misdemeanors. A data poll and storytelling from people impacted are taking place. Please refer us to anyone who may be interested in sharing their story and/or interview in which they will receive an incentive. Lastly, we are working with the Leadership Conference of Civil and Human Rights to better understand how to reduce pre-trial detention in Chatham County.

**Front Porch Update -**

**Caila Brown –** They have received a grant from the Downtown Neighborhood Association for 25 tablets to help cover incentive assessment. They are also currently meeting with different fiscal sponsors to figure out how to ensure they can apply for specific grants without fully establishing themselves as a non-profit. “Socktober” sock donations will be collected until the end of October.

**2022 Meeting Schedule**

**Lizann Roberts –** Depending on where we are with COVID, we will decide if the team meetings will stay virtual or go hybrid.

**Partner Highlights**

**Caila Brown –** Bike Walk Savannah is taking bike donations, please click [HERE](https://bikewalksavannah.org/new-standard-cycles/donate-a-bike/) to donate online. Also, Forsyth Park is moving forward on proposing a ban on biking the pathways. According to Friends at Forsyth, it is due to the lack of enforcement of any potential hazardous scenarios. All are encouraged to mention if you enjoy biking and spending time at the park in the Friends of Forsyth Community Survey to avoid enforcement of a ban.

**Maryann Brickey –** Live Oak Public Libraries recently received an international paper grant to install story walks throughout the county and to afford a few that will be able to travel to different community events. We’re in need of references on who to work with in the county/city to figure out where the story walks should go. Barking Dog Exhibits is one of the main providers of story walks. If you would like to see what a finished product looks like, click [HERE](https://bdexhibits.com/storywalk-solutions/).

**Next Quality of Life team meeting – Wednesday November 3rd @ 9am via Zoom**

**Next CGIC meeting – Wednesday December 1st @ 8:30am via Zoom**