**CGIC Quality of Life Meeting**

**March 31st, 2021 @ 9am**

**Go to Meeting**

**Attendance:** Armand Turner, *Healthy Savannah/YMCA of Coastal Georgia*; Coco Papy, *Deep Center*; Austin Rojas, *United Way of the Coastal Empire,* James Aberson, *Chatham County Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator,* Ashley Rainge, *Healthy Savannah*, Kiakala Ntemo, *Chatham County Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission,* Paula Kreissler*, Healthy Savannah* Caila Brown, Bike Walk Savannah; Lizann Roberts, *CGIC*; Rachel McConathy, *CGIC*; Logan Bishop, *CGIC;* Louis Shealey, *CGIC*

**Review of Meeting Notes:** No needed changes.

**Tide to Town Update:**

Armand Turner gave the Tide to Town update. The first neighborhood safety audit meet and greet was held. The goal was to meet with representatives from five different neighborhoods and introduce their walking and biking audit app or Tide to Town to get some input or feedback from those individuals. The final step is to schedule one on one meetings with those neighborhoods so they can schedule a date for an actual audit with that neighborhood. Some neighborhoods were not represented due to scheduling conflict and the focus is to reach out to those who could not attend and re-present to them and answer any of their questions. The next update was on the Hotel Motel tax which went to state but was not passed. It was felt that the tax could hurt tourism in the upcoming year so there was some disagreement. Renovation has begun on the police memorial trail. Once finished it will become a portion of the Truman Linear Park Trail. There is a timeline for it to be completed in six months. Also, the next phase for the Truman Linear Park Trail still has an unknown start date but the city made a promise to Senator Watson via signed letters that they would identify a new funding source and begin construction on that before the end of the year whether or not the hotel motel tax got approved and would begin construction by the end of the year. Lastly, confirmation is awaiting that the Hotel Motel Tax was passed on the House level.

**Deep Center**:

Coco Papy gave a Deep Center update. In the Georgia State Session one of the major bills that was majorly supported was to raise the juvenile code age in the state of Georgia sunk in senate rules. There wasn’t enough senate votes. The senate leadership was not well educated on the matter so there is needing to be a greater deal of education for the next year. The policy brief has been presented at the county level. Work has been done with the Vera Institute for Justice regarding a data snapshot of what jail entry in Chatham County looks like pre and post covid. They are currently trying to build partnership with the DA’s office to push against identified pieces of legislation.

**Front Porch Update:**

Lizann Roberts gave a Front Porch update. Currently there is an interview going on to find a permanent director. Slowdowns in referrals to the front porch has been an impact of virtual learning. CGIC’s interns will be working on data from the Front Porch pulling together data from a three year period to look at the impact the Front Porch has had.

**2021 Focus Update:**

Lizann talked about the blueprint goals for 2021. There have been some changes in strategies listed in the blueprint to help meet goals. Some strategies were needing more context when it came to wording. These changes were discussed and edited.

**Partner Highlights**

Earth Day Savannah is now a month-long event with virtual and in person events. For more info you can visit earthdaysavannah.com.