



**Minutes from the
Specially Called Business Meeting
of the STAT Board of Directors
July 17th, 2020 – Online Zoom Video Meeting – 6:00 pm**

Board Members Online: Don Britt, President, Presiding; Billy Franklin, Vice President, Kathy Emanuel, Secretary; Kurt Schulz, Treasurer; Jared Eakins; Regina Hart; and Alice Snipes

Board Members Not Attending: Lucy DeForest

Other Attendees: Kelly McAloon, STAT Executive Director; Summer Daniels, STAT Administrative Assistant; Dave Emanuel, Mayor Pro Tem, Snellville City Council; Gretchen Schulz, Snellville City Council

There was no agenda for this Specially Called Meeting: Main topic of conversation: Immediate decision on whether to cancel imminent events due to the recent increase in Covid-19 cases.

1.0 Determination of a Quorum: Don Britt, President called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm by calling roll. Established that a quorum was present.

Kelly reported on the weekly phone call by the Gwinnett Municipal Association to all Gwinnett Mayors and Councilmembers of Tuesday July 14th. Specifically the updated information on the new wave of Covid-19 reported by Dr. Arona and its effect on upcoming events. Dr. Arona was very definite on the inadvisability of holding large gathering where social distancing is difficult. The Doctor was very definite on the dangers of spreading Covid-19 with this type of gathering.

Discussion ensued on whether we should postpone some of our upcoming events. Discussion on what other communities were doing. Kelly reported that Grayson and Loganville are going ahead with their events. Suwanee has put everything on hold until 2021. Lawrenceville has put their events on hold. Duluth has postponed their concerts until 2021. Kurt commented that our events are usually much larger than Grayson and Loganville.

Discussion was also that the perception would be that we were being callous and unconcerned for our citizens. Don also expressed concerns. Don asked if anyone thought we should go ahead with the events. No one answered.

Dave Emanuel expressed his view as Mayor Pro Tem that he thought going ahead was the wrong thing to do. Jared also brought up the fact that even if we could control social distancing on the Greene, it would be virtually impossible to do so with the people entering and exiting. It was also mentioned that it would be very difficult to get and protect our volunteers.

Discussion on signage for postponement.

Motion to postpone July 25th concert indefinitely made by Kurt Schulz, seconded by Alice Snipes. Don did a roll call vote. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Discussion on August 22nd concert. Consensus was to postpone.

Discussion on whether to have our July 20th meeting in person. Decided to have in person at Summit Chase where we can social distance. Also short discussion on future events. Councilperson Gretchen Schulz reported how some of this is being handled at the Farmers' Market.

Don wrapped up details with details on the Monday meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn Zoom video meeting made by Regina Hart, seconded by Kurt Schulz. Don did a roll call vote. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Don Britt, President.

Kathy Emanuel, Secretary