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To: Danny Varat <DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov>
CC: Page, Hank <hpage@aging.sc.gov>
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Date: 7/18/2017 2:54:06 PM
Subject: RE: LGOA BGtime

I spoke to Ms. Bridges, she is very sweet. I explained that it is no longer a functioning site because of technical issues. After hearing her speak it seems like she and some of her friends mainly want a place for seniors to connect and share stories with each other and with other generations. I don't know how much work it would be to provide an outlet for that through the office on aging, which is why I'm copying Hank and Darryl on this, but the concept sounds nice but in practice I could see it being difficult. I did also suggest that there were ways she could organize something like this herself and it wouldn't have to cost any money, but she may need to in list the help of someone. I suggested that she talk to someone that she knew that knows technology about maybe setting up a blog, since that's basically what she was doing through BG Time. She seemed intrigued by that and hadn't considered doing something herself. I think she is satisfied for now, but did ask that if we consider something like this in the future to contact her.

While I think this is interesting and has value, I think it was used in a very limited way and by a finite number of people, thus it may not be the best use of our resources to manage something like this.

Thoughts?

*Best Regards,
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From: Danny Varat
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 5:27 PM
To: Catherine McNicoll
Subject: Re: LGOA BGtime

Yes, please.

From: Catherine McNicoll
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 4:48 PM
To: Danny Varat
Subject: FW: LGOA BGtime

Danny, Below is Hank's Explanation of BG TIME would you like me to reach out to Ms. Bridges and try to explain that because of some technical issues with the website BG TIME is no longer functioning, however we would be open to looking at a similar program in the future?

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From: Page, Hank [<mailto:hpage@aging.sc.gov>]

Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:37 PM

To: Catherine McNicoll <CatherineMcNicoll@scstatehouse.gov>

Subject: RE: LGOA BGtime

Sure. I'll try to be as concise as possible, but let me know if you need any more information.

This was a program that was passed down from the [Central Carolina Community Foundation](#) to the actual Lieutenant Governor's Office (then-Lieutenant Governor Ken Ard). It was an intergenerational project meant to connect younger students with seniors. The Lieutenant Governor's Office has intermittently hosted a writing awards program for students to write essays on a particular prompt; however, I don't think a writing awards program has been hosted since the 2012-2013 school year (I may be a year off... just a guess). The essays used to be judged by staff in the Lieutenant Governor's Office and a winner was chosen (who would come to the State House, meet the LG, get a picture, etc.).

Separately, but related, the BG TIME site would allow anyone to contribute stories to be posted. For the past (approximately) three years, Miss Jean was the only person who posted any stories, and most were re-posts of stories previously submitted. Around January / February of this year, we began to have problems accessing the site [there are two separate tech groups that control the site... a domain group (Go Daddy) and a content hosting side (Living Dot)]. Apparently some kind of login information and proof of ownership were the problems we ran into. I submitted a letter, my State House ID, government e-mail address, etc. to the company to regain control, but we were denied.

I then reached out to JoAnn Turnquist, President & CEO of the Central Carolina Community Foundation, but it had been so many years since the domain was established, she wasn't able to track it back that far. I also worked with Kevin Pondy (here in the LGOA) to track down who the site was registered to many years ago (the techie person who would have actually done the "paperwork" at the time). After about 5-6 calls to the individual, they finally returned my call, but did not have any up-to-date information, as they hadn't been with the company in many years.

I love Miss Jean, but she does not understand all of the complexities associated with the site. I don't know how to fix the problem without starting over (new domain). This may be something we can consider in the redesign process of our current aging site. Does this kind of make sense or did I make things more confusing??

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From: Catherine McNicoll [<mailto:CatherineMcNicoll@scstatehouse.gov>]

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Subject: FW: LGOA BGtime

Good Morning Hank, Can you help with some background on this and why the program ended. Thank you.

Best Regards,

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From: Danny Varat

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Subject: LGOA BGtime

This is the lady who messaged LG about BGtime. Looks like Hank should know something about it. Please follow up in the am.

Thank you! My telephone number is 803 739-5653---my E-mail is jrb30319@aol.com. Hank Page continued to help me after he went to the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging. There are lots of seniors who will share stories with the younger generation about how it was to grow up in the Great Depression. etc. There are brochures in your office about the program which was sponsored by the USC School of Journalism and others

for three years, then taken over by your office. For many years I have been a "crusader" for seniors in S C. I do hope we can get this revived. I will get some contributors to it! I am a Legislative Volunteer for AARP and serve in the Silver Haired Legislature, among other things. Our seniors are very important! Thank you again for your help! Jean Bridges AKA Miss Jean.

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