

Minutes from RNA Meeting on October 9, 2019

Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building
Room 159 (EOC) at 5:30 PM

Committee Members in Attendance

Kate Lewis, Chair
Ellie Rigby, Secretary
Jamaal Jackson
Cindy Pasternak
Sunni Purviance

Committee Members Absent

Charles E. Wilson, Vice-Chair
Bill Houck, Jr.

Guests

Wayne Leftwich – City Planner
Henri Gendreau – Roanoke Times

Welcome to Members and Guests

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:39pm and welcomed all members and guests.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Jackson moved to adopt the Agenda. Ms. Rigby seconded. Passed unanimously. Ms. Rigby made a motion to accept minutes. Mr. Jackson seconded. Passed unanimously.

Reports of Special Interest

- **City Plan 2040 – Wayne Leftwich, Roanoke City Planner**

Working on the Welcome Roanoke plan. Met with a working group from the Refugee community. They are working at the staff level on the 2040 Plan. Ms. Lewis asked when the neighborhood plans would start. Mr. Leftwich indicated spring of 2020 and that they would start in the Target Area.

- **City Updates – Tonya Pickett, Neighborhood Services**

Fish Fry is Friday at the Melrose-Rugby neighborhood center. Fuel assistance is starting through Social Services, and they will be set up at various library locations and participants need to be qualified. Had a meeting with Doug Jackson who is the new Arts Coordinator and he has a lot of good ideas about art in the neighborhoods. There have been some award submissions online and some have been mailed in. We will extend the deadline to Monday the 21st rather than the Friday the 18th.

- **Neighborhood Reports - All**

No Reports

Reports of Officers – Standing Committees

- **Code Enforcement**

Mr. Bestpitch of City Council suggested that RNA meet with the Code Enforcement judge directly. RNA should reach out to neighborhoods to gather information about habitual offenders as examples for the meeting. Ms. Lewis will search the addresses or offenders to see how many times they have been in violation. The next Code Enforcement court date is November 7th.

- **Awards Ceremony Committee – Pasternak**

Mr. Prior at the Jefferson said that he feels that it is more economical for the RNA to rent the tablecloths rather than purchasing them. Ms. Rigby made a motion to rent the tablecloths. Ms. Pasternak seconded. Passed unanimously. Ms. Pasternak raised the point of serving alcohol. Mr. Prior said that it was a \$500 minimum for the alcohol sales. Ms. Lewis said that the RNA could get a sponsor to cover the difference between what people buy. Ms. Lewis suggested a cocktail hour beginning at 5:00. There is an option for an outside vendor to come in, but the RNA could not sell the alcohol. The RNA decided to go forward with the bar. Ms. Lewis talked about getting steel pints with the RNA logo on them for the event attendees. Those range from \$5 a piece for metal ones. It would be \$700 for 125. Mr. Jackson made a motion to purchase the steel cups. Ms. Rigby seconded. Passed unanimously. Ms. Purviance suggested bringing a display from each neighborhood group. Mr. Leftwich suggested having a board for people to write on about neighborhood accomplishments. Ms. Lewis will reach out to Mr. Stacy to see if he wants to help with the powerpoint presentation this year.

New Business

Open Forum/Announcements

The RNA went into closed session at 6:09pm. Open session reconvened at 6:23pm

Adjourn

Adjourned at 6:23pm.