

## ROANOKE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATES

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### **RNA Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, July 7/14/2021**

Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building- HR Boardroom, third floor; 5:30 p.m.

### **Minutes of the 7/14/21 Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates Meeting - 5:47PM**

#### **In attendance were:**

- **Aicha Grubb, Chair**
- **Bill Houck, Secretary**
- **Michael Stamper**
- **Amazetta Anderson**
- **Sunni Purviance**
- **Rosheta Chase**
- **Brian Bennett**
- **Jordan Bell**
- **Joshua Johnson, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, City of Roanoke,**

#### **Absent:**

**Jamaal Jackson, Vice Chair**

**Joe Cobb, Vice Mayor and City Council Member**

**Adriane Tasco, Strategic Planning Facilitator**

**The meeting was called to order at 5:47 by Ms. Grubb. She welcomed the members and city staff.**

**There was a motion by Mr. Bennett to adopt the agenda & this was seconded by Ms. Anderson and approved. A motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 & June 9, 2021 meetings was made by Ms. Purviance, seconded by Mr. Bennett and approved.**

**Next on the agenda were the Reports of Officers & Standing Committees. Being none, Ms. Grubb and Mr. Johnson then reviewed the dates for important upcoming events.**

- **July 19, 2021 at 2 PM is the City Council meeting where the RNA is to give its annual report, including the news of the recently completed RNA Strategic Plan.**
- **August 3, 2021 from 6 PM- 8 PM is “National Night Out,” when our various neighborhoods salute the police and other first responder representatives with front porch vigils, block parties, refreshments and snacks. “NNO” is meant to generate support for anti-crime programs, heighten crime & drug prevention awareness, send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized & fighting back, and strengthened neighborhood spirit.**

Ms. Grubb concluded the regular business of the RNA and switch the discussion to “Retreat” mode. For the rest of the meeting, those in attendance looked at the recently adopted RNA Strategic Plan with a focus on determining what we can do to attain our goals with a schedule to meet those.

We each introduced ourselves to one another and gave a bit of a biographic overview. It included where we live, what we do to make a living and our volunteer efforts for the neighborhoods in which we live &/or those neighborhoods we represent as members of the RNA and, more importantly, what brought us to volunteer for the RNA.

We then were asked to articulate what we thought our particular skill set include (i.e. strengths in terms of “soft” skills & “hard” skills).

We then were asked to match up our skills to the 3 particular “action silos”: 1) Inform/Communicate with neighborhoods; 2) Capacity Building/Information transfer of between the neighborhoods & the City council & City staff; 3) Act as an accountability “Watch-dog” over the actions of City Council &/or the neighborhoods. Ms. Grubb requested that each “silo” group communicate among its members over the next month about how to initiate the attaining of its particular goal(s).

Ms. Grubb called for adjournment at 8:34 PM, which was seconded by Ms. Anderson and approved by the members.

**Next Scheduled  
Meeting :**

**WEDNESDAY  
8/11/2021 5:30PM**

Please mark your  
calendars accordingly