

Minutes of the 5/12/21 Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates Meeting

In attendance were:

Jamaal Jackson, Vice Chair
Amazetta Anderson
Sunni Purviance
Rosheta Chase
Brian Bennett
Michael Stamper
Jordan Bell
Joe Cobb, Vice Mayor and City Council Member
Tiffany Bradbury, Community Engagement Manager, City of Roanoke
Joshua Johnson, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, City of Roanoke
Adriane Tasco, Strategic Planning Facilitator

Absent:

Alicha Grubb, Chair
Bill Houck, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 by Rev. Jackson. He welcomed new RNA member, Mr. Jordan Bell.

There was a motion by Mr. Bennett to adopt the agenda & this was seconded by Ms. Chase and approved. The minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting were not yet available for review.

Next on the agenda were the Reports of Special Interest.

A) Upcoming RNA meeting: A virtual meeting will be held on May 26 at 5:30pm to work on the strategic plan.

B) Retreat: Board members in attendance came to a consensus to schedule an RNA retreat for June 25, 6-9pm, to discuss implementation of action items presented in the strategic plan.

C) Announcement: Ms. Bradbury will be leaving her position as Community Engagement Coordinator on May 28.

Next, the current version of the Strategic Plan working document was reviewed and suggested edits were discussed and updated.

Ms. Anderson suggested a possible topic for the RNA retreat: Whether RNA should become involved/advocate for youth in relation to gun violence.

Ms. Tasco suggested a possible topic for the RNA retreat: How RNA will define "neighborhood group." Mr. Johnson pointed out that it is addressed on the Roanokeva.gov website, but we may want to revise.

Mr. Johnson informed that a new neighborhood group is in process of forming: Old Mountain Neighborhood Association in NE. He agreed to provide an update to RNA on currently active neighborhood groups.

Ms. Anderson called for adjournment at 6:27 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Bennett, and approved by the members.