

Commissioners Physically Present: Decca Knight, Tim Harvey, Stacey Sheppard, Elliot Major, Joe Cobb, Kathy Cohen, Eric Anderson, **Shakira Williams, Nicole Ross**

Topic (Agenda Item)	Notes from Discussion
Roll Call	<p>See roll call above</p> <p>Quorum present</p>
Approval of Minutes from May, 2022	<p>Motion: Tim</p> <p>2nd: Kathy</p> <p>Motion passes</p>
Current Reality	<p>Roanoke Police Department Report (Joe)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See report ● Seeing more cases that have been closed by arrest than last year ● Time of day of incidents has gotten earlier in the day ● Brought on additional individuals to look at correlates between gun violence, poverty, etc. <p>RESET Update Report (Decca Knight)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See report <p>Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Team Report (Chris Roberts)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Responds to audience question about stopping individuals from using guns and their preventative work ● Working with individuals identified by the police department to build self-mastery, how to deal with disputes, etc. ● Rites of Passage program ● Community Healing Circles ● Suffering is our bridge to connect to others ● “What Love Looks like” program Empathy Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stacey discusses a portrait artist to do portraits for victim’s families ○ Nicole and Tim discusses the Soul Box project and collaborating with FedUp prayer breakfast ○ Guest asks about faith leaders being part of the Empathy Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Offering the ministers the opportunity to be involved

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moms uplifting Moms program pilot just finished up, next one will start in the fall ● Relocation Services for victims
New Business	<p>Neighborhood Project Proposal</p> <p>Sheriff's Department Inmate Programming (Angela Traynham)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Powerpoint Presentation on Inmate Programming and Re-Entry ● IGNITE Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shifting from incarceration to education ○ Currently only six locations throughout the US and none in VA ○ Benefits: reduces violence, lawsuits, recidivism, trust, etc. ○ Looking for sponsors ○ ALPHA through BRBH (Substance Abuse), Mental Health Therapeutic Pod (NaphCare), Re-entry Pod ○ Education on inmate tablet system ○ GED and Education Services ○ Library Services ○ Trinity Culinary Program ○ SERCAP-ELI ○ Bridges to Life ○ Career Support Systems ● Sheriff Hash asks for funding opportunities, and requests that service providers reach out <p>Gun Violence Prevention Marketing Campaign (Mike Bento with Engage and Bruce Bryan with 5 points Creative)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have met with Rke City Staff ● Three Main Areas of Focus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community needs to know what we do ○ Communicating the range of resources in the community ○ How do we lift up the stories of success to balance the narrative <p>Youth Services Summitt June 25th Washington Park (Anita Price)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Extended a personal invitation ● Going on since 2014 ● More of a celebration this year, youth talent, food, basketball tournament <p>Roanoke Remembers (Reverend Tim Harvey)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last done in 2019 at Fleming ● Connected with Chris Roberts to clergy group ● Joe says that we can financially support this effort <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It needs to be interfaith and the community needs to know that the GVPC supports it

- FedUp is also doing an event
- Do we talk about gun violence in general or specific victims
- Could we focus more on resources for survivors
- Kathy says that victims often struggle around holidays
- Need clergy and mental health individuals
- Possible Soul Box collaboration

Tim discussed an event he did last week with Elliot for his congregation and other faith leaders

Groceries not Guns Event, Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 11:00am – 3:00pm at 1427 Melrose/Melrose Action center

Neighborhood Project Pinpoint Strategic Proposal Initiative: Joe

- See report
- Joe and the Mayor were on a call with Chicago PD
- Have \$34,000 in this fiscal year’s budget
- Could we start as three pilots in identified neighborhoods with Chris serving as a project manager
 - Neighborhood leaders could consider how to spend the funds
- Fiscal agent of UWRV to distribute the money to the neighborhoods
- Elliot would prefer not to spread out the funds initially but concentrate more on what can be done
 - Look at the end state and go backwards> what would you imagine this would look like?
 - Build an “island of success”
 - Do not dilute the funds
 - Needs to be grassroots from the neighborhood
 - Funds need to be allocated by the end of June
 - Microtargeted actions
- Kathy agrees that starting with 8th street would be good; Nicole mentions Delta
- Joe states that we don’t have to pick an area now
- Angie shares other details about the Chicago program
- Shikara makes a motion to allocate \$34,000 to UWRV to implement this program; Elliot seconds; motion passes

Gun Lock Distribution through the schools: Joe

- 72 locks distributed to date
- RCPS + starting soon and will be a big push at the beginning of school

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Gun Violence Prevention Commission Grant Update

- See overview document

	<p>Gun Violence Task Force Strategic Plan put together by Allison Jorgenson: Joe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joe will send to us as a working document ● Tim asks if we have a clear “why” that will be a part of the plan ● Creating measurable goals <p>Nicole: getting community questions about metrics for grants and who chose the grant recipients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Metrics: Collaboration, impact, sustainability ● 12 hours of consideration ● Will keep proposals that weren’t granted, they are still available for consideration ● We cannot award grants to non-profits ● Suggestion of putting out metrics to public in the future <p>Joe: monthly articles for community with impact stories</p> <p>Joe: talk to foundations to get more community investments</p>
Announcements	<p>Cigars and Stilettos Fundraiser Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 6:00pm – 10:00pm at Holiday Inn Tanglewood</p> <p>National Night Out: August 2nd; requested presence of the GVPC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Volunteer Oppurtunities <p>Juneteenth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GVPC will have a table ● Motion to be a community sponsor at \$250; Stacey first and Tim second <p>July meeting changed from the 12th to the 19th</p>
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