

Commissioners Physically Present: Stacey Sheppard, Joe Cobb, Rabbi Kathy Cohen, Decca Knight, Nicole Ross

Commissioners Virtually Present: Tim Harvey, Shakira Williams

Absent: Elliot Major

Topic (Agenda Item)	Notes from Discussion
Roll Call	<p>See roll call above</p> <p>Quorum present</p> <p>Motion to allow commissioners to participate virtually Tim Harvey: COVID quarantine First: Kathy Second: Decca Passes</p> <p>Shakira Williams: On the road First: Stacey Second: Decca Passes</p> <p>Joe states that Angela Williams has resigned from the commission because of conflicts of interest</p>
Approval of Minutes from April, 2022	<p>Motion: Kathy</p> <p>2nd: Stacey</p> <p>Motion passes</p>
Old Business	<p>Grant Update: Joe Cobb and Laura Carrini</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 26 grants to 25 organizations ● Laura C: updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Split organizations into two groups ○ One group has already spoken with Angie and Laura <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grant agreement already sent to this group for review

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Second group meeting with Laura and Angie one-on-one later this week ○ Should all be wrapped up by Monday ● Continuing to look for grant funding to support these programs ● Additional funds for the Attorney General’s office ● Grant just submitted for Transitional Housing for families affected by gun violence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hoping to serve 12-24 families ○ City is the fiscal agent and TAP is the partner <p>Prevention, Intervention, and Response Current Initiatives: Joe Cobb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Begin making that shift tonight and reconvene the community stakeholders in all the areas ● Joe addresses the mission which has stayed the same <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Root causes and community engagement as addition to mission
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roanoke Police Department Report: Joe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 27 YTD cases ○ 26 incidents of gun fire predominantly NW quadrant (16) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Delta Drive/Landsdown particularly affected ■ Joe discusses his ride along and an associated incident ■ DV incident where Shawn from Peacekeepers was present ■ RRHA has added cameras in the past year ○ 6 homicides YTD ○ Kaitlyn from RRHA stats: Villages and Landsdown cameras put in in Feb. of 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Landsdown: 30% decrease from past year (2020) of incidences ■ Villages has had a “slight” decrease from past year (2020) of incidences ■ Have license plate readers ○ Elderly residents are afraid to walk to Family Dollar at Landsdown ○ Homicides the same as last year ○ Aggravated assaults are almost double ○ Incidents are now occurring all throughout the day, not just at night ○ 911/Non-emergency calls shots fired calls 67 ○ 5 of the homicides were Black Males; 1 White female ○ Kathy asks what “closed exception” means <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Stacey states that “closed by exception” often means that someone isn’t cooperating ○ Philadelphia: Operation Pinpoint based on intelligence, active effort to reach out to neighbors and businesses to get additional help, education of community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Priority areas Landsdown, Indian Village, Jamestown, 8th street, section of Williamson Rd ○ Shots fired calls are much more spreadout (than gun incidents) over the different quadrants ● Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Team Report: Chris Roberts and Antonio Stoval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chris: Stepping back from taking such a “big bite” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Attempting to fill in the gaps

- Evaluate first few months of programming
 - Antonio
 - Moms uplifting moms: program for moms of at-risk youth
 - Second community circle coming up this month
 - First had 16 individuals show up
 - 13 youth of the Rights of Passage Program started a few weeks ago
 - Hiking, new foods, cooking class, survival skills, stress reduction techniques
 - Hoping that these young men will share with their community and family
 - Self Mastery Now at Noel C Taylor ending soon
 - Middle and High School students
 - Discussions with Mr. Baylor, the director, about how to move forward next year
 - Client from Fleming they are working with to get engaged back to school
 - Joe asks about summer programming for Noel C students
 - Chris states that they don't have summer programming
 - Hoping to have a satellite office at Noel C
 - Nicole asks about what the challenges are with the Noel C students
 - Antonio says that there are mental health, behavioral challenges
 - Joe: Three goals to focus on modeled after Philadelphia
 - Three goals to reach by 2023 in Philadelphia
 - 1. Reduce shootings and homicides by 30%
 - 2. High-Risk Individuals: 100% of those known individuals involved will be outreached to and offered a different path
 - Majority driven by a small group of people
 - Actively engage these individuals
 - Operation Pinpoint: operation ceasefire
 - New AG for VA interested in this approach
 - Identifies a small number of blocks that are violent hotspots and uses data and intelligence to adjust presence in the area
 - Road Map Tactical Meetings: mediations, group violence intervention, prevention-based environmental changes (abandoned buildings)
 - 3. Victim Support: More support for victims and surviving families: 100% of known victims will be offered support within ten days of an incident
 - We are working to address this with Coordinated Rapid Response, Carilion, RESET, FedUp, etc.
 - Follow-through and infrastructure currently limited in Roanoke
 - We have talked about mental health and trauma-informed care
 - Joe proposes a mental health team to come in right after an incident to provide resources
 - Mayor Lea and Joe have been talking about violence interruption teams
 - Mayor Lea reaching out to Mayor Lightfoot in Chicago
 - Many ex offenders have reached out recently to say that they want to help
 - Emerging issue is access to guns
 - Legal versus illegal purchases

- Drug dealing and gun sales
 - Previous two are measurable areas as well as three from Philadelphia
 - Kathy asks for a report on illegal guns taken off the street in the police report
 - Joe: Next step is bringing the 5 areas into focus
 - Suggests at June meeting we have 3-5 measurables that go into 2023 and 2024 for key indicators for Prevention, Intervention, and Response areas
 - RAMS was not identified with the Hanover incident and students on the bus saw the dead body
 - Nicole suggests that the police on the scene should be calling the school
 - Chris Roberts says that the burden is already high on the police department
 - Chris is saying that the burden shouldn't just fall on the police department
 - Nicole says that marketing opportunities for the GVPC public awareness need to be more robust
 - Joe says that that campaign is starting soon with the role out
 - Door hangers, flyers, knocking on doors, PSAs, social media, etc.
 - Telling the stories of the organizations that are already doing the work
 - Nicole states that this is a Roanoke community problem
- Tim H report:
 - Memorialization event
 - Met with a group of pastors through a connection with Chris Roberts
 - Tim would like to meet with this group again
 - Soulbox
 - Nicole and Tim went to University of Lynchburg and saw it
 - Oragami box
 - Logistically easy to get materials here
 - Tim needs an arts community partner: CommUnity Arts reach
- Kathy C
 - Issue of getting gun locks to families before the end of the school year
 - In other communities gun locks are provided through schools
 - 8,000 families served through Roanoke City Public Schools
 - One contact at BRBH and one at Carilion that Cathy has reached out to
 - Ways to get gun locks at cost
 - Amazon cost is \$8.00 per gun lock
 - We have around \$40,000 that could be budgeted
 - Stacey says look in eVA to see if they would be cheaper
 - Motion to authorize purchase of approx 8000 gun locks according to the city's purchasing policies
 - Kathy first
 - Stacey second
 - Motion passes
 - Return of laptops or award ceremonies to pass out locks
- RESET Update Report: Given by Decca; see associated report
 - Joe asks about the apprenticeship program and linkages between continued employment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Connection with the apprenticeship program participants and Career Works ● Rights of Passage has connections for employment as well ● Struggle with getting the Conflict Resolution up and running <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Program is ready to go but getting people involved has been difficult ● Joe is ok that Safer Neighborhoods and Education Committees can reconvene
Announcements	Next Meeting, Tuesday June 14th, 5:30 pm: Williamson Rd
Adjournment	7:06 adjourn