

Roanoke City Gun Violence Commission

Meeting Minutes

12/14/21, at 5:30 pm Noel C Taylor Municipal Building, City Council Conference Room

Commissioners Physically Present: Joe Cobb, Decca Knight, Stacey Sheppard, Elliott Major, Tim Harvey

Commissioners Virtually present: Nicole Ross, Shakira Williams

Absent: Taisha Steele, Kathy Cohen

Topic (Agenda Item)	Notes from Discussion
Roll Call	<p>See roll call above</p> <p>Quorum present in-person</p> <p>Laura Carini City Attorney's office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Reviewing bylaws adopted in Sept. of 2021● Can be completely absent from three meetings● Electronic participation policy adopted in September: Can attend virtually up to three meetings for medical reasons or a personal reason (has to be disclosed)● Still need a physical quorum <p>Motion to allow Nicole and Shakira to attend virtually</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nicole could not come physically because of staffing needs at YES● Shakira could not come physically because of COVID● Stacey makes the motion; Tim seconds● Motion passes
Approval of Minutes from November 9th, 2021	<p>Motion to adopt minutes: Decca</p> <p>Second: Stacey</p> <p>Motion passes</p>
Roanoke Police Dept. Report	<p>ISTAR report: Joe Cobb reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● See report: specific areas of note<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ age ranges 16-25○ discrepancies between homicides and arrests

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ time of incidents ● Tim requests historical data over the past decades
RESET Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lloyd sent the report to Angie OBrien <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 37 deployments to date ○ Recent Vicarious Trauma training for volunteers ○ Whole government response including a teen apprenticeship program (1 youth placed); new cohort starting January 11th
Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Team Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Antonio Stovall and Jermaine Johnson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Boots on the ground in Northwest/Melrose Branch Library for youth programs ○ Taking 13 youth to a hockey game ○ Real Talk program two hours a week ○ Noel C Taylor program ○ Seeing a lot of parents and youth that are opening-up ○ Antonio bringing the African American Study course into the programming for Youth ● Angie O'Brien <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Within 60 days: Goodwill, RCPS, BRBH, A Tree Planted Counseling, Boys and Girls, RESET, Police Department, and more ○ Working on a violence interrupters program ○ Working on building caseloads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Service Plans, goals ■ One active high-risk case working with Straight Street, bilingual staff, etc.
Funding Priorities and Process for Distribution of local ARPA investment in Violence Interruption Efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Angie O'Brien <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See ARPA Act Violence Interruption Funding Recommendations Report ○ We received 64 million (half dispersed now, half later) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Star City Strong 36 member panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● June-Sept panel worked on ideas/initiatives ■ 3 categories: people, places, and governance ■ People: violence interruption: 2 million dedicated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff are identifying best usage of funds: see Angie's report and proposed budgets ● Star City Safe Continuance: Jeffery Powell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Libraries, midnight basketball, food, and other initiatives ■ Elliott requests further details for each category ■ Shakira wants clarification on funding going towards the police department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Police departments across the country have paid out money for victims to families ● Cultural sensitivity training for Police Department ■ Joe states that the GVPC is responsible for the first six categories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Policing categories fall under the city manager's office and whole government ■ Elliott has concerns about which areas would get more surveillance ■ Elliott has concerns that 35% of the budget should not be dictated to the GVPC ■ Angie clarified categories and will be sending out a larger packet to the GVPC members

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion will be the focus of the January 2022 meeting ■ Shakira asks if there are advisory groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joe clarifies that the GVPC is the primary advisory group ■ Joe asks about the recommendations that came from the citizens advisory panel ■ Laura clarifies that there are limitations on the ARPA funds ■ Joe asks for information to be pulled from the citizen’s panel and that we get more information from each category
Working Group Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Safer Neighborhoods: Tim and Nicole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bridging the Gap Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Great success: 60 people; Bishop Jackson spoke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Realized that there is a good network already doing work in the community ● Looking at mobilizing events after acts of violence ○ Mobile Art Project has taken a back seat because of the bandwidth ○ Peacemakers meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Questions posed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tips leading to arrests ● Cameras ● Marketing ● Churches to do recruiting police officers and teachers ● Adopt a street program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Credible messengers ○ Future meetings with other organizations ○ Reach out to DOE and other organizations that go beyond the city of Roanoke ○ Make recommendations to city council’s legislative bodies ● Joe: We started with five working groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Running into attrition issues ○ Should we reconfigure the committees in different key areas ○ Key committees that are measurable ● Education: Decca <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be a Resilience Champion Train the Trainer scheduled for Feb. 25th, 10-12 pm ○ Curriculum Development Program with Family Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pilot is complete for all levels with 80 youth in after school settings ● Spurred great conversations with teens ● Name for curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Connecting in the Star City” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Decca working on logo ● Possible date of pushing out to other partners in January 2022 ● Parent component <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Still working on finding production partners

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have some quotes and reach out to the high school programs ○ What are the funding possibilities? ○ RVTV for video production <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Free ● Reading program update at Lincoln Terrace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Haven't gotten the go-ahead; volunteer forms needed; schedule being worked out ● Gang Violence Reduction and Incarceration Recidivism: Joe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On hold ○ Review the plan with Germaine, Angie, Antonio, and Chris ● Rapid Response: Stacey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carilion changing the discharge process for gun violence ○ Cueing up social work earlier in the process ○ Have completed the resource guide to be handed to every patient with gun violence history ○ One family from the response would like to address the commission ○ Partnered with FedUp for Annual Christmas of Hope ● Marketing and Communications: Joe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RFP has closed ○ Unsure of the number of proposals
<p>.Youth and Gang Violence Community Assessment Update</p>	<p>Joe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Information gathering completed ● Joe shared the final numbers ● Pulling together information from the interviews ● Initial summary within a week with recommendations ● Hoping to direct AG dollars towards ● Update meeting tomorrow with EBS
<p>Program Updates: EnVision Garden, Better Agreements</p>	<p>Signed an MOU with Better Agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● First cohort starting after the first of the year <p>Envision garden launching in the Spring</p> <p>Groceries Not Guns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● January 29th, 2022 ● Community Action Center on Melrose
<p>Youth Advisory Group Interest Meeting Update</p>	<p>Angela Williams with TAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joe asking her to get help with forming a Youth Advisory Group ● Antonio states that 10-15 youth have been identified <p>TAP, Project Discovery, NAACP Youth Council and possibly reaching out to YES, Family Services, and others</p> <p>Should we have Youth AND a young adult advisory groups or round tables quarterly?</p>

	Job opportunities for young adults
Announcements	Gun Violence Prevention Commission Meeting, Tuesday, January 11, 2021, 5:30pm; Joe attending virtually
Adjournment	6:53 pm