

Roanoke City Gun Violence Commission/ Community Stakeholders Meeting
 Meeting Minutes
 1/17/23, at 5:31 pm City Manager’s Conference Room

Commissioners Present: Joe Cobb, Tim Harvey, Decca Knight, Eric Anderson, Elliot Major, Kathy

Commissioners Virtual: Stacey Sheppard, Shakira Williams

Commissioners Absent: Nicole Ross

Topic (Agenda Item)	Notes from Discussion
Roll Call	<p>See roll call above</p> <p>Quorum present</p>
Approval of Minutes from December 2022	<p>Motion: Tim</p> <p>2nd: Elliot</p> <p>Motion passes</p>
Old Business	<p>Gun Violence Prevention Commission Strategic Planning Retreat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elliot wondered if we could have it earlier than March ● Feb 10th: Decca and Shakira cannot attend ● Feb 18th: Decca and Kathy cannot attend ● Joe will send out a new Doodle Poll for Thursday evenings in February <p>Youth Service Providers Collaborative City-wide Talent Show Request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 60 registered for auditions ● Will be at Fleming on Thursday getting registrations ● Jefferson is holding the date until Feb., but we need to get the contract signed ● \$23,000 for venues, prizes, food, decorations, contractors, marketing, staging, and other misc. expenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This would come from the ARPA funding ● Elliot asks how this is related to gun violence and stated that he has heard from community members who are trying to understand the correlation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joe reports that they have educational components and workshops planned on reducing gun violence ○ Focus is to redirect youth to a positive expression as a statement against gun violence ● Kathy doesn't see the connection of a talent show addressing gun violence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ She asks at what point is a small amount of education worth this amount of money ● Stacey stated that during the YSP sessions and focus groups the idea of having healthy activities kept coming up ● Decca asks would sustainability and programming afterward make it easier to commit funds ● Eric said that there might be a marketing nightmare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Does the general public perceive it as a preventative effort? ● Kathy isn't convinced that these are the at-risk youth that we need to reach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What do we know from research? ● Joe says that if we don't fund it, we need to go back to the Youth Service Providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have between 60-80 Youth Providers ○ Elliot asks if the Youth Providers can donate \$1,000 and have matching funds from the commission ● Chris Roberts says that any violence prevention initiative takes community collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ States that this is just a piece of all the initiatives and gives hope to families and youth ○ Agrees that the dollar amount is a lot ● Joe will have a follow-up conversation with Nicole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We will give some degree of support ○ Can we look at the budget? ● Kathy again wants more data regarding outcomes ● Decca suggests \$12,000 more to secure the venue and then go back to the youth service providers to seek to raise additional dollars and also have more sustainable evidence-based programming ● Shakira agrees that the budget needs to be looked at again ● Kathy asks for clarification on the \$11,000 on the venue ● Joe asks the press to avoid sending out any message that this isn't going to happen ● Kathy makes a motion for a downpayment for the venue with the expectation that further programming will take place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joe asks that we table Kathy's motion <p>Mayor came in to thank us and to discuss additional accountability between council and the commission</p>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roanoke Police Department Report Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See the report ○ Two homicides this year

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Unit Update: Chris Roberts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewed Case Management services being offered to youth and one young adult ○ Suppressive efforts review ○ Berglund partnership with the Empathy Project to rotate spots for the project ○ Project pinpoint: identified a neighborhood and will have a community meeting next week ○ Starting Touch Point meetings with the RPD ○ Community healing circles: Feb 23rd ○ Partnering with FedUp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wanting to do work with mentoring and life skill building ● Antwyne Calloway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asks about street trends that RPD provides us ○ References a drought in the street ○ Joe states that he would like help in asking RPD the right questions
Grant Updates	<p>Gun Violence Prevention Commission Mini Grant Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will announce RFP in February ● Decca shared her grantee reports from Noah Christian Academy and Humble Hustle ● Kathy shared her report from Apple Ridge ● Tim shared his report from Groceries not Guns
Announcements	Gun Violence Prevention Commission Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 21st, 2023
Adjournment	6:50 adjourn