

Roanoke City Gun Violence Commission

Meeting Minutes

1/11/22, at 5:30 pm Noel C Taylor Municipal Building, EOC Conference Room, 159

Commissioners Physically Present: Decca Knight, Stacey Sheppard, Tim Harvey, Elliot Major, Kathy Cohen (left early at 6:30)

Commissioners Virtually Present: Nicole Ross, Joe Cobb, Shakira Williams, Taisha Steele

Topic (Agenda Item)	Notes from Discussion
Roll Call	<p>See roll call above</p> <p>Quorum present in-person for half of the meeting</p> <p>Motions for virtual attendants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shakira: COVID Motion: Kathy 2nd. Elliot Motion passes ● Taisha: Relative passed away Motion: Stacey 2nd. Tim Motion passes ● Nicole: Feeling unwell Motion: Kathy 2nd. Elliot Motion passes ● Joe: doctoral workshop Motion: Tim 2nd. Kathy Motion passes
Approval of Minutes from December 14, 2021	<p>Motion to adopt minutes: Decca 2nd: Kathy Motion passes</p>
Old Business	<p>Prevention, Intervention, and Response Plan: Joe Cobb</p> <p>Reference “Gun Violence Prevention Commission Report on Current and Planned Initiatives”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Little Blue Truck project ○ SEL Curricula with Family Services ○ Reading program Lincoln Terrace: starting next week ○ Mobile Art Project: on hold pending partnerships ○ Parent Support Video project ○ Bridging the Community Gap event ○ Hiring of Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Team (3 employees) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Unit support ○ Youth and Gang Violence Assessment ○ Marketing Campaign: received four proposals ○ Conflict Resolution Training in partnership with Better Agreements ○ Trauma Basics Trainings

- Creating access to trauma counseling and mental health support
- Mentoring program in collaboration with community partners
- Creating youth/young adult quarterly round tables
- Star City Safe Initiative
- Mini-grant Program
- Community Based GV interruption proposals
- RESET Team
- Coordinated Rapid Response
- Support of FedUp in achieving non-profit status

American Rescue Plan Act Funding Update: Angie O'Brien

Reference City of Roanoke American Resuce Plan Powerpoint Presentation

- Historical Information: CARES Act, ARP Act
 - Response: immediate actions taken
 - Recovery: still occurring; supporting the community
 - Resiliency: future focused to rebuild
- Star City Strong Recovery and Resiliency Advisory Panel
 - ARP funds distribution
 - 100 stakeholders
 - Sept 2021 recommendations made to City Council
 - Three key areas:
 - People: where GV interruption comes in
 - Places
 - Governance
- Star City Strong Recovery and Resiliency
 - Grant opportunities
 - Individual assistance
- GV Prevention Framework
 - RCPD, RESET, Commission, Star City Safe (Whole Government Response), Community
 - ARP 2 Million to use for framework: Breakdown of funds
 - Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Unit Support: supporting further programing
 - STAR City Safe: Whole Government Response
 - RCPD Recruitment bonuses and overtime funds
 - Targeted lighting for downtown Roanoke central business district
 - See PPT chart for detailed funding amounts and other sub-categories
- Joe: 1.3 million that GVPC is being asked to monitor

- YGV Prevention Unit Support has prior funding but additional ARP funding will support further programming
- Supplement or expand existing program
- Minigrants for coming years (2 or 3 years)
- YGV Assessment to do the assessment on an annual basis
- Marketing and Communication plan
- Interruption proposals

- Angie and Laura will be working with us going forward on initiatives
- Funding can be dispersed as soon as possible
- Alison Duvall in audience
 - Asked about shootings that were occurring downtown that necessitated videocameras
 - Joe responded that there has been an increase in shootings downtown

Youth and Gang Violence Community Assessment: Joe Cobb

Reference Elite Business Strategies Report

- Team Leader will attend the February meeting to provide a full report
- Overview of full report
 - Refer to Elite Business Services report for details
- Send questions to Joe and Angie to send to Elite assessment team
- Tim has questions about data sets

Parenting Video Update: Decca Knight

Reference Blue Ridge Parenting Proposal

- Provided overview of proposal
- unable to vote on funding as Kathy C left early; Will do so in Feb.

SEL Update: Decca

Reference “Connecting in the Star City” Curricula

- Use Youth Service Provider List for distribution
- Request Train the Trainer from FSRV
 - Decca will contact FSRV to ask about Train the Trainer
 - 1.5 hour training proposed

New Business

RESET Update Report: Lloyd Merchant

- Since Feb 2021: 40 deployments
- 19 volunteers, 10 consistent, 5 averaging each deployment
- Distribution of DV brochures from TAP
- Expanded into Whole Government outreach

	<p>Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Team Report: Chris Roberts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 active cases ● 3 in discovery ● Afterschool programs ● Building out partnerships with community partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clergy ● School program at Noel C Taylor ● Violence Interrupters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Building out curricula <p>Joe reminds us to also consider Young Adults in our programming</p> <p>Roanoke Police Department Report</p> <p>Reference Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 67 cases of aggravated assaults/homicides in 2021 ● Majority in NW, after 10 pm <p>Prevention, Intervention, Response committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Decca asks how we restructure committees from current structure ● At Feb. meeting bring suggestions for where sub-committee initiatives would fall
Announcements	Gun Violence Prevention Commission Meeting, Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 5:30pm
Adjournment	7:17