

Roanoke City Gun Violence Commission/ Community Stakeholders Meeting
 Meeting Minutes
 2/21/23, at 5:36 pm City Manager’s Conference Room

Commissioners Present: Elliot Major, Tim Harvey, Decca Knight, Stacey Sheppard, Joe Cobb, Kathy Cohen

Commissioners Absent: Nicole Ross, Eric Anderson, Shakira Williams

Topic (Agenda Item)	Notes from Discussion
Roll Call	<p>See roll call above</p> <p>Quorum present</p>
Approval of Minutes from January 2023	<p>Motion: Tim</p> <p>2nd: Elliot</p> <p>Motion passes</p>
Old Business	<p>Youth Service Providers Collaborative City-wide Talent in the Star Show Request: Joe Cobb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 180 contacts were made with youth ● 40 youth showed up for audition and represented all but 2 of the schools ● 23 acts selected but all will participate in some way including anti-violence workshops ● How many have experienced gun violence? All kids stated that they had ● A plan is being developed on how to extend this work beyond the show <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Building peer support and mentoring relationships ○ Affirmation pledge will be included ● UWRV and Goodwill signed on with significant financial gifts ● Started out with a revised budget of \$18, 192 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ With the support of community partners the balance is down to \$2, 992 ● Stacey noted that there was engagement with parents as well <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parents are thankful to have a safe place to bring their kids

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Also seeing some good bonding in the groups already between the youth ● Will a videographer and photographer donate their time? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RVTV may be able to do it at a reduced cost? ○ VWCC has a program where students might be able to help ● Moving on with the MOU with TAP with utilizing ARPA funds ● Another update will be sent to youth providers <p>Gun Violence Prevention Commission Marketing Campaign update: Mike Bento</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continued to refine the campaign since we met in December 2022 ● Meeting with Carilion and Roanoke City Government Social Media ● Putting together a government and education plan ● Time to share the plan with City Council Members
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Watershed Moment Presentation: Jane Gabrielle, Artist in Residence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See reference of Jane’s PPT presentation ● Some alignment with the Operation Pinpoint and RESET? <p>Joe states that City Council to hold meetings about the current curfew</p> <p>Roanoke Police Department Report Data: Joe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Most recent police data shared at the first half of the planning retreat ● Aggravated assaults have leveled off for three years ● Homicides still trending up <p>Tim talks about the importance of community rec centers</p> <p>RESET Update: Decca Knight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See associated report <p>Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Unit Update: Chris Roberts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Case management referrals continue to increase ● Project pinpoint at Hanover and/or Hunt Ave <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waiting to hear what Chief Roman wants to concentrate on ● MOU in the works with schools to have credible messengers in the schools

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CSU clientele and getting adults to services ● This year the focus is the top down approach in working with community agencies in looking at policies that are no longer working ● Also working with adults who aren't monitoring their children ● Looking into Denver Safe Haven project: church support after an incident
Grant Updates	<p>Elliot met with Mrs. Lewis at TAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Done four of 18 events over a two year time span ● AACCI train the trainer in mindfulness, Boys to Men program ● Budget \$6,000 spent of \$40,000 at this time ● Quartely metric requested <p>Stacey Children's Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 201 Community Members in Trauma Basics ● Other presentations and showings ● Expanded committee structures to Healthcare and Law Enforcement ● Spanish Trauma Basics created with CASA Latina ● Collaboration with Roanoke Prevention Alliance for advertising a resilient community <p>Stacey Hillstreet Baptist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have spent about 25% of funds ● Mental Health Barbershop at Lucy Addison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discuss life and get haircuts ● Some funds were supposed to be used at Washington Park Swimming Pool but that is being demolished so the proposal needs to be amended ● Anti-gun violence walk in November 2022 ● Challenges: marketing communications <p>Stacey UWRV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strong Parents Strong Families Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Slow getting started as a staff member left ○ Now recruiting young fathers in Landsdown for a 12 week curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Envision case management services

	<p>Decca Humble Hustle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Humble Hikes, Pretty Humble, and The Collective reports <p>Reminder from Joe that the commissioners role is to build relationships with the grantee organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reporting from different agencies varies <p>Joe would like us to strategically think about helping smaller organizations with the social media presence and marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elliot suggests that marketing be a part of the RFP
Announcements	Gun Violence Prevention Commission Meeting, Tuesday, March. 21st, 2023
Adjournment	6:50 adjourn