

**Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates  
Meeting Minutes for 11 February 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates (RNA) Committee was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 5:33 P.M., at the Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building in room 159 (EOC), Ms. Morgan being in the chair and Mr. Meidlinger acting as secretary. Other members present were Mr. Williams, Ms. Allen, Mr. Calloway, Mr. Craft, Ms. Huffman and Mr. Parr. Absent members were Mr. Corp, Ms. Evans, and Mr. Horchler.

The minutes of the January 14, 2015 meeting were distributed for review, Mr. Craft moved to approve them, and the minutes were unanimously approved without debate.

Ms. Pat Young of Healthy Roanoke Valley and Mr. Aaron Harris-Boush of Carilion Community Outreach addressed the committee regarding improving the health of citizens of Roanoke City. They presented a health survey that they would like RNA members to share with neighborhood organizations.

Neighborhood reports were submitted by Mr. Craft, Mr. Williams, Ms. Morgan, Mr. Calloway, Ms. Allen, and Mr. Parr. The reports were received and placed on file.

Mr. Meidlinger reported on the meeting of the RNA Development Grant Review Committee and moved the adoption of the following resolution.

*Resolved*, that the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates Committee approves the following grants for the purposes listed, pending approval by the funding organizations and not to exceed the amounts shown:

- \$520 from the HUD Community Resources Division administrative budget for training to the Belmont Neighborhood Watch Association.
- \$520 from the HUD Community Resources Division administrative budget for training to the Gainsboro Southwest Community Organization.
- \$520 from the HUD Community Resources Division administrative budget for training to the Loudon Melrose Neighborhood Organization, Inc.
- \$520 from the HUD Community Resources Division administrative budget for training to the Old Southwest, Inc.
- \$520 from the HUD Community Resources Division administrative budget for training to the Southeast Action Forum.
- \$22,700 from the CDBG funds for Installation of Victorian Lights to the Gainsboro Southwest Community Organization.
- \$2,300 from the CDBG funds for 9th Street Neighborhood Sign Replacement to the Southeast Action Forum.
- \$1000 from City funds for Brick Sidewalk Repair to the Belmont Neighborhood Watch Association.
- \$500 from City funds for training to the Northwest Neighborhood Improvement Council
- \$1450 from City funds for Red Bud Tree Planting to the Riverdale Grandview Neighborhood Watch.

- \$1350 from City funds for Membership Drive Bulk Mailer to the Southeast Action Forum.
- \$2500 from City funds for NUSA Board of Directors Expense Grant to the Southeast Action Forum.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

The following neighborhood organization assignments were made:  
Lakewood Park Neighborhood Watch -- Mr. Meidlinger

Mr. Clement addressed the committee regarding price quotes for RNA shirts.

Ms. Morgan opened a discussion about RNA goals for 2015. No resolutions or motions were made.

Ms. Morgan relayed a request to co-sponsor a "Communication Workshop on Racism" from Ms. Freida Cathcart. After some discussion, no resolutions or motions were made.

The committee discussed a letter from Ms. Barbara Duerk regarding city commission/committee/board meeting times and Mr. Parr moved that, "the committee take the issue of meeting times to the the neighborhood organizations to get their input and feedback." The motion was adopted unanimously without debate.

Ms. Morgan announced the upcoming Roanoke Big Lick SOUP event on 26 Feb and the Roanoke City Leadership College which begins on St. Patrick's Day (17 March).

Mr. Craft announced an upcoming Cinco de Mayo celebration to be held in the Wildwood Neighborhood, date TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.



C. J. Meidlinger, Secretary