

**Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates  
Meeting Minutes for 10 February 2016  
(DRAFT)**

The regular monthly meeting of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates (RNA) Committee was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2015, at 5:40 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. Horchler, Mr. Calloway, Mr. Craft, Ms. Huffman and Mr. Parr. Absent members were Mr. Williams, Ms. Evans, and Ms. Allen.

The minutes of the January 13, 2016 meeting were distributed for review, Mr. Craft moved to approve them, and the minutes were unanimously approved without debate.

Mr. Steve Buschor and Mr. Donnie Underwood of Roanoke Parks and Recreation addressed the committee regarding the status of several park projects in Roanoke City.

Neighborhood reports were presented by all members present.

Ms. Morgan led a discussion regarding the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates 2016 Conference. Mr. Craft moved that the committee hold the conference on Saturday, 30 April 2016. The motion was adopted unanimously after some discussion.

Mr. Meidlinger reported on the status of invitations to City Council members to come to RNA meetings. Mr. Craft moved that Mr. Meidlinger invite Mr. Ferris to an upcoming meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously after some discussion.

Mr. Craft 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:

- \$537.50 from CDBG funds for training to the Belmont Neighborhood Watch Association.
- \$4,800 from CDBG funds for Victorian Street Lamp to the Gainsboro Southwest Community Organization.
- \$5,300 from CDBG funds for History Walk to the Gainsboro Southwest Community Organization.
- \$537.50 from CDBG funds for training to the Loudon Melrose Neighborhood Organization.
- \$2,400 from CDBG funds for Training/Conference, Survey Development, Strategic Business Plan to the Melrose Rugby Neighborhood Forum.
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- \$4,814 from CDBG funds for Solar Belly Trash Container to the Mountain View Neighborhood Association.
- \$1,200 from CDBG funds for Street Sign Toppers to Old Southwest.

- \$537.50 from CDBG funds for training to Old Southwest.
- \$2,000 from CDBG funds for Gateway Sign to Riverdale Farm Neighborhood Association.
- \$6,100 from CDBG funds for Mural (Dale Ave) to Southeast Action Forum.
- \$537.50 from CDBG funds for training to the Southeast Action Forum.
- \$537.50 from City funds for training to the Fairland Civic Organization.
- \$3,290 from City funds for Spring Valley Sign Repair to Grandin Court Neighborhood Association.
- \$679.60 from City funds for Mailer to Greater Grandview Neighborhood Watch.
- \$610 from City funds for Mailer to Loudon Melrose Neighborhood Organization.
- \$679.60 from City funds for Mailer to Melrose Rugby Neighborhood Forum
- \$679.60 from City funds for Mailer to Neighbors in South Roanoke
- \$500 from City funds for Training & Conferences to NNIC
- \$679.60 from City funds for Mailers (Postcard & Trifold) to Old Southwest
- \$500 from City funds for Newsletter Printing to Riverdale Farm Neighborhood Association
- \$2,844 from City funds for NUSA Board Member to Southeast Action Forum

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Parr moved that the committee allocate funds (approximately \$55) for the purchase of a plaque to recognize Roanoke City Police Chief Chris Perkins' retirement. The motion was adopted after discussion (Yeas: Morgan, Calloway, Craft, Parr, Huffman; Nays: Meidlinger).

Mr. Craft moved that the wording on the plaque should read, "To Chief Perkins; Presented by the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates for his dedicated service to the City of Roanoke." The motion was adopted after discussion (Yeas: Morgan, Calloway, Craft, Parr, Huffman; Abstentions: Meidlinger).

Mr. Craft moved that the next regular meeting of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates be rescheduled from 09 March to 16 March. The motion passed unanimously after discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

C. J. Meidlinger, Acting Secretary