

Minutes from RNA Meeting on August 10, 2016
Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building
Room 159 (EOC) at 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance

Amy Morgan, Chair
Antwyne Calloway, Vice Chair
Barbara Evans, Secretary
Brenda Allen
Nicole Harris
Scott Horchler
Cindy Pasternak
Dwight Steele, Jr.

Committee Members Absent

C.J. Meidlinger
David Parr
Johnny Williams

Guests

Megan DuVall, Better Building Works
John Garland, City Council Member
Michelle Dykstra, City Council Member and President, Mountain View Neighborhood Association, Inc. (joined the meeting in progress)

Welcome to Members and Guests

Chair Morgan called the meeting to order at 5:34PM and welcomed those present, recognized guests and new RNA member Dwight Steele, Jr.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Copies of the July 13, 2016 meeting minutes were sent to members for review prior to meeting. Mr. Horchler noted that there were several grammatical errors in the minutes that needed correction before they were to be approved. A motion was made by Ms. Evans not to approve the July 13, 2016 RNA Meeting Minutes until they could be corrected and presented at the next RNA meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horchler. Hearing no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

Guest Presentation

Megan DuVall of Better Building Works addressed committee regarding Weatherize Roanoke program. Ms. DuVall outlined the programs goals and expressed interest in attending neighborhood meetings to present information to the neighborhood groups. Ms. DuVall asked for volunteers from the RNA who would allow Weatherize Roanoke to perform an energy assessment evaluation on their home.

Reports of Special Interest

A. Neighborhood Reports

Neighborhood reports were presented by all members present.

Mr. Horchler reported Southeast Action Forum, Inc. had not held a meeting recently but did participate in National Night Out. Mr. Horchler also said there had been complaints of rodent problems in the SE neighborhood and asked if anyone else had received similar reports.

Chair Morgan reported that Belmont Neighborhood Organization provided a band for National Night Out but the turnout for the event was low. She also noted that the Riverland/Walnut Hill Neighbors organization had no new issues to report. Chair Morgan also advised that Mountain View Neighborhood Association, Inc.'s Parks & Arts Event had a good turnout for the recent venue. She noted that the Starview Heights Neighborhood Watch had nothing new to report other than they had some problem houses and that the neighbors, police and code enforcement are working together to resolve the issues.

Mr. Calloway reported NNEO had a good turnout for their National Night Out event. He also reported that the Loudon Melrose Neighborhood Organization, Inc. held a National Night Out event in partnership with the Melrose-Rugby Neighborhood Forum, Inc. and that it was well attended.

Ms. Evans reported that the Miller Court Neighborhood Alliance had some problems with the traffic situation in their neighborhood due to recent roadwork. She also noted they had concerns about new soccer fields being built. Ms. Evans noted city staff had been invited to attend their meeting but were unable to attend so the association would be inviting them to their next meeting. Council Member Garland requested that Ms. Evans find out which city staff members were invited and unable to attend the meeting.

Ms. Pasternak reported that she was unable to attend the Garden City Civic Association meeting and questioned if they were meeting regularly.

Mr. Steele and Ms. Harris have not been assigned neighborhoods. Mr. Steele volunteered to represent the Grandin Village Business Association.

Reports of Officers - Standing Committees

A. Report from FY 2016/2017 RNA Budget Committee

Chair Morgan advised the Budget Committee had not been able to meet prior to the meeting but that Mr. Meidlinger had agreed to serve on the committee. She noted the committee would meet after Mr. Meidlinger returned from vacation.

Unfinished Business

A. Discussion Regarding September 2016 RNA meeting

Following a brief discussion, the RNA decided to cancel their September 2016 public meeting to have a team building dinner at a downtown restaurant.

New Business

A. 2016 Neighborhood Partnership Awards

Mr. Clement distributed a copy of the 2016 Neighborhood Partnership Awards and reviewed the document with the RNA. He advised award nominations are due

October 21, 2016 and asked the RNA for their assistance in soliciting nominations from their respective neighborhood groups.

Open Forum/Announcements

- 1) Following a brief discussion, the RNA decided to set up an information table at the Elmwood Park Parks & Arts event on 8/27/2016. Cindy Pasternak and Nicole Harris volunteered to work the event from 12Noon-3PM and Mr. Clement advised he would make arrangements for the event table and handouts.
- 2) Council Member Michelle Dykstra addressed the RNA regarding the Mountain View Neighborhood Association, Inc. and the recent shootings that occurred on Chapman Avenue located within the Mountain View neighborhood. She discussed code enforcement noting the lack of enforcement on code issues. Ms. Dykstra also discussed what the RNA could do to encourage positive citizenship.
- 3) Mr. Clement reminded the RNA that City Council 2016 Citizen of the Year applications are due by close of business on Wednesday, September 28, 2016.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.