

Minutes from RNA Meeting on October 12, 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  
C. J. Meidlinger  
Cindy Pasternak  
Dwight Steele, Jr.  
Johnny Williams

**Committee Members Absent**

David Parr

**Guests**

Chris Chittum, Director of Roanoke Planning Building & Development  
Tim Dayton, Citizens' Convention  
Terry Huxhold, Citizens' Convention  
Ms. Evelyn Bethel, Historic Gainsboro Preservation District  
Ms. Helen Davis, Historic Gainsboro Preservation District  
Councilmember John Garland, Roanoke City Council

**Welcome to Members and Guests**

Chair Morgan called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m .and welcomed those present and recognized guests.

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

Copies of the July 13, 2016 and August 10, 2016 RNA Meeting Minutes were distributed for review. A motion was made by Mr. Calloway to approve the July 2016 and August 2016 RNA Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horchler. Hearing no further discussion, the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Guest Presentation**

Mr. Chittum made a presentation and provided a handout regarding an amendment being proposed to change the city's RM-1 Zoning District to allow more lots and single-family dwellings to be eligible, with a special exception, to be developed into two-family dwellings by reducing the lot size from its current 7,000 square feet to 5,000 square feet as it was in 2000. A lengthy discussion followed during which Mr. Horchler distributed a copy of the City Council January 18, 2000 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes noting a similar discussion was held on this topic when the discussion centered on increasing the lot size from 5,000 square feet to 7,000 square feet. Mr. Horchler noted several neighborhood residents spoke in favor of this at that time. No formal action was taken by the RNA.

Mr. Dayton and Mr. Huxhold requested they be allowed to present at the next RNA meeting due to limited remaining time for the current meeting to which the RNA agreed.

## **Reports of Special Interest**

### **A. Neighborhood Reports**

Mr. Horchler reported Ms. Isabelle Thornton had made a similar presentation as Mr. Chittum's at the recent Southeast Action Forum meeting.

Ms. Allen noted representatives from a skateboarding group had made a presentation to the Gainsborough SW Community Organization outlining their desire to create a new skateboard park in Washington Park and asked for resident feedback on the idea. She also reminded the RNA of the Yard Sale being hosted by the organization across from the Gainsboro Library on Saturday, October 15. Ms. Allen noted that a program on weatherization was presented at the Historic Gainsboro Preservation District meeting where concerns were also raised about the excessive parking on their neighborhood's streets by Hotel Roanoke patrons.

Mr. Meidlinger noted that Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Organization had recently held a neighborhood potluck and was looking for a new webmaster for their website. He also suggested since Cindy Pasternak, president of Riverdale Farm Neighborhood Association now serves on the RNA that it would be better if she could report on this neighborhood rather than he.

## **Reports of Officers - Standing Committees**

Chair Morgan suggested a report from the FY2016-2017 RNA Budget Committee be tabled until the next RNA meeting due to limited remaining time of the current meeting to which all agreed.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **A. 2016 Neighborhood Partnership Awards**

Chair Morgan asked RNA members to encourage participation in the 2016 Neighborhood Partnership Award Program by distributing award nomination forms and save-the-date cards with information about the "Harvesting of the Fruits" Potluck Dinner and Awards Celebration when attending their neighborhood meetings. She also suggested they submit nominations themselves.

Mr. Clement advised a committee will be needed to review the award nominations received for the 2016 Neighborhood Partnership Award Program. Mr. Williams, Mr. Meidlinger, and Mr. Calloway volunteered to serve on the committee.

## **New Business**

### **A. 2017 RNA Officer Elections**

Chair Morgan advised the RNA that any member interested in serving as Chair, Vice-Chair or Secretary during 2017 to notify Mr. Clement of their interest and the position they were interested in prior to the November RNA meeting. Mr. Clement will prepare a roster of candidates expressing an interest to serve at our November 9, 2016 meeting.

## **Open Forum/Announcements**

A. Chair Morgan reminded members of the upcoming events: GoOutside Festival, Veterans Day Parade, Annual 'Harvesting of the Fruits' Potluck Dinner and Awards Celebration. She also reminded members of deadline for Neighborhood Partnership Award Nominations. Mr. Clement advised members that this year the 2016 Citizen of the Year will be announced by City Council during the event. Chair Morgan added she would like for RNA members to gather during the event for a group photo.

## **Adjournment**

Chair Morgan adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.