

Minutes for General Meeting

May 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Teresa Mastrangelo, Acting Social/Website Director. The number of attendees signed-in was 42. Teresa welcomed everyone and gave an update on the status of the website. The GDNA organization went dormant in 2022 and the website was shut-down. Since the April 18th GDNA meeting, we have built a new GDNA website which can be found at <https://www.gdnaroanoke.org>. The website contains a lot of information, particularly in the resources section (e.g. Meeting Minutes and City of Roanoke – Real Estate GIS, Solid Waste Management, Crime Mapping, etc.). Having the new website and holding meetings (including minutes) will re-establish our recognition as a neighborhood organization by the City of Roanoke. We should be able to begin applying for neighborhood grants in 2025. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding the website or the GDNA, please contact us at gdnaroanoke@gmail.com.

The Acting Board of Directors for 2024 was introduced: President – Adam Mastrangelo; Vice President – David Harrison; Secretary – Karen Cooper; Treasurer – Kathy Merkwan; and Social/Website – Teresa Mastrangelo. We are seeking any nominations for board positions for fall elections.

The Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Merkwan. The balance in the account as of January 1, 2022 was \$7,327.68. The April 30, 2024 balance was \$7,441.90. New expenses include the following: meeting room (\$50 per meeting); website hosting and domain (\$160 & \$20, respectively, per year); and meeting signs (\$92).

Dave Harrison presented an update on the Medmont zoning variance request by Alexander Boone. What was going to be 8 single family patio homes has turned into a 17-unit townhouse development at Medmont and Keagy road (details can be found on the [gdnaroanoke.org](https://www.gdnaroanoke.org) website). A meeting with the Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday, June 10 @ 1:30 p.m. for anyone wants to attend.

Dave Harrison (for Anthony Stavola, Resident - City of Roanoke) presented an update on the 2024 mass rezoning approved by Roanoke City Council. Of concern, the rezoning allows the ability to build multi-family or convert single family housing to multi-family in any current single-family zoned area- R-3; R-5; R-7; R-12 and RM-1 (details can be found on the [gdnaroanoke.org](https://www.gdnaroanoke.org) website). A lawsuit was filed against the City of Roanoke. The City failed to meet statutory notice requirements for Planning Commission and City Council votes. What can you do? Email members of Council, particularly Joe Cobb, Vivian Sanchez-Jones, and Peter Velosin and voice your concerns.

The next GDNA meeting will be in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Mastrangelo (and a special thanks goes to Janet Kubik for taking meeting notes!)