

Minutes for General Meeting

September 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the President of the Association, Adam Mastrangelo. The number of attendees was 68. After a brief welcome and an invitation to grab a beverage and a snack, he addressed safety concerns in the event of an emergency.

Teresa Mastrangelo, Communications Officer, then reminded attendees that early voting in Virginia begins on September 20, 2024. She also informed the audience that the GDNA is hosting a Roanoke City Mayoral Candidacy Forum on October 10, 2024, where audience members may ask questions of the following three candidates: David Bowers, Joe Cobb, and Stephanie Moon-Reynolds. If attending, please RSVP online at <https://www.gdnaroanoke.org/event-list>.

Next, six out of seven candidates running for Roanoke City Council were in attendance to answer questions provided to the GDNA. Nick Hagan, Jim Garrett, Phazon Nash, Benjamin Woods, Terry McGuire, and Evelyn Powers were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and to identify their party and their platform. Cathy Reynold's responses were displayed on a screen and read by Teresa Mastrangelo. Then, each candidate was given one to two minutes to answer the following six questions:

1. **Qualifications:** Explain your qualifications for overseeing a \$355 million dollar city budget.
2. **Rebuilding Trust:** What actions would you take to restore confidence between the Roanoke City Government and its residents?
3. **Zoning Issues:** What is your stance on the current mass zoning amendments in Roanoke City? How would you address housing issues differently, and would you consider repealing these amendments if elected?
4. **Real Estate Taxes:** Real estate taxes have risen significantly over the past two years, yet the City Services and responsiveness have slowed. How will you address the issue of paying more while receiving less?
5. **Infrastructure Improvement:** What are your plans for enhancing neighborhood infrastructure, such as street resurfacing and sidewalks?
6. **Economic Diversification:** How do you intend to attract and diversify job and business opportunities in Roanoke beyond just Carilion?

At the conclusion of the meeting, the attendees were allowed to address any concerns or questions individually with the candidates.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

NOTE: Attached is the Treasurer's report submitted by Kathy Merkwan.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet H. Kubik
Secretary, GDNA

Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association

Roanoke, VA 24018

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Treasurer's Report
Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association
1 January 2024 to 1 September 2024

Beginning Balance	7481.90
Income from Dues	+705.00
Expenses	- 634.28
Meeting Room	150.00
April, May & July	
Website for 2 years	288.00
Domain name for 1 year	12.00
Misc.	184.28
for Ten Yard Signs	
Current Balance	7552.62

Respectfully submitted by
Kathy Merkwan

(3 September 2024---\$20 deposit from membership dues)