

June 17, 2021

GREATER DEYERLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MINUTES

This was the first meeting since January 2021 and was an in-person meeting.

ATTENDANCE: Mike Dame, Karen Cooper, Braxton Naff, Kathy Merkwan, Jim Ryals, Mark Clark, Carson Hamilton, Sandy Hamilton, Susan Lipes, Rob Lipes, Mike Johnson, Tim Strawn, Debbie Strawn, Randall Eakin, Gary Stein, Valeria Alpin.

Josh Johnson, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, City of Roanoke could not attend the meeting. He is trying to reinstate the President's Council, information at joshva.johnson@roanoke.gov.

Officer Hodges, City Police was not in attendance.

The Roanoke City Police Department is down approximately fifty officers. Neighborhood resources down from six to two.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Current balance- \$7,658.79, all bills are paid.

GUEST SPEAKER: Andrea Garland, Traffic Engineer, City of Roanoke

Discussed crosswalks and right of way of pedestrians. Virginia law states pedestrians have the right of way even when street is unmarked.

Introduction of the NO NEED TO SPEED Program. Community walk scheduled for Tuesday, June 22 at 5:30 Fishburn Elementary. The speed limit in Virginia is 25MPH unless otherwise posted. Discussed the problem of speeding in our neighborhood, which has been enhanced by the completion of Peters Creek Road Extension and the No Left Turn at Brandon. Mud lick and Deyerle are being used as cut through streets between RT 419 and Brandon. There have been attempts to reduce speed by using Portable Speed Monitors which

cost \$4,000.00 and are paid by federal grants. The speed monitors are only effective while the monitors are in use. The average speed was 33 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. Prior to the 30% decrease in police officers, the neighborhood was frequently monitored for speeders.

There were several scenarios discussed by the attendees: one-way streets, bike paths, speed bumps, the installation of sidewalks and curb/gutter. Frustration from the neighborhood over the fact that the residents pay for services such as sidewalks, curbs and drainage but do not receive the services. The Greater Deyerle Neighborhood was originally part of Roanoke County and was annexed in the 1960's, which is the main reason we do not have these services.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be on September 16, 2021.