

2023 July 20 Old Southwest Community Meeting Minutes

Special Event: Mural Unveiling at Roanoke Boutique Hotel 539 Day Ave. SW

Board Attending: Bill Dandridge (Pres), Terry McGuire (VP), Annmarie Drake, Simon Wolf, Elaine Fleck, Richard Normand, Julie Mugford

Absent: Mary Anne Mather (sec), David Leavons (treasurer), Lynn Speno
Acting Secretary: Annmarie Drake

Welcome & Who's New (Bill Dandridge)

ANNOUNCEMENTS REVIEW (Handout)

- TY social host: Diane Hailey (Roanoke Boutique Hotel)

•Gish House Workday: July 22 7:00-9:00 am

Bring a shovel or wheelbarrow to help spread mulch, or weed and pull invasives for a couple of hours to spiff up the the historic Gish House before a rental on the Gish House on 7/23

• August 1 National Night Out

This event honors and thanks our local police, fire and EMS. Join us for "Plawking" (walk and socialize while picking up trash) from 5:15-6pm at Waverly Place Baptist Church, 1407 Kenwood Blvd SE. Supplies will be provided. Afterwards we will take treats to to our local fire station. This is a joint event for Old Southwest, South Roanoke and Southeast, so we will also meet new folks!

• August 17 Community Meeting at the Gish House: 6 pm social, 6:30 meeting

Guest Speaker is Parviz Moosavi, city of Roanoke preservation planner, who will speak to us about his job, the role of the ARB (Architectural Review Board) and the current state of preservation in Roanoke and OSW..

• October 7 Pocket Park Workday 653 Day Avenue and 8th Street 9-12:00

Help us maintain the park and learn at a *Native Perennials*

Workshop (Additional work days will be scheduled in August/September, contact stephen.terry.mcguire@gmail.com.)

Afterwards join us for a: **Fall Block**

Party

500 block of Day Avenue 12:30-

4:30 Please BYOB & bring a dish to share

7:00-7:30 SPEAKER Doug Jackson: Roanoke City Arts & Cultural Coordinator

During the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the City of Roanoke is investing a quarter of a million dollars in community-driven and artist-led projects advancing the community in a variety of key areas. A year ago, with adoption of the City 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the annual Strategic Plan, Roanoke reinforced commitment to enhancing the vitality of our neighborhoods. Expanding public art efforts is one way to realize this. Over the coming six months, artists were invited to

present strategies, respond to calls for art, and collectively explore the role of creativity in tackling community issues and making the most of Roanoke’s rich assets. Now, beginning in July, the community will begin to see artists at work in a variety of ways, engaging neighbors, exploring issues, and advancing community goals.

“We want to co-create these projects with our community of artists,” says Roanoke Arts Commission Chair Cari C. Gates. “We know the arts can help us form a healthier, more prosperous, inclusive, and welcoming community. The arts can foster strong and effective citizen engagement and connect us in surprising ways. With these projects, we’re setting out to learn how this can be uniquely done here in Roanoke.”

Registrations are sought for City of Roanoke’s Year of the Artist: networking opportunities, calls for art, trainings, artist grants, grants for art projects, community residencies and more. Over the course of the coming year, we’ll watch how Roanoke’s creative spirit advances community good.

The projects are funded by an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant and a Grants for Art Projects Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional funding from the City of Roanoke.

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