

Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association

Roanoke, VA 24018

Thursday, March 27, 2025

AGENDA

Welcome	Adam Mastrangelo
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to Order• Welcome Members and Guest• Safety Information• Reminders	
Approval of Minutes	Adam Mastrangelo
Treasurer Report	Leonita Cutright
Guest Speaker	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roanoke Arts Commission - Arts & Culture Coordinator	Douglas Jackson
Approval of Amendments to Bylaws	Adam Mastrangelo
Medmont Lawsuit & Mass Zoning	Dave Harrison
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updates	
GDNA Gateway Sign Project	Adam Mastrangelo
Roanoke City Proposed Budget	Teresa Mastrangelo
Clean Valley Day Cleanup	Teresa Mastrangelo
Adopt a Street	Teresa Mastrangelo
Planning for May 8, 2025 Social Event	Teresa Mastrangelo
Each One ... Reach One ...	Teresa Mastrangelo
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership Challenge	
GDNA Member Discussion	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GDNA FOCUS in 2025	
Closing Remarks/Reminders	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next Meeting – May 8, 2025	
Adjourn	

Minutes for General Meeting

March 27, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the president of the association, Adam Mastrangelo. He welcomed everyone and asked which of the 41 attendees had never been to a GDNA meeting. Three people raised their hands. Next, everyone in attendance introduced themselves and provided their street of residence. He went over safety information (exits, restroom location, and those CPR certified), and he reminded everyone to sign in and enjoy some cookies and other refreshments from the back counter.

There was a brief discussion of the minutes of the previous GDNA meeting and their location online (posted since 02-14-25). A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 23, 2025 meeting minutes as presented – the minutes were approved by a show of hands vote. Next, there was a reading and brief discussion of the January 17, 2025 GDNA board meeting minutes (attached). A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read – the minutes were approved by a show of hands vote.

The treasurer's report was given by Leonita Cutright. The balance as of February 28, 2025 was \$7,712.62. Recent changes included \$100 in dues & donations and a charge of \$50 for the meeting room. Teresa Mastrangelo added that the Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association had received its EIN number and will soon apply for nonprofit status which will enable the organization to apply for grants. Then, Adam Mastrangelo briefly reviewed GDNA's "Statement of Activities" for January 01, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and "Statement of Financial Position" for December 31, 2024.

Douglas Jackson of the Roanoke City Arts Commission was the guest speaker of the night. Established in 1983, the commission's goal is to "advise and assist City Council on matters relating to the advancement of the arts and humanities within the city." Mr. Jackson said the fifteen volunteers were appointed by Council, and their motto was, "Creating every day the place we want to be." The Commission seeks local artists to create a beautiful environment and a joyful connection for the City of Roanoke. At present, the Commission has 22 artists in residence where their concentrations have mainly been in the neighborhoods of Raleigh Court, Wasena, and Crystal Spring. His focus was how the Commission could spark interests in other neighborhoods, and he was delighted to be included in the meeting for the Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association. He provided a booklet entitled *Arts Connect Neighbors* for all attendees. This booklet provided a plethora of free activities for neighborhoods in the city. One example he provided was the Daisy Art Parade. It will be held May 10 this year, and its theme will be the Grand Puppet Parade. Groups of individuals may get together and make any art for the parade. The goal was to get together and celebrate! He encouraged the GDNA to get together for a social function, and the Arts Commission could provide a free activity for all!

Next, Adam Mastrangelo asked for the approval of the proposed amendments to the GDNA bylaws. He stated that over the years, it appears there have been changes and/or proposed amendments to the bylaws and he'd like to formally record those (as well as a few new) changes and/or amendments. Adam Mastrangelo read and then briefly reviewed the proposed amendments (including changes) to the GDNA bylaws. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed amendments to the bylaws as read – the amendments to the bylaws (attached) were approved by a show of hands vote.

Dave Harrison provided the group with an update on two items, the Medmont lawsuit and the Mass Zoning for Roanoke City. As for the Medmont/Keagy Road development, a lawsuit had been filed and a hearing was held on March 14, 2025. The judge took it under advisement, and a decision is expected in the coming weeks and months. As for the rezoning amendments in Roanoke City, there were two lawsuits pending on the Mass Zoning changes and both lawsuits are actively going now. The city has requested a three-week extension in the time to respond which was granted voluntarily. Additionally, there are four new members of City Council (the majority of council has changed) and they have indicated that they don't support the zoning amendments as they were passed. They would like something else. There is going to be some legislative action on that too.

Adam Mastrangelo then discussed the five gateway signs welcoming residents and visitors into the Greater Deyerle Neighborhood. With all of them being in poor condition, he asked for the association's approval to spend \$45 on each sign to replace the rotting wood and to repaint. Approval was given. He showed the attendees the work he had made on one of the signs, and it was much approved by all. He then asked for volunteers to help, and a sign-up sheet was placed at the back table – 6 volunteers signed-up to help.

Teresa Mastrangelo then discussed the Roanoke City budget and how tight the money was going to be. There are two upcoming community meetings about the budget. One will be at the church across the street from Patrick Henry High School, and the other will be at a church on 8th Street in Roanoke.

Clean Valley Day was also mentioned by Teresa Mastrangelo. The Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association has decided to collect trash on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Supplies will be available at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, and if everyone could just clean up their own road, that would be wonderful. Some discussion was held as to what roads are actually in the Greater Deyerle Neighborhood.

The GDNA has also decided to participate in Roanoke City's Adopt-A-Street program. We have volunteered to keep Mudlick Road and Deyerle Road free of trash. Trash pick-ups should be at least four times a year.

Teresa Mastrangelo discussed the plan for the next meeting for the GDNA. It will be May 8, 2025, and it will be a social event and not a general meeting. We hope to have a pot luck gathering and meet at the Covenant Presbyterian Church on Deyerle Road for dinner. More information will be available at a later date.

Discussions were still on the table about how to increase the membership of the GDNA. Some residents wanted to put flyers in mailboxes, but the legality of it made it unfeasible. Some wanted postcards mailed to residents, but the costs involved would be of concern. Some attendees suggested they email all their neighbors in their immediate neighborhood and tell them about the GDNA. Teresa Mastrangelo encouraged all residents to take it upon ourselves to reach out to one person and invite them to a meeting.

Before the meeting ended a concerned attendee spoke about the traffic where she lives. She said that it was horrible! She said that she reached out to the Roanoke County Police & Roanoke City Police and came to a GDNA meeting about 4 years ago. Her question to the GDNA was "... so when is this [the traffic problem] going to stop." As Adam and Teresa Mastrangelo explained the avenues that they have

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taken and plan to take to address the traffic safety concerns raised by the GDNA community, she expressed her disappointment that the neighborhood association had not had any effect on the traffic concerns in her neighborhood thus far. A Roanoke (City) Police Department Crime Prevention Specialist was sitting near the concerned attendee and gave the concerned attendee their business card and told her to contact them anytime if they continue to have problems or concerns.

The next meeting (social event) will be Thursday, May 8, 2025.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

NOTE: Attached are the Treasurer's Reports for January and February 2025 submitted by Leonita Cutright.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Kubik,
Secretary GDNA

Minutes for Board Meeting

January 17, 2025

A meeting of the Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association Board was called by the president of the association, Adam Mastrangelo.

The following Board Members were in attendance: Adam Mastrangelo, president; Dave Harrison, vice president; Janet Kubik, secretary; Lee Cutright, treasurer; and Teresa Mastrangelo, communications.

The agenda for the Thursday, January 23, 2025 General Meeting was reviewed and briefly discussed. Teresa Mastrangelo then reviewed summary data from the GDNA survey with the Board. Teresa Mastrangelo said that Traffic was a big topic. The board then discussed several meeting topics for 2025 which included the following: The City Manager, Traffic Engineering, the Roanoke City Police, the Roanoke City Fire Department, etc.

The Board discussed having 6 meetings in 2025 – 4 general meetings and potentially 2 social meetings.

The Board discussed the GDNA's annual membership dues. Membership is good for 12 months.

Teresa Mastrangelo reminded the Board Members that on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, the Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association will be presented the "2024 City of Roanoke Neighborhood Communications Award" at the 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Mastrangelo,
President GDNA

Amendments to Bylaws

At the March 27, 2025 meeting of the Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association, the following amendments to the bylaws were presented and approved:

1. Membership shall be a period of twelve consecutive months.
[ARTICLE IV, Section 2.]
2. Dues for the GDNA shall be \$10.00 per household per year and \$25.00 for business establishments. [ARTICLE V]
3. The "communications officer" will replace the "corresponding secretary" as an officer of this association. [ARTICLE VI, Section 1.] The communications officer shall oversee the association's website, social media, and other electronic platforms in addition to performing the duties described in ARTICLE VII, Section 4.
4. Election of officers shall take place in the month of November. [ARTICLE VIII, Section 8.]
5. The Board of Directors shall consist of the president, vice president, secretary, communications officer, and treasurer. [ARTICLE XI, Section 1.]
6. The Board shall not incur any liability in excess of \$300.00 without the approval of the association. [ARTICLE XII, Section 2.]
7. A Board member shall not incur any liability in excess of \$75.00 between meetings. [ARTICLE XII, Section 3.]
8. The fiscal year of this association shall be January 1 - December 31. [ARTICLE XV]

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Treasurer's Report Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association 1 January 2025 to 31 January 2025

Beginning Balance (01/01/25): \$7,662.62

Membership Dues & Donations: +\$80.00

GDNA Expenses:

Advertising (Meeting Signs, Etc): \$0.00

Licenses: \$0.00

Rent or Lease (Meeting Room): \$50.00

WebHosting: \$0.00

Other: \$0.00

TOTAL: -\$50.00

Ending Balance (01/31/25): \$7,692.62

Respectfully submitted by:
Leonita Cutright
27 March 2025

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Treasurer's Report Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association 1 February 2025 to 28 February 2025

Beginning Balance (02/01/25): \$7,692.62

Membership Dues & Donations: +\$20.00

GDNA Expenses:

Advertising (Meeting Signs, Etc): \$0.00

Licenses: \$0.00

Rent or Lease (Meeting Room): \$0.00

WebHosting: \$0.00

Other: \$0.00

TOTAL: -\$0.00

Ending Balance (02/28/25): \$7,712.62

Respectfully submitted by:
Leonita Cutright
27 March 2025