

Thursday, January 23, 2025

AGENDA

Welcome Adam Mastrangelo

- Call to Order
- Welcome Members and Guest
- Safety Information
- Reminders

Approval of Minutes Adam Mastrangelo

Treasurer Report Leonita Cutright

Guest Speaker
• Jefferson Center - Executive Director
• Ticket Drawing
Cyrus Pace

Real Estate Tax Assessment Teresa Mastrangelo
• How to Appeal ...

2024 Neighborhood Awards Presentation Teresa Mastrangelo
• Neighborhood Communications Award

Review GDNA Survey Results Teresa Mastrangelo

GDNA Member Discussion All
• GDNA Focus in 2025

Closing Remarks/Reminders All
• **Next Meeting – March 20, 2025**

Adjourn

Minutes for General Meeting

January 23, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by the president of the association, Adam Mastrangelo. The number of attendees was 39. After a brief welcome, he reminded attendees to sign in at the back table and offered refreshments to all. He asked for a show of hands of those who had not ever been to a GDNA meeting, and only one participant had not. He then reviewed safety procedures in the event of an emergency, and he asked for a show of hands of those who are CPR certified.

There was a brief discussion of the minutes of the previous GDNA meeting and their location online (posted since 11-22-24). A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 14, 2024 meeting minutes as presented – the minutes were approved by a show of hands vote.

The treasure's report was given by Lee Cutright. The present balance is \$7,662.62. Recent changes included an additional \$70 for membership dues and a charge of \$50 for the meeting room. There was a reminder to all participants that dues to GDNA are due yearly, and reminders will be sent via email.

David Harrison, vice president of GDNA, then offered an update on the Medmont construction. Although there has been ground clearing on the site, a hearing about the property is still scheduled on March 14, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. He welcomed all support at the hearing.

Cyrus Pace, Executive Director of the Jefferson Center, was the guest speaker for the evening. His presentation centered on the financial concerns for the Center. Roanoke City, the owner of the building, offers no assistance in the upkeep other than correcting hazardous concerns like sprinklers and worn carpet. With 18 legal tenants in the building and an offering of at least 35 concerts a year (with a capacity of 850 seats), Jefferson Center still does not provide enough revenue through ticket/bar sales and donations to address the necessary capital improvements.

Teresa Mastrangelo, communications officer, then addressed the new higher tax assessments that residents have recently received. There was discussion on how to appeal a real estate assessment and several attendees spoke about what they did to get reductions. They encouraged residents to get an appraisal first, and then be prepared with facts before making an appointment with the assessment office.

Teresa Mastrangelo informed the attendees that the Roanoke City Council had awarded the Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association with the "2024 Neighborhood Communications Award!"

Next, Teresa Mastrangelo addressed the GDNA survey results in which 84 people responded. The top three concerns from the citizens of the neighborhood were safety (i.e. pedestrian - lack of sidewalks), traffic (i.e. vehicular speeding), and the deer population. Fortunately, there were few incidents of crime other than vehicular rummage.

In planning for what the GDNA should focus on in 2025, Teresa Mastrangelo asked the attendees what items they would like to see addressed. The attendees responded that they would like to hear from the following groups and individuals: a traffic engineer; the Planning Department; the City Manager; the

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Police Department; and an economic developer. Also, there was interest in having a CPR class and a GDNA membership committee.

In closing, the participants were encouraged to recruit a neighbor to join the GDNA. With nearly 1,900 dwellings in the Greater Deyerle Neighborhood, we are optimistic that we can increase our membership households from 74 to above 125 in 2025.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 20, 2025.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

NOTE: Attached are the Treasurer's Reports for November, December & January thru December 2024 submitted by Leonita Cutright.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Kubik,
Secretary GDNA

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Treasurer's Report Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association 1 November 2024 to 30 November 2024

Beginning Balance (11/01/24): \$7,642.62

Membership Dues & Donations: +\$70.00

GDNA Expenses:

Meeting Room: \$50.00

Website/Domain: \$0.00

Misc. (Meeting Signs): \$0.00

TOTAL: -\$50.00

Ending Balance (11/30/24): \$7,662.62

Respectfully submitted by:

Leonita Cutright

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Treasurer's Report Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association 1 December 2024 to 31 December 2024

Beginning Balance (12/01/24): \$7,662.62

Membership Dues & Donations: +\$0.00

GDNA Expenses:

Meeting Room: \$0.00

Website/Domain: \$0.00

Misc. (Meeting Signs): \$0.00

TOTAL: -\$0.00

Ending Balance (12/31/24): \$7,662.62

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Treasurer's Report Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Beginning Balance (01/01/24): \$7,481.90

Membership Dues & Donations: +\$965.00

GDNA Expenses:

Meeting Room: \$300.00

Website/Domain: \$300.00

Misc. (Meeting Signs): \$184.28

TOTAL: -\$784.28

Ending Balance (12/31/24): \$7,662.62

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Leonita Cutright
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