

Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association

Roanoke, VA 24018

Minutes for General Meeting April 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John Merkwan, President.

Several neighborhood updates and announcements were presented. Officer Lawrence with Roanoke City Police Department is featured as an All-Star finalist in America's Most Wanted first responder contest. He is among 8 dedicated first responders nationwide and you can support him by going to the website (AMW.com) and voting for him. Voting is open until May 4th. Some residents have inquired about city regulations regarding tall grass, junky yards, cars parked in yards, etc. Roanoke city's website (RoanokeVa.gov) has additional information regarding code enforcement and fines of these offenses. The GDNA is in the process of replacing our gateway signs into the neighborhood. Residents are encouraged to submit ideas for a new sign design. The city offers a leadership college that is open to the residents. The next session is in September. You can get more information and sign up for the next session on the city's website.

John introduced our guest speaker, Susan Lower, Director for Roanoke City Real Estate Valuation. Her office is responsible for assessing over 46,000 properties in Roanoke City. We have approximately 2000 properties in the Greater Deyerle neighborhood. She discussed real estate trends and had a slide presentation with recent real estate sales in our neighborhood. Resale appreciation rates for our area range between 3% and 6%. Susan also discussed the city's rehabilitation program that allows a portion of the real estate taxes to be abated for 5 years. This is a wonderful program for homes in need of fix-up. Angela Arnold was also introduced. Angela is the appraiser that works specifically in our Greater Deyerle area.

Officer Engle, Community Resource Officer with Roanoke City Police Department, was introduced. He gave an update and reminded residents to avoid being easy targets. For example, if someone comes to the door selling something, you can keep the door locked rather than allowing them entry into your home. John reminded residents that for the next 6 weeks census workers will be out in the neighborhood. They are doing address verifications.

The next meeting will be September 17, 2009. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Thomas
Secretary, GDNA