

# Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association

Roanoke, VA 24018

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## Minutes for General Meeting September 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by John Merkwan, President. The Gateway sign project was discussed and the existing GDNA neighborhood sign design was approved by the membership. The membership voted and approved 2 additional signs to be located at the Grandin site and the Gatewood site. If the city requests the neighborhood association to pay the 20% cost share that was required in the past, the membership voted and approved authority to John to authorize the cost share payment.

A presentation was made by Robert Fralin, the developer of the proposed development of the property on the corner of McVitty Road and Gatewood. He has submitted a rezoning request to the city for the rezoning of this property from single family residential to commercial MX (mixed-use). The proposed development would have three 1½ story office buildings with a total of 23,800 square feet and 66 parking spaces. The buildings would be future rental spaces for general, professional and medical offices. The developer would use an underground storm water system where runoff water is detained and collected (in an underground system located under the parking lot) and then released at a pre-determined rate. Questions and discussion from the membership followed. Chris Chittum, planning engineer with Roanoke City, reported that his office recommended to the zoning board that the zoning should not be changed based upon their interpretation of the neighborhood plan. The GDNA membership voted to oppose the rezoning.

On behalf of Brandon Oaks representatives, John presented a request for an amendment to proffered conditions at Brandon Oaks. Brandon Oaks would raze three duplex cottages and construct a 3-story building with 12 units. They would also enlarge the remaining cottages. Discussion from the membership followed including concerns over building size & height and that it is incompatible with the neighborhood. The GDNA membership voted to oppose this amendment.

The Planning Commission public hearing on these two requests will be held on September 17, 2009 at 1:30pm. Residents are encouraged to attend.

The next GDNA meeting will be November 19, 2009. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Thomas  
Secretary, GDNA