

RVAPB Steering Commission

3/19/2026

Attendees - Lacey, Qwuanesha, Sam, Jamaal, Tiffany

Non Attendees – Abby, Boz, Troi

Others – Leidiana, Matthew, Miles

Call to order: 6:15 PM

Welcome/Check-ins

Project Trackers – rvapb.org

Miles walked through the site and how we are using it to track projects

RVAPB Team will be documenting these projects and communicating them to the public on a weekly basis.

Commission questions and notes

- Can we provide an option that allows people to get notified?
 - Add a subscribe to newsletter button so that people can follow.
- How do we communicate via the map that there could be multiple sites per project?
- Need to keep information simple so that it doesn't overload public.
- How do we provide more info if people so desire?
 - Create an email note to follow up with us about specific projects.
 - Do a summary with some detail on the last update

By Law Development

Decision making – Jamaal

Key focus

- How do we do this collectively,
- What happens if we have a tie
- Desire to have shared voting power – including both voting and non voting members

- How do we make the commission open and accessible

Notes

We need to think about how do we engage each other? Formal vs informal

Having structure when we need it in case of difference

Non voting member can be used to break the ties

There is a contradiction between the ordinance and the hopes for inclusivity which aligns with RVAPB's broader values.

Who is involved in RVAPB Commission? - Jamaal

This question falls under the guidelines of the ordinance and not the by laws. Nonetheless the Commission wants to consider how they are representative of the community.

The commission discuss what it would mean to raise the age involvement, but at the same time include teens in the process.

Last Summer the commission expressed a desire to broaden the commission by including representatives from all 9 council districts and have specific members from specific communities.

Structure of Meeting – Abby

Abby was not in attendance and we will pick this up at the next meeting.

Sub Committees - Lacey

Recommendations for possible sub committees included.

1. Outreach and community – volunteer/partnership
2. Communication – development materials/ideas for outreach
3. Evaluation – establish metrics to make sure we are doing a good job
4. Special Projects/Ad Hoc –
5. Steering Committee -

Each committee would have a commission member and staff member to support.

We discussed having none commission member participate.

Governance leadership – Sam

The Commission picked up a conversation from the previous meeting about governance.

Commission's goal is to:

Balance horizontality vs hierarchy – Could a co-chair balance this?

Does the rotating leadership model allow us to achieve this.

As defined the role of the chair has limited power

Mayor's Budget Proposal Impact on RVAPB

Matthew did an update about the shifts of staffing in the CAO office and possible future engagement office.

Commission expressed a desire to make sure RVAPB has the resources and people it needs to be successful.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30 PM